



Information Bulletin – 18 March 2013

Congratulations

Aleksandra Debowski, Jamie Linthorne, and Susannah Piek all graduated with PhDs in Microbiology this month. Jasmine Tay and Reena Rahayu Md Zin will also be awarded PhDs this month.

PaLM on YouTube

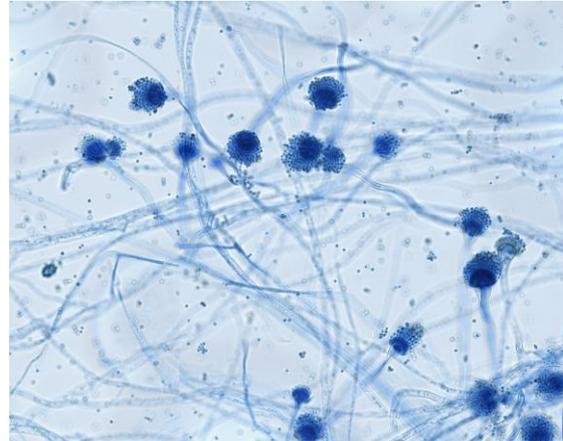


The School's first YouTube channel "NATT PaLM" is now live and features three instructional laboratory videos covering the safe use of scalpel blades, the preparation of agar slides for electrophoresis, and immunodiffusion. Students have already begun viewing the videos as part of their pre-lab preparation and the response from both staff and students has been excellent.

PaLM@QEIMC Seminar Website

A webpage hosting the recorded presentations from this year's PaLM@QEIMC seminars (formerly known as the Microbiology and Immunology (PaLM) seminar program) has been created. You can access the page via this link: <http://www.pathology.uwa.edu.au/research/palm-qeiimc-seminars>.

School Banner



A school banner showcasing images such as the one above has been printed. It is ready for outreach events such as this year's Open Day. The images which make up the collage style banner were taken in-house and represent each of PaLM's research disciplines.

First Semester Begins

Another year, another cohort of excited faces! Assoc./Prof Thelma Koppi reports on student and teacher enjoyment so far: *Students used Plague and the Innate Immunology game I suggested and suggested Pandemic for me to play. It's all a bit mesmerising at the moment with almost double the number of students and making sure one lab still has the same academic for the same amount of time. We do of course have our great demonstrators in Marina, Cecilia, and Melissa and we are trying to encourage students to enrol for postgraduate degrees. Because of second year labs I already know many of the students' names. The feedback is that they have loved the videos that Jake made and I can see us using them more and more. They certainly saved lab time and were useful for such a large class size. I feel the students are more enthusiastic and they are still attending lectures (although it is early days yet!) which is good to see.*

Honours Students

We have welcomed nearly twenty new honours students this year; six studying Microbiology and eleven researching Pathology. The range of topics they are investigating include: haematological disorders, CMV infection, antibody responses, tumor immunology, and bacterial and water borne pathogens.

App of the Month

Free iPad, iPhone, and Android app CloudOn enables users to work with Microsoft Word, Excel, and Powerpoint documents. The app enables you to view, create, edit, save, and email files. The major drawback of this app is that you must have a Dropbox, Google Drive, Box, or Microsoft Skydrive account to use the app because it draws on files from those sources.

School Vehicle Induction



The NATT team has created an online vehicle induction for the School which you will be able to access from the School's new all-staff LMS unit which will be released soon. All staff wishing to drive the School vehicle must complete the induction once it is made available. Academic staff are encouraged to note the educational capabilities of the quiz for use in their own student e-learning modules.

Cipto Mangunkusmo Hospital

Prof Tricia Price and the RPH branch of PaLM have an exciting project underway in Jakarta examining immunopathology associated with HCV and CMV in HIV patients treated at Cipto Mangunkusmo Hospital in Jakarta. In December last year, the Goodeve Foundation (WA) donated \$30,000 to support the regular archiving of samples. The University of Indonesia has also provided small grants to support regular specialist clinical assessments there.

Environmental Services Tip

Remember the three Rs of waste management: *reduce* material, energy, and water consumption; *reuse* rather than replace or dispose of valuable materials and products; and *recycle* intelligently that which cannot be reused.

Harmony Day Lunch

"Everyone Belongs" is the theme of this month's Harmony Day lunch which celebrates cultural diversity. The event will be held on the PaLM Courtyard between L & M Block and everyone in L, M, & N Block is invited. Bring along a dish for everyone to share. To ensure variety, write your name and what you will bring on the list in the PaLM office.

City to Surf 2013

The deadline is up! The City to Surf T-shirt naming competition is now over and after an arduous task of looking through the many entries we have a few potential candidates: PaLM-adillos: Ready to Roll; the PaLMMy Army; and Here comes the PaLM-arda. Please feel free to choose your favourite and help Sam Taylor and Dian Teguh decide on the winner. Design a T-Shirt entries announced next month.



Coming Soon



Imagine a class where students can work collaboratively using new technologies, such as iPads, which display on high definition screens that tutors and students control. You will not have to imagine much longer because the M Block refurbishment is progressing on schedule and by June such classes will be a reality for PaLM students and teachers.

Easter Holidays

UWA staff can look forward to a relaxing long weekend starting from Good Friday up to and including Easter Monday. Whether you are looking forward to a spiritual weekend, Easter eggs, or some much needed rest and relaxation, remember to stay safe and enjoy the break.

Staff Photos

Photos have been taken of PaLM's new honours students so it is time to complete our staff photos. These will be displayed in the entrance to the new M Block. If you have missed out on a staff photo, or if yours was blurry, come to the NATT office between 10-11:30am on Wednesday 27th March for your photo session with Jake.

All Staff Meeting

The first PaLM all staff meeting for this year will be held on Friday 22 March at 10:30am in the L Block Microbiology Seminar Room. The meeting is to ensure all staff are well informed of all events affecting the School. Staff are encouraged to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

eRecruitment

Human Resources supports UWA's transition from a paper based staff recruitment system to one which is processed online. The University's redesigned jobs page (www.jobs.uwa.edu.au) and the need to submit all requests for job advertisements through the University's new online recruitment management system are part of this initiative. You can access the eRecruitment system via the drop-down menu on the HR home page (www.hr.uwa.edu.au). Emma Badminton (6488 3566) and Else Isebe (6488 2322) can be contact for assistance with this new system. For self-education purposes, user guides and training videos are available at <http://www.hr.uwa.edu/home/erecruitment>.

Dates to Remember

21 March	Harmony Day Lunch
22 March	All Staff Meeting
27 March	Staff Photos
29 March	Good Friday
1 April	Easter Monday
4 June	E-Learning Suite Grand Opening

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