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#### ACFID University Network conference



Registration is now open for the fourth [ACFID University Network Conference](#) rethinking future development challenges, discourse, and approaches to tackling poverty and inequality. Discounted early-bird rates are available until Monday 26 August. See [here](#) for more information and to register.

#### Pacific Open Learning Health Net (POLHN)

Free courses are available to health professionals in the Pacific. For more information please visit [polhn.org](http://polhn.org) or email: [polhn.sp@wpro.who.int](mailto:polhn.sp@wpro.who.int)

#### Research for Health in Humanitarian Crises (R2HC)

On 25 July, the R2HC's first Call for Proposals will be open to expressions of Interest. Information on how to apply is available

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## August 2013

Dear Colleagues,

The staff of WHO CC UTS would like to send a warm greeting to all of our partners across the Pacific Region and beyond. In this issue of our Regional update we have highlighted some of the Centre's successes over the past few months.

We are thrilled to announce that the WHO CC UTS has been nominated as the next Secretariat of the Global Network of World Health Organization Collaborating Centres for Nursing and Midwifery. This is a high honour for the Centre and we are looking forward to assuming the role later this year.

We thank you for your ongoing support to our work and are grateful for all of the strong relationships we have developed throughout the Pacific region over the years. We hope that you will continue to support our work and team of dedicated staff.

Sincerely,  
Professor John Daly

## WHO CC UTS Awarded Global Secretariat

It was announced on July 30th that the WHO CC UTS will assume the role of Global Secretariat of the [Global Network of World Health Organization Collaborating Centres \(WHOCCs\) for Nursing and Midwifery](#) in July 2014, for a four year term. This is a great honor for the Centre who will assume the mission to build upon the structure and work developed by the previous Secretariats, and synergistically gather Collaborating Centres around



on the R2HC website. Click [here](#) to download the Draft Summary of the First Call for Proposals, and [here](#) to view the application timeline.

### Commonwealth Nurses Foundation e-News May 2013

The CNF e-news for May 2013 can be found [here](#). The CNF Mental Health Nursing Forum report is highlighted and recommendations can be downloaded from the [CNF Website](#). Previous issues of e-news are also available on the CNF website.

### GANM Nursing Informatics 2014

Sign up at the [Global Alliance for Nursing and Midwifery Communities of Practice](#). The aim of this congress is to provide a single, high-profile, internationally renowned forum for research in the theory and practice of nursing informatics.

### K4Health's newly updated Needs Assessment Guide

GHDonline has included a list of K4Health's additional guides and handbooks. These tools are available [here](#) and can be accessed for free.

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common activities focusing on the goals of WHO. The Global Network of WHO Collaborating Centres (WHOCs) for Nursing and Midwifery Development comprises 44 institutions, from the six regions of WHO. Since July 2008, the WHO Collaborating Centre for Nursing Research Development at the University of São Paulo at Ribeirão Preto College of Nursing, Brazil, had the privilege of coordinating the Global Network. We congratulate the University of Sao Paulo on the great work it has done and are honored to assume the role for the next term.

## AusAID Australia Awards Fellowships



AusAID Australian Awards Fellows and WHO CC UTS Team

The 12th round of the AusAID Australia Awards Fellowships (AAF) Program was conducted by the WHO CC UTS from June 3rd-14th 2013. Eleven future Nursing and Midwifery leaders attended the program from the Cook Islands, Kiribati, PNG, Solomon Islands, Tonga, and Vanuatu. Throughout the program, participants were able to identify local health priorities and develop action plans to be implemented in their home countries. The program which aims to strengthen regional relationships and build leadership capacity in participating countries has now seen 82 participants since its inception in 2009.

## Australia Awards Fellowships Program Successes

The WHO CC UTS is continuing to receive positive feedback from participants of the AAF program, and has already witnessed career successes from previous fellows who have attained high level Nursing and Midwifery positions. Past participants have gone on to implement their action plans in their home countries with success. The WHO CC UTS is proud to recognize



the achievements of our fellows William Timba and Jeffrey Korini from the Solomon Islands who have conducted a Knowledge, Attitude and Practice (KAP) survey to identify where improvement is needed in the performance of the health workforce. With support from the Ministry of Health the fellows effectively gathered survey data to identify some of the strengths and weaknesses of the health workforce. The

### World Bank Report: Papua New Guinea Health Workforce Crisis A Call to Action

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### World Bank Report: An Information- communication Revolution in the Pacific.

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### Department for International Development Research

News Story: DFID Research: Manifesto for the extreme poor, examines future approaches to tackle poverty. The article and links to other useful information and can be found [here](#).

