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Welcome back for 2012!

Professor John Daly, Head of the **World Health Organization Collaborating Centre at the University of Technology, Sydney, (WHO CC UTS)** and Dean of the Faculty of Nursing, Midwifery and Health, would like to warmly greet all of our colleagues and collaborative partners across the Pacific and around the world for the first time in 2012.

It has been a busy few months since we were last in touch and this newsletter gives an update of **WHO CC UTS** projects, as well as our usual collection of important dates, articles and resources.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any suggestions for content, events to circulate, or if you wish to stop receiving this newsletter.

If you are feeling technologically inclined you can also follow Michele Rumsey, Director of Operations and Development of the **WHO CC UTS** on Twitter at [whoccmichele](#), or visit our [website](#).

Midwives visit UTS as part of the Papua New Guinea Maternal and Child Health Initiative Induction



Professor Caroline Homer, Director of the Papua New Guinea Maternal and Child Health Initiative is pleased to announce that **WHO CC UTS** held the first induction program for eight expert clinical midwifery facilitators recruited to work with their educator

counterparts at four midwifery schools in Papua New Guinea (PNG), and two obstetricians also recruited for the initiative.

Funded by AusAID and run in collaboration with the World Health Organization Papua New Guinea Office (**WHO PNG**) and the PNG National Department of Health, the Maternal and Child Health Initiative targets midwifery education in PNG. These eight midwives will provide support to the education and midwifery training systems across the country with the purpose of improving PNG's progress towards the Millennium Development Goals in improving maternal health, practice and care.

31 March
Abstracts close for
[International Council on Women's Health Issues 19th International Congress](#)



Multidisciplinary congress on **Partnering for a Brighter Global Future, 14 - 16 November 2012**. Will highlight the importance of national, regional and international partnerships in improving the health of women and girls around the world. **UTS** is proud to be a co-sponsor of this important event. [Email](#) for more information.

The Evolving Threat of Antimicrobial Resistance - Options for Action



A new WHO book launched on 8 March 2012, summarises information on antimicrobial

The four day induction at UTS was an opportunity to prepare the eight clinical midwifery facilitators for their roles in PNG. It will be followed by a two week intensive induction program in PNG with the WHO PNG office, their educator counterparts and two obstetrician colleagues.



“It was great to come together as a collective group before the midwifery team go off to work in-country. Five midwives in the group have been working recently in similar roles in PNG so they also had valuable knowledge and experience to share with the group,” said **WHO CC UTS** Director Michele Rumsey.

One of the midwives going to PNG as part of this program said, “I am keen to return and get straight back into it because I have already established relationships with midwifery students and educators in that area (Port Moresby) and I was starting to see positive change.”



The midwives will be working in pairs at midwifery schools in Port Moresby and in the regional areas of Goroka and Madang from March 2012. The induction also marks the beginning of the research component of the Initiative, which will track the successes and challenges of this model of health development over the next two years and undertake an important monitoring and evaluation role. Click [here](#) for more information.

Nurse leaders and educators from Asia Pacific convene at UTS

At the end of last year



with **WHO WPRO** we held a three day informal meeting attended by the three global working groups, regional nursing educators and health leaders from Cambodia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, China, Hong Kong SAR, Hawaii, Samoa, the Philippines and Papua New Guinea who joined experts from Sigma Theta Tau International, WHO and other academic institutions at UTS.



resistance and encourages intensified action against it.

7th April
World Health Day
Ageing and health



27 February – 9 March
Fifty-sixth session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women

New York, USA:
Empowerment of rural women and their role in poverty and hunger eradication, development and dealing with current challenges.

19 March
Distinguished Lecture Series #5



Dr Beatrice Kalisch presented on the image of nurse and nursing, and the challenge of meeting the global need of health professionals. Access the lecture by clicking [here](#).

19 - 22 March
American College of Healthcare Executives Congress on Healthcare Leadership

Chicago, USA:
Professional development and innovative ways to address organisational challenges.

24 – 26 April

Global Forum for Health Research
Cape Town, South Africa: A new series of meetings on “Beyond aid...research and innovation as key drivers of health,

The meeting, funded by WHO Western Pacific Region Office (**WHO WPRO**), UTS, AusAID and other institutions aimed to identify ways to strengthen nursing and midwifery educational capacities in the Asia Pacific region, share information on the progress of current work and plan strategic actions for education improvements and needs in 2012.



