



School of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine

Information Bulletin – 21 January 2013

School Manager's Welcome Back

Happy New Year and what a year it will be! 2013 promises to be a busy year, full of changes and developments spread across all aspects of the School.

New Courses will radically change the way we teach second year, the new e-Learning Suites will be completed in March (fingers crossed), new staff started this month, we will host our annual Harmony Day Lunch, the NATT team are creating exciting e-learning modules, the VC will open the new teaching spaces the day before the School Review, the University Centenary celebrations start with a visit to the School by our Alumni, the Zonta Club of Peel Region will host another of their Charity Golf Days to raise funds for research within the School, the linkway will be refurbished and will once again be home to our PhD students, the National Youth Science Forum visited the School, and the laboratories on the second floor of M Block will be refurbished, all before Second Semester. Open Day and National Science Week will be a big part of our activities in August.

Congratulations

The Cancer Council of Western Australia awarded Prof Wallace Langdon a \$100,000 grant for his project *The Targeting of Flt3 Kinase Activity in Haemopoietic Neoplasms* in December 2012.

Last year's December issue of *MeDeFacts* featured an article by Jake Dennis about the NATT team and its projects, an article on Ass/Prof Richard Allcock on the human genome, and an interview with W/Prof Wendy Erber about the Translational Cancer Laboratory.

Dr Balvinder Gill, the first Marshall Centre student to complete the combined Master of Infectious diseases/PhD program, has submitted his PhD thesis *Epidemiology of dengue in Malaysia from 2005 - 2010 and factors contributing to its emergence*.

In a School first, Kate Kammer's article *Chemical characteristics and antimicrobial effects of some Eucalyptus kinos* was mentioned in online journal *Science Network WA*.

In November last year, W/Prof Martyn French, Dr Sonia Fernandez, and Dr Silvia Lee received a \$12,500 research grant from the Medical Research Foundation of Royal Perth Hospital to investigate *IgG antibody diversification as a means of enhancing innate and T cell responses against HIV Gag proteins*.

Samantha Brunt, Kyle Kim, and Alfred Laiman completed their honours in November 2012.

Constance Chew completed her PhD in December and has been accepted.

Sonia Fernandez won the MRF Best paper award for *CD41 T-Cell Deficiency in HIV Patients Responding to Antiretroviral Therapy Is Associated With Increased Expression of Interferon-Stimulated Genes in CD41 T Cells*.

2012 BBQ



On 19 December last year, PaLM staff who "stayed until the end" enjoyed a festive BBQ in the courtyard between M and L Block. Thanks to Rochelle Horsley for organising and preparing the delicious lunch and to Gail Dixon for organising the entertaining Secret Santa.

National Youth Science Forum



The fourth session of the NYSF which was held in Perth Monday 14 January – Saturday 26 January 2013 attracted around 150 top Year 12 science students from around Australia. The School was proud to support young scientists during their visit on 16 January and 17 January.



After an engaging introduction to pathology by W/Prof Wendy Erber, they examined museum specimens with Prof Kimberley Roehrig, stained and observed blood slides with Wendy and Ass/Prof Kathy Heel, and learned about infectious disease while playing Plague on iPads at the e-learning suite with Prof Tim Inglis and Jake Dennis.



The event was a resounding success. Students left with show bags containing information about our degrees as well as a variety of lab items such as plastic test tubes and pipettes. In an email to Wendy, National Youth Science Forum Associate Director Perth Tom Grace congratulated the School on the “fabulous job your team and you have done in putting the workshop together.”



City to Surf 2013

We are planning to put together a team for this year's City to Surf and we want you to participate. We are running two competitions with a prize: Name the Team and Design a T-Shirt. Contact Dian Teguh (dian.teguh@uwa.edu.au) or Sam Taylor (20248802@student.uwa.edu.au) before 8 March with your entries or to find out more and join the team!

NATT Team Workshop Series

The New Approaches to Teaching team are planning regular workshops for PaLM staff on a variety of e-learning topics. The first workshop “Cool Stuff happening around Australia in Biomedical Science teaching and Meet our new Cycle 2 degree co-ordinator” will be held at 4pm in the L Block seminar room on Wednesday 30 January. If you have a suggestion on a topic please contact Kimberley Roehrig.