### Sixty-Sixth World Health Assembly

A relevant resolution from the latest World Health Assembly in May. [Resolution A66: Transforming health workforce education in support of universal health coverage](#)

### Reports

[Enhancing nursing and midwifery capacity to](#)

information gathered has resulted in a number of recommendations for improving training and competency assessment. The Solomon Islands project is a leading example of how the fellowship program is resulting in successful national projects and creating positive outcomes for health development. Other case studies from past participants can be found [here](#).

## Road Less Travelled Exhibition/Reception

As part of the AusAID AAF, a reception was held by the WHO CC UTS which included an exhibition of Anglican Overseas Aid's 'The Road Less Travelled' project, supported by AusAID. The exhibition featured stunning images of maternal health practices within nomadic pastoralist communities of sub-Saharan Africa by photographers Matthew Willman and Christof Krackhardt. Guest speaker Mr. Phillip Walker from Anglican Overseas Aid discussed the African Program and highlighted some of the issues in maternal and child health. Guest speaker Ms Dimity Fifer, Chief Executive Officer of Australian Volunteers International further discussed the importance of maternal and child health Interventions in the Pacific Region.



## PNG Maternal and Child Health Initiative (MCHI) Workshop



Participants at the MCHI workshop in Port Moresby in June 2013

The fifth **MCHI Workshop** facilitated by Prof. Caroline Homer of the WHO CC UTS was held at the Gateway Hotel, in Port Moresby in late June 2013. Participants of the workshop included national midwifery course coordinators, clinical midwives and clinical midwifery facilitators. The MCHI initiative which began in 2011, aims to improve the standard of midwifery clinical teaching and practice, and improve the quality of care through clinical mentoring, supervision, and teaching. The workshop allowed participants to share knowledge, information and hands on training on ways to strengthen maternal and child health in PNG, as well as strategise potential interventions for the future.

contribute to the prevention, treatment and management of non-communicable diseases Human Resources for Health Observer – Issue No. 12

Modern health care delivery systems, care coordination and the role of hospitals WHO 2012

Implementation of the Human Resources for Health Strategy in the Western Pacific Region An Analytical Review. WHO, 2013.

Nursing and Midwifery Progress Report 2008-2012. WHO, 2013.

### Policy Briefs

[Adapting Pacific Medical Internships to changing contexts](#) R. Condon, R. Duvivier, R. Kirition, B. Kafoa, J. McKimm, J. Campbell & G. Roberts

[Expanded and advanced health practitioners and their role and relevance in the Pacific](#) J. McKimm, P. M. Newton, A. Da Silva, J. Campbell, R. Condon, B. Kafoa, R. Kirition & G. Roberts

[Medical education and training in the Pacific Island countries:](#)

[Evidence and options](#) J. McKimm, P. M. Newton, J. Campbell, R. Condon, B. Kafoa, R. Kirition & G. Roberts

[Regulation and licensing of healthcare professionals in Pacific Island countries](#) J. McKimm, P. M. Newton, A. Da Silva, J. Campbell, R. Condon, B. Kafoa, R. Kirition & G. Roberts

[Accreditation of Healthcare professionals education in Pacific Island](#)

## The International Council of Nurses 25th Quadrennial Congress in Melbourne



**The International Council of Nurses 25th Quadrennial Congress** was held in Melbourne from the 18th-23rd of May. Close to 4,000 Nursing leaders from more than 100 countries gathered to discuss Nursing's key role in

improving equity and access to health care. Prof John Daly and Michele Rumsey of The WHO CC UTS hosted the World Health Organization Global Network Meeting of WHO Collaborating Centres. The meeting brought together Nursing and Midwifery leaders from some of the 44 Collaborating Centres around the world and was a great opportunity for networking and meeting colleagues from other regions across the globe.

## 2013 National Adaptation Conference

### The National Adaptation Conference

hosted by The National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility was held in Sydney from 25th-27th of June 2013. The conference brought together almost 600 researchers from across Australia to share activities, strategies and research in



climate change adaptation. Stephanie Fletcher of the WHO CC UTS presented Health Care Capacity for Disaster Response in the Pacific, findings from the final report: *Disaster Response and Climate Change in the Pacific* which was produced in collaboration with the Institute of Sustainable Futures. The Report, which can be accessed [here](#), is the result of extensive partnership across the Pacific region. Several documents have been developed to inform individual countries and provide recommendations to policy makers in the disaster and emergency response sectors.