The three ongoing global working groups are due to share information during 2012 to review their actions and progress. [Read more.](#)

Understanding the Pacific's adaptive capacity to emergencies in the context of climate change

WHO CC UTS is partnering with the **Institute for Sustainable Futures (ISF)** in a one year research project funded by Australia's **National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility**. The aim of the project is to inform policy makers about how climate change is likely to impact on Australia's capacity to respond to disasters in the Pacific, and how the emergency and humanitarian responses of Pacific Island Countries (PICs) will also be affected by a changing climate.



The primary objectives of the research are:



- To provide recommendations to policy makers and practitioners in the Australian and Pacific disaster and emergency response sectors on current adaptive capacity of PICs in relation to climate related disasters, and what resources are likely to be needed in the coming years to enhance this capacity; focusing on the

immediate humanitarian needs post-disaster, including health care; food and nutrition; water and sanitation and psychosocial needs.

- To understand the Australian emergency services and related organisations' capacity and obligations to assist PICs in times of disaster and whether there is adequate capacity to meet future needs due to a changing climate, allowing for better planning and thus more effective response in times of disaster.

Keep an eye on our [website](#) for more information.

First SPCNMOA Meeting of 2012

The first meeting for 2012 of the **South Pacific Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer's Alliance (SPCNMOA)** was held on 16 February via the online platform Elluminate. Chaired by Jane O'Malley, the Chief Nursing Officer of New Zealand, the group shared country updates from Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu, Tonga, Australia and New Zealand.

equity and development".

30 April

[The Programme for Global Paediatric Research \(PGPR\) Symposium](#). Raising awareness about the need for study of particular diseases afflicting children in developing countries.

5 May

International Day of the Midwife



30 May – 1 June

[World Economic Forum on East Asia - Shaping the Region's Future through Connectivity](#). Bangkok, Thailand: Financial policy and the effects of improved infrastructure across the region. [Email](#)

30 June – 1 July

[The Global Networks of WHO Collaborating Centres for Nursing & Midwifery Development 9th International Conference](#). Kobe, Japan "Even with Basic Health Care, prepare for the Unexpected." Discounted early registration closes **May 6, 2012**. [Email](#) Or fax: +816 63762362

17 - 21 July

[Summer Institutes on Evidence-Based Quality Improvement](#). San Antonio, USA: Three events on evidence-based quality improvement. [Email](#)

24 - 26 July

[The International Confederation of](#)

A conversation about climate change and emergency and disaster response raised the interesting question of national response to disasters: is it multidisciplinary or coordinated in parallel? Further discussion covered topics including competencies for emergency and disaster response and the current state of nursing and midwifery curriculum development.

It was also decided that the SPCNMOA steering committee will regroup and begin preparations for the upcoming SPCNMOA Meeting which will be held on 17 - 22 November in Melbourne, Australia this year. Visit the [South Pacific Nurses Forum](#) website.

AusAID ALA Round 10 2012

We are preparing for Round 10 of the AusAID Australian Leadership Awards 2012, including a leadership capacity building workshop which will be held at UTS in June. This year the Fellows participating in the program are future nursing and midwifery leaders from Fiji, Niue, Samoa, Tokelau, Tonga and Tuvalu.

A reference group meeting was also held for the Fellows from PNG, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Nauru, Kiribati and Cook Islands from the Round 8 2011 ALA program. We aim to keep you up to date on the stories and progress of the Fellows throughout the year.

Useful Articles

- [Empowerment: A Journey not a Destination](#): A synthesis of the collective works of 60 academic-activists in 12 countries after five years of research through the DFID-funded Pathways of Women's Empowerment Programme.
- [UNFPA: Investing in Midwives and Others with Midwifery Skills](#) - Saving the Lives of Mothers and Newborns and Improving their Health (2008). Outlines the action required by policy-makers and managers to effect change at country and community levels and scale up midwifery capacity, specifically in poor and hard-to-reach areas.
- [UNFPA: Adding It Up](#) - The Costs and Benefits of Investing in Family Planning and Maternal and Newborn Health (2009). The key findings of this report state that maternal deaths in developing countries could be slashed by 70% and new born deaths halved if the world doubled investment in family planning and pregnancy related care.
- [Essential Interventions, Commodities and Guidelines for Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health](#). A global agreement on the key evidence-based interventions that will sharply reduce the rate of maternal and child mortality as determined by a three year international study.
- [World Bank: World Development Report 2012 Gender equality and development](#). Argues that gender equality is a core development objective in its own right, and analyses four priority areas to improve gender equality including reducing female mortality.
- [International Development Committee – Twelfth Report](#): Working Effectively in Fragile and Conflict-Affected States: DRC and Rwanda. An analysis and critique of the UK Government's funding strategy for fragile and conflict-affected states, made available by the UK Parliament.

