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UPCOMING EVENTS

ACFID University Network Conference



The University of Technology, Sydney, through the Institute for Sustainable Futures (ISF), is hosting the [ACFID University Network Conference](#) from November 21st-22nd in collaboration with the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) and the wider ACFID University Network.

2nd Worldwide Nursing Conference (WNC 2014)

The second [Worldwide Nursing Conference](#) will be held from June 23rd-24th 2014 in Singapore. Call for papers submission deadline is 27th December 2013. For more information contact info@nursing-conf.org

World Health Professions Regulation Conference

WHO CC UTS Regional Update

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Dear Colleagues,

The end of another year is quickly approaching and the staff at WHO CC UTS have been busy working on a number of projects and attending events throughout the region over the past few months. This WHO CC UTS Regional Update showcases some of these successes and provides an overview of recent activities in the centre.

The staff of WHO CC UTS have attended a number of significant conferences throughout the Pacific Region in recent months, leading workshops and presenting our work to Nursing and Midwifery leaders in Manila, Kuala Lumpur, Bangkok and PNG. The Centre is forging long lasting relationships with health leaders across the region, and making a strong contribution in the advancement of important nursing and midwifery initiatives.

We thank you for continuing to follow our achievements in the Centre, and are hopeful that you will continue to support the significant work that is being done to help improve health service delivery within the Western Pacific Region.

Sincerely,
Professor John Daly

Women Deliver Conference Kuala Lumpur May 28th-30th

The [Women Deliver conference](#) was held in Kuala Lumpur from May 28th-30th and hosted 4,500 participants from 149 countries. Professor Caroline Homer and Adjunct Professor Pat Brodie of the WHO CC UTS attended the conference that was one of the largest ever gatherings of policymakers, advocates and researchers in women's health. This was



Registration is now open for the World Health Professions Regulation Conference hosted by the [World Health Professions Alliance](#). The event will be held in Geneva, Switzerland, on May 17th-18th 2014. More information, including registration information, can be found [here](#).

Fourth International Interprofessional Health Care Leadership Program

The University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) School of Nursing, designated as a World Health Organization (WHO) Collaborating Center on International Nursing, will host a 2-week International Nursing and Health Care Leadership and Management Program July 14-25, 2014. Access the schools [website](#) for more information.

WHO Nursing and Midwifery Progress Report 2008-2012

Access the report on the WHO website, link provided [here](#)

Interprofessional Collaborative Practice in Primary Health Care

Access the report on the WHO website, link provided [here](#)

World Bank Report: Women in Papua New Guinea to Play Stronger Role in Agriculture

Access the article [here](#)

the 3rd global conference held by Women Deliver, a global advocacy organization which aims to improve the health and well-being of girls and women. Video recordings from the conference can be viewed on the organizations [webpage](#). A number of relevant reports and publications were also released at the time of the conference and can be found [here](#).

Informal Consultation on Health Professional Education, Manila Philippines



An informal consultation on health professional education in the region was held in Manila, Philippines from the 10th-12th of June 2013. The consultation, facilitated by WHO WPRO gathered professionals from 13 countries in the Western Pacific, and brought together WHO representatives from EURO, WPRO, AMRO, the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and WHO Collaborating Centres. Objectives of the workshop included a review of health professional education programs, identification of faculty development needs and development of technical cooperation to improve educational initiatives in the region. Professor John Daly and Ms. Michele Rumsey participated in the consultation and discussed the faculty development needs assessment work that has been conducted by WHO CC UTS. The workshop builds off the [Human Resources for Health Action Framework \(2011-2015\)](#) adopted by the WHO Regional Committee for the Western Pacific in 2011.

Reproductive Health Training Unit Monitoring and Evaluation Workshop, PNG



In July 2013, Ms. Michele Rumsey, Prof. Caroline Homer and Dr. Stephanie Fletcher from WHO CC UTS conducted monitoring and evaluation workshops with the Reproductive Health Training Unit (RHTU) in Papua New Guinea. As part of a new

public private partnership between The National Department of Health PNG, The OilSearch Health Foundation and AusAID, the WHO CC UTS will be responsible for monitoring and evaluation of the program

World Bank EAP Newsletter

September Issue of the EAP Newsletter is available [here](#). Find articles on climate change in the Pacific, as well as updated information on health and development in the region

International Hospital Federation

Click [here](#) to access the International Hospital Federation Newsletter. For subscriptions email subscriptions@ihf-fih.org

World Bank Report: Pacific Islands Forum to Respond to Climate Change

Access the article [here](#)

New Medical Aid Films Released

[Medical Aid Films](#) has released new films for health professionals.

[Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care \(EmONC\) for skilled health workers](#)

[Community education to support health worker initiatives to encourage ANC attendance](#)

Revisions of existing MAF films for Skilled health workers

-[Neonatal Resuscitation](#)
-[Prevention and Management of PPH](#)

Access all films [here](#)

Special Issue now available: Midwifery-Midwives' contribution to the

over the next three years. The initial workshop in July included a number of interviews with RHTU partners and stakeholders such as the provincial health authorities and National Department of Health. The workshops conducted also incorporated focus group training with Papua New Guinean RHTU staff. This will enable local staff to perform ongoing monitoring and evaluation activities in the future.