Changes to Vehicle Use

The School has created an updated policy on use of the School vehicle. The new policy reflects broader University policies on the safe use of motor vehicles and reinstates the flag fall and per kilometer use rates. As from 2013, all users of the vehicle will need to supply a PG for vehicle charges. All users of the vehicle need to supply a copy of a current valid drivers license and will need to complete an online induction.



From the Vault: 35mm Slides



An enormous collection of approximately 38,000 35mm slides showcasing various disease pathologies, specimens, and tissues are housed in the F.A. Hadley Museum. 25 of these, including the one above which features a hookworm attached to a bowel, have been digitally scanned. Contact Jake Dennis if there are images you want scanned for teaching.

Environmental Services Tip

Save paper by printing double-sided, reducing PowerPoint printouts to multiple slides per page, photocopying multiple pages on a single sheet of A4 paper, and using email rather than fax.

M Block Refurbishment

The M Block refurbishment is well under way. The builders have finished demolition and have begun installing roof works.

Professional Development Reviews

UWA staff should initiate their annual PDR with their supervisor. PDRs are important in identifying professional development goals, reviewing job performance, clarifying job expectations, and highlighting areas where further assistance is needed. For further information visit: <http://www.staff.uwa.edu.au/hr/development/performance-reviews>

School Unifi Live

Unifi is now available throughout L and M Block. All you need to do is log in using your Pheme password. There is still a limit of two devices but this is great news and we are glad to have it running well before the start of Semester One.

Moodle 2.3 Training

The Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning (CATL) are showcasing the upgraded features of the University's LMS Moodle 2.3 with a variety of teaching development courses in February. From assignments and quizzes to *Getting the best from your LMS*, CATL have it all. View their workshop calendar here: <http://www.catl.uwa.edu.au/pd/calendar>

Massive Open Online Courses

Coursera and EdX are offering free online courses on a variety of topics including e-learning and digital cultures, an introduction to statistics, and the fundamentals of online education. There are also courses on subjects such as literature, computing, history, and engineering. Staff can enroll in courses to see what is being offered and what teaching methods are being used. You will find the courses here: <https://www.edx.org/> & <https://www.coursera.org/courses>.

University Mail Service Changes

As part of a six month trial which started on 14 January, The University's mail delivery team are collecting and delivering mail once per day between 9:30am and 12:30pm. Outgoing mail will be lodged with Australia Post on the day received and mail addressed to Human Resources and Financial Services will be delivered on a same day basis. For further information contact Mailroom Manager Dennis Artemis on 6488 3035.

App of the Month

Skitch is a free and easy-to-use iPad application which allows users to easily annotate photographs taken with the iPad. The program enables you to annotate images with arrows, text, and a variety of shapes. Images can be saved then emailed for use in presentations or classes. You can even invite students to use the app for studying or assessment purposes.

LUMINOUSnight

To open the 2013 Perth International Arts Festival and launch the University's Centenary Alumni Weekend on Friday 8 February UWA's Crawley campus will be transformed into a free-to-public "walk-through phantasmagoria... a delight of light, art, and history" with installations, displays, and a continuous program of performances including live music and augmented reality exhibits. Visit <http://www.culturalprecinct.uwa.edu.au/luminousnight>

Update Your Research Group's Website

Is the content about your research group up-to-date? Does it need a major revamp or just some minor tweaks? If so, create a list of the changes that you want made. If you need any images or information uploaded to the website then save the images in a folder and the written content in a Word document. Once you have this ready, contact Jake Dennis to begin the process.

Teaching with Twitter

Students can discover some of the latest medically-related news via Twitter, advocates Associate Professor Diana Jonas-Dwyer, our Faculty's Education Centre representative who specialises in Medical Education (eLearning). Twitter is a free online social networking and micro-blogging application which allows users to posts "tweets" of up to 140 characters. Students can search for content related to medical education using the code "#meded" (known in Twitter as a hashtag and used to link topically related content).

Dates to Remember

28 January	Australia Day (University holiday)
8-10 February	Alumni Weekend
25 February	First semester classes start
4 June	E-Learning Suite Grand Opening
5-7 June	School Review

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