



Information Bulletin – 27 November 2012

Congratulations

Research Assistant Professor Tim Perkins and Winthrop Professor Jiake Xu secured three grants (\$45,000 altogether) from the 2013 UWA Research Collaboration Awards.

Dr Senta Walton won a \$300,000 early career Peter Doherty Australian Biomedical Fellowship from the National Health and Medicine Research Council for her project *Characterization of H. pylori-specific CD4 T cell responses*.

Dr Senta Walton was also awarded a \$37,000 Raine Priming Grant to cover research costs over the next two years as she investigates the CD4 T cell response during *H. pylori* infection.

Sonia Fernandez and Sara Tanaskovic won a prize at the Australasian HIV and AIDS Conference held in Melbourne from 17 - 19 October 2012 for their presentation about Tanaskovic S, Fernandez S, Oliver BG, Price P, French MA. *Depletion and activation of CD4+ T cells in HIV patients receiving ART is associated with markers of innate immune cell activation*.

PaLM Website Updates

The School website now has a Community section with the first of a series of Info Sheets written by Jake Dennis about community-related research. Suggestions for further Info Sheet articles are welcome and can be directed to Brett.

Our website now displays Postgraduate Student Profiles which PhD students can update by submitting their details via: <http://profiles.grs.uwa.edu.au/login>.

M Block Refurbishment

Construction work is scheduled to begin on 3 December and builders will be onsite for at least 15 weeks after that. We hope that construction will be completed by April 2013. Your cooperation during this time is appreciated.

School Welcomes/Promotions

Welcome to Peter Browne, the newly appointed Education Officer for the NATT team, who has relocated here from Sydney. Peter has extensive experience in creating e-learning modules and will be a great asset to the NATT team.

Welcome to Johanna Duyvestyn who has joined Wally Langdon's laboratory as a Research Associate.

Congratulations to Associate Professor Kimberley Roehrig on her recent promotion to Associate Professor and her appointment to the role as Academic Coordinator for the NATT Team.

iPad Info Session



School staff enjoyed an introduction to the iPad's anatomy and functionality by Jamie Sgherza from Winthrop Australia Business Development. NATT hosted an Introduction to Teaching and Learning with Technology given by presenter Asst/Prof Shannon Johnston from CATL.

2013 UWA Handbooks

The Publications Unit has launched the 2013 course handbook which can be accessed via <http://handbooks.uwa.edu.au/>.

Staff Fun Day



Jake Dennis bravely ventured into the UWA Staff Fun Day (the only member from PaLM to attend) and was a part of the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry, and Health Sciences team who won two out of three soccer matches and came third in the sack relay. Congrats to Jake and his team.

Melbourne Cup

Staff enjoyed champagne, Nando's, couscous, and ostrich egg quiche during a luncheon to watch "the race that stops a nation." In the School sweeps Jennet Harvey, Niki Foster, Tom Riley, and Elina Spina drew the winning horse Green Moon but no one was luckier than Elina Spina who proved that if you buy four sweep tickets you can win four prizes.

Centenary Cupcake Celebration

Join Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor Prof. Bill Loudon on Friday 30 November from 10.00 – 10.45am and enjoy a delicious centenary celebration cupcake during the all-staff information session in the Webb Lecture Theatre.

End of Year School Celebrations

This year's festive season function will be held at the University Club on Monday 3 December from 12 noon and is sure to be a great event with the new combined School.

Curriculum Review

All PaLM staff are invited to participate in the School's Curriculum Review on Wed 5 December and Thurs 13 December from 8am-12.30noon in the Alpha Seminar Room on P Block.

PaLM Staff Photos



Everyone looks lovely in the new photos of all PaLM staff which were taken this month. You are more than welcome to use them as your staff profile photo. They will all be displayed in the new photo board as part of the M Block refurbishment.

2013 School Review

The 2013 School review will take place on 5 – 7 June 2013. Please keep these days free so you will be available to participate in the review.



UWA Festive Season Celebration

All UWA staff are invited to the annual festive season celebration at Prescott Court from on Friday 14 December from 3-6pm. This year's event officially launches the centenary celebrations for staff and is an opportunity to celebrate 100 years of excellence at UWA as well as our recent achievement of becoming a top 100 University.

End of Year BBQ

The School's brand new barbeque will be on show for an informal all PaLM staff festive BBQ from 12 noon on 19 December in the courtyard between M and L Block. Please contact Merrilyn Grant if you would like to attend.

Dates to Remember

UWA's Christmas closedown is from Monday 24 December 2012 until Thursday 3 January 2013 inclusive.

The University re-opens for business on Friday 4 January 2013. The School Office will reopen on Monday 7 January 2013.

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