[Midwives \(ICM\) Asia Pacific Regional Conferences](#)
Hanoi, Vietnam

23 - 24 August

[The 2012 World Society of Disaster Nursing Research Conference](#) Cardiff, Wales: Disaster Nursing - Developing and Realising the Potential.

26 - 30 August

[4th International Disaster and Risk Conference](#) Davos, Switzerland: Innovative approaches to integrative risk and disaster management.

8 - 14 September

[ICN –Burdett Global Nursing Leadership Institute](#). Geneva, Switzerland: Increasing access and equity through leadership.

26 - 29 September

[The 11th Asia-Pacific Conference on Emergency and Disaster Medicine](#) Bali, Indonesia: "Strengthening Community Capacity in Health Emergency and Disaster Response". Abstracts close **March 31**.

14 - 16 November

[International Council on Women's Health Issues 19th International Congress](#)



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Useful Resources

- [R4D – Research for Development Database](#) A free access online portal offering the latest information about research funded by DFID (over 30,000 project and document records) and systematic reviews on development issues. You can subscribe to R4D's monthly E-Newsletter and updates [here](#), or access Department for International Development's research case study on the Systematic Reviews in International Development Initiative [here](#). It discusses the importance of systematic reviews and suggests useful links on the topic.
- [Countdown to 2015: Tracking Progress in Maternal, Newborn and Child Health](#) A collaboration aiming to summarise and highlight the most recent information on country-level progress in achieving coverage of key interventions aiming at reducing maternal, newborn and child mortality.
- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report \(MMWR\)](#) From the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention this free report gives weekly updates on communicable diseases, NCDs and other important public health matters. Click [here](#) for the current issue.
- [East Asia and Pacific Regional Governance Hub Newsletter](#) Produced by the World Bank, the Regional Governance hub features governance news, features, blogs and publications from the World Bank and partners. For an up to date summary read the [January newsletter](#) or access the [archived editions](#).
- World Bank's December 2011 newsletter on the Pacific Islands, Papua New Guinea & Timor Leste can also be accessed [here](#), and contains news features, data and links to blogs and resources.
- [World Bank Publications Announcement](#) Subscribe for a bi-weekly update on World Bank's most recent research, publications and electronic products.
- [BioInfo Publications](#) BioInfo Publications has a collection of more than 300 Open Access Peer-Reviewed journals, and also welcomes the submission of papers for their peer-reviewed journals, such as "World Research Journal of Women's Health" and "World Research Journal of Nursing."
- [Robert Wood Johnson Foundation - Sharing Nursing Knowledge Newsletter](#). The December 2011 issue can be accessed and summarises recent research publications concerning rural and remote workforce mobility, hospital staffing, nurse education and more. [Subscribe](#)
- Child Survival Newsletter - Lastest issue focuses on reducing disease related to malaria from treated bednets (read it [here](#)), child development in developing countries ([here](#)), and rural-urban differences of neonatal mortality in a poorly developed province of China ([here](#)).
- [International Hospital Federation Newsletter](#) Email subscription@ihf-fih.org to subscribe for a collection of news, resources and events on IHF, WHO, International Organisations, and Hospital and Health Services Worldwide News.

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17 - 22 November

South Pacific Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer's Alliance Meeting in Melbourne, Australia.

18 - 23 May 2013

[ICN 25th Quadrennial Congress 2013](#) Melbourne, Australia: "Equity and Access to Health Care". Abstracts close **September 14, 2012**.

28 – 31 May 2013

[18th World Congress on Disaster and Emergency Medicine](#) Manchest, UK: Keep an eye on the World Association for Disaster and Emergency Medicine site coming soon.

MEDSCAPE

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3ie - International Initiative for Impact Evaluation

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