## Pacific Health Ministers Meeting, Apia, Samoa July 2013



[countries: evidence and options](#) J. McKimm, P. M. Newton, A. de Silva, J. Campbell, R. Condon, B. Kafoa, & G. Roberts

Health Ministers and officials from the Pacific region Source: [Samoa Observer](#)

**The Tenth Pacific Health Ministers Meeting** was held in Apia, Samoa from July 2nd-4th with the theme of “Healthy Islands, Healthy Pacific”. Professor Pelenatete Stowers, Chief Nurse of Samoa, represented the South Pacific Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officers Alliance (SPCNMOA) and spoke on key ways to strengthen nursing and midwifery capacity for Pacific health systems development. Key Recommendations included:

- SPCNMOA to be integrated as a vital and visible entity of the Pacific Island Health Governance Architecture
- Each South Pacific Island country have a Government Chief Nursing/Midwifery Officer at the policy making and regulatory level of national health systems, and that they are the expert technical and professional advisors on nursing and midwifery.

Nursing and midwifery priorities were highlighted as integral to improve human resources for health, and increase the sustainability of the South Pacific workforce while improving access and quality of health care. The Health Ministers meeting was an excellent opportunity for health leaders to recognise priority areas devised by SPCNMOA and also acknowledge the role of the organization in addressing nursing and midwifery related issues in the Pacific. Further Recommendations from the meeting can be found [here](#)

## Pacific Plan Review 2013



The **Pacific Plan** Action Committee Meeting was held in Suva, Fiji on August 6th 2013. Opening remarks of the committee meeting can be found [here](#). The review, described by the chair as "one of the most substantive and far-reaching reviews of Pacific issues ever mounted" has resulted in a number of recommendations that will have a lasting

impact on the region. A public submission by SPCNMOA coordinated by WHO CC UTS can be accessed [here](#).

## Publications

**Task shifting and sharing in maternal and reproductive health in low-income countries: a narrative synthesis of current evidence** by Angela J. Dawson, James Buchan, Christine Duffield, Caroline S.E. Homer and Kumudu Wijewardena (2013)

**Accreditation of healthcare professional education programs A review of international trends** McKimm, J., Newton, P.M., Da Silva, A. D., Campbell, J., Condon, R., Kafoa, B., Kirition, R., & Roberts, G. (2013)

**Challenges in mobilising retaining and supporting health workers during a period of political upheaval A case study from Timor-Leste's experience in 2006** João Soares Martins, Anthony B Zwi and Lisa M Thompson (2013)

**Commissioning the education of healthcare professionals: A review of International Trends and Approaches** by J. McKimm, P. M. Newton, A. Da Silva, J. Campbell, B. Kafoa, R. Kiriton, S. Lin & G. Roberts (2013)

**Cyclone Nargis 2008 Human resourcing insights from within the Myanmar Red Cross** by Tun Aung Shwe, Anthony B. Zwi & Graham Roberts (2013)

**Evaluating primary health care policies: A step towards identifying human resource issues in commune health stations in Vietnam** John Rule, Duc Anh Ngo, Tran Thi Mai Oanh, Alison Short, Augustine Asante, Graham Roberts & Richard Taylor (2013)

**Expanded and extended health practitioner roles a review of international practice** by J. McKimm, P. M. Newton, A. Da Silva, J. Campbell, R. Condon, B. Kafoa, R. Kiriton & G. Roberts (2013)

**Experiences of Australian Humanitarian Workers: A report on preparations field work and returning home** by Bronwen Blake, Fernanda Claudio & Richard Taylor (2013)

**Human Resources for Health: Practice and Policy Implications for Emergency Response Arising From the Cholera Outbreak in Papua New Guinea** by Alexander Rosewell, Sibauk Bieb, Geoff Clark, Berry Ropa, Enoch Posanai, Geoff Miller, C Raina MacIntyre and Anthony B Zwi (2013)

**Information needs to manage Pacific Health Worker Migration** by J. Doyle, G. Roberts, S. Biribo and A. Ratu (2013)

**Medical education A review of International trends and current approaches in Pacific Island Countries** by J. McKimm, P. M. Newton, J. Campbell, R. Condon, B. Kafoa, R. Kiriton & G. Roberts (2013)

**Medical internship programs in the Pacific: Current situation and future challenges** by R. Condon, R. Duvivier, R. Kiriton, B. Kafoa, J. McKimm & G. Roberts (2013)

**Regulation and licensing of healthcare professionals: A review of international trends and current approaches in Pacific Island Countries** by J. McKimm, P. M. Newton, A. Da Silva, J. Campbell, R. Condon, B. Kafoa, R. Kiriton & G. Roberts (2013)

**Stories and Strategies – Public Health Emergencies: Lessons Learned from Pilot Phase of the Sexual and Reproductive Health Program Crisis and Post-Crisis Settings in the Asia Pacific Region (Sprint Initiative)** by K. Beek, S. Chynoweth, C. Hickling, A. Watts, A. B. Zwi, A. Whelan and A. Dawson (2013)

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