Pacific Society for Reproductive Health Conference, Apia, Samoa



The 10th Biennial [Pacific Society for Reproductive Health](#) Conference was held in Apia, Samoa from the 9th-11th of July, 2013. The conference revolved around the theme 'Innovative approaches for women's health; are the current initiatives adequate' and allowed maternity care professionals from across the Pacific to discuss current issues in reproductive health. Professor Caroline Homer, Adjunct Professor Pat Brodie and Dr Angela Dawson from WHO CC UTS were in attendance. PNG staff and midwives with the WHO CC UTS Maternal and Child Health Initiative including Alison Moores and Heather Gulliver also attended. During the conference, Caroline Homer presented a paper on the PNG Maternal and Child Health Initiative. Pat Brodie was also invited to give the Brian Spurrett Oration in honor of the late Australian obstetrician. Pat Brodie is the first midwife to have given the oration and gave an inspirational talk on promoting the health and safety of women, babies and families. On the last day of the conference, Caroline Homer co-facilitated a research workshop attended by approximately 100 doctors and midwives from across the region.

Revitalization of Primary Health Care in Samoa Project



Millennium Development Goals

A special October issue of the [Midwifery](#) publication examines midwives' contribution to the Millennium Development Goals. The issue is published [online](#) and fully accessible until the end of December 2013. Don't miss a special commentary by WHO CC UTS Adjunct Professor Pat Brodie, which can be accessed [here](#).

Pacific Climate Change Portal

Find country reports and profiles [here](#). Policies and Regulations can be found [here](#).

Pacific Disaster Net

Quick access to news, alerts, weather events and more. For updated information and useful response tools please visit the [Pacific Disaster Net](#) site.

PreventionWeb

Please visit [PreventionWeb](#) for professional resources and information on disaster reduction.

First Pacific Regional Climate Change and Health Symposium

A special issue of Inform'ACTION on climate change and health presents the proceedings of the First Pacific Regional Climate Change and Health Symposium, which took place in Fiji last

In July 2013, the WHO CC UTS commenced a 6 month project in collaboration with The Ministry of Health (MoH) Samoa. The primary purpose of the project is to assist with the upgrade and rescale of the nursing and midwifery workforce in Samoa therefore improving future health care provision. The WHO CC UTS will provide recommendations and a framework for the Samoan government to develop the nursing and midwifery workforce in the context of revitalizing primary health care. The project will also address needs of the new teaching hospital. The first visit from WHO CC UTS Technical Advisors Professor Caroline Homer and Associate Professor Joanne Gray took place in July 2013. They will return in November 2013 with Ms. Rachel Smith for the next stage of the project.

Maternal and Reproductive Health World Bank Praxis Discussion Series

As part of the World Bank Praxis Discussion Series, Ms. Michele Rumsey of WHO CC UTS joined Dr. Samson Baba, Director General of Community and Public Health in South Sudan, and the Hon Dr. Meredith Burgmann, President of Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) to discuss maternal mortality and reproductive health in the Pacific Region. The discussion was an excellent opportunity to highlight significant issues in the region including emergency obstetric care, sexually transmitted infections and sexual violence in countries such as Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste. The discussion held on August 9th at the World Bank office in Sydney was moderated by Journalist Auskar Surbakti of ABC. The full discussion can be found [here](#). You can also find a shorter version of the discussion, as well as previous topics in the series [here](#).



ICS Integreare Operational Handbook



The [Instituto de Cooperación Social INTEGRARE \(ICS Integreare\)](#)

is a research Institute based

in Barcelona, Spain that has been asked to support UNFPA in the overall coordination of research and implementation of Midwifery Workforce Assessments as part of the High Burden Countries Initiative (HBCI). The WHO CC UTS has been asked to provide technical services in the update of the HBCI Operational Guidance and Assessment Framework (OGAF) and development of a draft operational handbook on 'How to conduct a Midwifery Workforce Assessment'. Dr Angela Dawson, Ms. Kristen Beek, and Professor Caroline Homer of WHO CC UTS are working to develop the handbook which will be jointly published by UNFPA, WHO and other UN

September. Access articles and editorial [here](#).



National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility

Please visit the [National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility](#) site for research reports and plans, PowerPoint presentations from conferences and workshops, Policy Guidance Briefs and factsheets on climate change.

The National Climate Change Adaptation Research Plan (NARP) for Human Health (Australia) can be accessed [here](#).

Other NCCARF projects and related information can be found [here](#).

Roles of Pacific Regional Organizations in Disaster Risk Management: Questions and Answers

Access the report [here](#).

Outbreak Surveillance and Response Priorities for Mitigating the Health Impact of Disaster

Access the report [here](#).

agencies. The overarching purpose of the HBCI is to enable the 8 participating countries to develop costed national strategies in support of strengthening their midwifery workforce. The history and progress of the HBCI program is available on the ICS Integrate [website](#).

Asia Pacific Emergency and Disaster Nursing Network Meeting



The 7th annual **APEDNN** meeting was held between September 18th-20th 2013 in Bangkok, Thailand under the theme 'Nurse-midwife: A catalyst in contributing to build community resilience.' Eighty nine participants from 29 countries were in attendance including Dr. Stephanie Fletcher and Ms. Michele Rumsey of the WHO CC UTS. The WHO CC UTS led a workshop at the meeting entitled 'Priority activities in strengthening nursing and midwifery in emergencies and disasters'. Significant outcomes of the meeting included the development of a checklist on the role of nurse-midwives in building community resilience in disaster. Additionally, a list of priority activities in strengthening nursing and midwifery emergency and disaster response was proposed based on the objectives of APEDNN. These activities will be assigned to four Core Working Group cluster groups and assist to strengthen response in the region. This years meeting also celebrated the work of WHO Nurse Advisor Kathleen Fritsch who established the APEDNN in 2007 and has worked tirelessly in support of nurses and midwives in the region .

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