Conjoint Newsletter
November 2015

Keeping you up-to-date with School, Faculty and UNSW information and celebrating our successes.

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RESEARCH

• New Deputy Dean (Research)
Professor Sean Emery from the Kirby Institute has been offered and has accepted the position of Deputy Dean (Research) for UNSW Medicine. He commenced the post on November 2, taking over from Professor Peter Gunning who is now Head of School for the School of Medical Sciences.

TEACHING

• Discipline Maps – visualisations of the curriculum to enhance learning on clinical placements.
Dr Arvin Damodaran received a UNSW L&T grant to develop ‘discipline maps’ as a representation of the learning activities and resources in the undergraduate medical degree that have relevance to a particular rotation, arranged in an accessible visual map, automatically generated to re-align with clinical disciplines.

• Farewell to Dr Warren Kidson
Dr Warren Kidson has retired from teaching in the POWH Clinical Teaching Unit after a mammoth 45.5 years teaching. He retired from the Prince of Wales Hospital at the end of June, and gave his last tutorial on 6 August 2015. The Clinical School thanks Dr Kidson for his commitment to teaching, in particular delivering an Endocrinology tutorial at least 4 times per year to the students over decades. A farewell present was presented to Dr Kidson on his last day with us.

• Smart Sparrow Basics – 12 November 2015, 11:00 am – 12:00pm
Do you want to create a Smart Sparrow adaptive tutorial, but not sure where to start? Then the one-hour Smart Sparrow Basics workshop is a good place to start. For further information and to register, visit the workshop website.

• Conjoint Teaching Awards
Dr Gordon Flynn has won Best Overall Conjoint Teacher. The award will be presented at the Dean’s Awards to be held on Wednesday 18 November (Level 4, Lowy 4-6pm).

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

• Review of Teaching Tools
Academic and conjoint staff have reviewed two recent developments in computer hardware and software that have applications in medicine L&T. One is zSpace, a 3-D virtual reality program on a dedicated workstation, with the user wearing 3-D glasses and using a stylus to view/rotate anatomical images. The other is Anatomage, an anatomy visualisation system which can be used for full body virtual dissection. It is life-size touch-interactive display. Both are US designed packages. zSpace optimal in a computer lab with 1-2 students or clinicians operating each machine. Anatomage is a
single unit that could operate with 6-10 people around it or more if projected on a large screen. Liverpool Hospital and The Rural Clinical School have purchased Anatomage units and RCS is working with School of Medical Sciences to develop applications. Our school is considering buying an Anatomage table for clinical teaching in early 2016.

- **Infrastructure update**
  A range of Infrastructure upgrades deployed in June and July have improved the fault tolerance and reliability of services such as eMed. In related infrastructure news, Embryology Wiki, Cell Biology wiki, and SOMS wiki sites, which are used by thousands of researchers worldwide, have been moved to a robust load balanced hosting environment similar to Wikipedia.

- **Apps go live**
  Four new UNSW Medicine mobile apps have been released to the iTunes App Store, Google Play, and Windows Phone Store, including:
  - Images of Disease for iOS, Android, and Windows Phone.
  - Biological Resources Centre app for Apple iPad.
  - Medicine Clinical Assessments app for iOS, Android, and Windows Phone.
  - Medicine Observational Assessments app for Apple iPad.

### COMMUNICATIONS

- **Social media security**
  Thank you to staff who attended the UNSW social media IT security meeting in October. If you are managing a UNSW social media account and were unable to attend the meeting, please contact Cristina Kennett or Emma O’Neill.

### NEWS

- UNSW researchers part of new $30 million global push to develop a HIV vaccine…[read more]
- UNSW rural med student nominated for triple j Unearthed Artist of 2015…[read more]
- Infectious diseases experts say Australia is unprepared for a bioterrorism attack…[read more]
- UNSW student learns life lessons from Utopia Indigenous Community, NT…[read more]
- Mental health experts launch 'world first' guidelines for PTSD…[read more]

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### EVENTS

- 9 November - Biostatistics for Clinical Researchers Short Course. Details [here](#).
- 10 November – UNSW’s 'Climate for Change' event. More details and RSVP [here](#).
- 11 November - Derivatives of human pluripotent stem cells and isogenic controls in understanding genetic cardiovascular disease. More details [here](#).
- 11 & 18 November - POWH Grand Rounds in John Dwyer Lecture Theatre at 8-9am. (Coffee and tea are available from 7.30am)
- 20 November – 43rd Annual TOW Research Awards Day, including presentations from our own conjoints and students. More details [here](#).

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