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Executive Director's message — Professor Robin Mortimer

OHMR communications

You might have noticed that communications from the [Office of Health and Medical Research](#) (OHMR) have increased lately. We now have three dedicated [mailing subscriptions](#) to support and inform the Queensland's health and medical research sector. The subscriptions are:

- [OHMR general e-newsletter](#) (this newsletter which includes funding updates and general information)
- [Research ethics and governance e-newsletter](#)
- [Intellectual property e-newsletter](#).



These newsletters are a great resource and provide an opportunity for our office to communicate how OHMR can support the sector. Click here to [join our mailing lists](#) or to [view and update your current subscriptions](#).

Fellowships update

I am pleased to announce the opening of round three of the Health Research Fellowships. The fellowships are designed to enable medical, nursing, allied health and other clinicians to increase their time spent on health services research. I encourage all [eligible Queensland Health clinical and health service researchers](#) (PDF) committed to improving patient care in Queensland to [apply](#).

The third round of the Clinical Research Fellowships is also now open for applications. The fellowships aim to improve healthcare, teaching and research by increasing the presence of full-time clinical academics in Queensland Health. Visit the [Clinical Academic Fellowships](#) page for more information.

Recipients of round two of the [Health Research Fellowships](#) and [Clinical Academic Fellowships](#) were presented certificates from the [Minister for Health, the Honourable Geoff Wilson MP](#), at a Bridging the Gap Breakfast event in March 2011. I would like to congratulate all the successful recipients. More information can be found in the funding programs section of this e-newsletter.

DoRA

The [Database of Research Activity](#) (DoRA) was launched by the Office of Health and Medical Research on Friday 20 May 2011. DoRA is a public searchable website covering all Queensland e-newsletter — Office of Health and Medical Research, Centre for Healthcare Improvement
<http://www.health.qld.gov.au/ohmr/>

Health human research, not just clinical trials. This database will provide details of clinical research for clinicians, researchers and the public, with the potential to improve recruitment and referral of patients into clinical trials and other related studies. Visit the [DoRA](#) page to search the database.

Funding programs

Senior Clinical Research Fellowships

Round three expressions of interest now closed

The [Senior Clinical Research Fellowships](#) provide funding of up to AUD 850,000 per annum for five years is available to attract and retain researchers to Queensland who are international leaders in their field.

Expressions of interest closed 9 May 2011.

Health Research Fellowships

Round three now open

The [Health Research Fellowships](#) provide funding of up to \$150,000 per annum for five years as salary support which will allow health districts to back-fill the clinical time of practicing clinicians or other health professionals to undertake clinical or health service research.

Successful applicants will undertake research that has the potential to lead to improved patient care in Queensland by influencing health policy and clinical practice.

Applications close at 5pm on Friday, 29 July 2011.

For further information, or to apply online, visit the [Health Research Fellowships](#) page.

Round two recipients announced

On 30 March 2011, the Minister for Health, the Honourable Geoff Wilson MP, awarded certificates to the six successful round two [Health Research Fellowship](#) recipients at a Bridging the Gap Breakfast Event: Health Research Fellowship Program award ceremony, hosted by the OHMR.



Round two recipients will undertake leading health and medical research in Queensland in areas such as lung disease, outcomes for disadvantaged children in out-of-home care, improving everyday clinical nursing practice, and improving post-operative pain management.

Left to right: Annette Bird, Scott Bell, Stephanie Yerkovich (on behalf of Daniel Chambers), Tania Withington the Honourable Geoff Wilson MP, Minister for Health, Amanda Henderson, David Reid

Clinical Academic Fellowships

Round three now open

The [Clinical Academic Fellowships](#) have been designed to foster collaboration between Queensland Government health care facilities and Queensland universities, by jointly creating a new position for a clinical academic within Queensland Health.

The fellowships require a joint application from a Queensland Health facility and a Queensland university.

Applications close at 5pm on Monday, 15 August 2011

For further information, or to apply online, visit the [Clinical Academic Fellowships](#) page.

Round two recipients announced

The Minister for Health also awarded certificates to the three successful joint recipients for round two of the [Clinical Academic Fellowships](#) at the Bridging the Gap Breakfast Event: Health Research Fellowship Program award ceremony in March 2011.



Round two CAF recipients will establish three new positions within Queensland Health as a joint venture between a Queensland Health facility and a Queensland university in the fields of aged care rehabilitation, obesity research and mental health.

CAF recipients (L to R), Debra Anderson, David Wood, Jennifer Stow, the Honourable Geoff Wilson MP, Minister for Health, Pauline Nugent, Nicole Bellet

Research ethics and governance

Research ethics and governance e-newsletter

Did you know that the OHMR now has a dedicated [research ethics and governance e-newsletter](#)? This bi-monthly publication, produced by the [Research Ethics and Governance Unit \(REGU\)](#) in the OHMR, aims to keep you informed on research ethics and governance issues relevant to [Queensland Health](#).

To receive the research ethics and governance e-newsletters please [update your mailing list subscription](#).

The [second edition](#), released in April 2011, contains the following topics:

- **Single ethical review of multi-centre research studies** (new submission process for ethical review by a Queensland Health HREC for multi-centre studies from 1 January 2011).
- **What is site specific assessment of research studies?** (component of research governance involving the assessment of the suitability of a study to a site at where the research is being conducted).
- **Memorandum of understanding for clinical trials** (to introduce mutual acceptance of ethical and scientific review of multi-centre interstate clinical trials undertaken by Public Health Organisations) in New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland.
- **Database of Research Activity** (publicly accessible, searchable website covering all Queensland Health human research, not just clinical trials).
- **Queensland Health research ethics and governance forums update.**
- **Clinical research coordinators network group** (annual forum to be held in September 2011).

Researcher support

Mentor program

Are you a Queensland Health clinician interested in a research career?

A research mentor program has been established by the OHMR. The program is designed to provide a supportive environment in which an early career researcher has access to a mentor who is available to provide advice on a range of health and medical research issues and assist in career development.



The OHMR is inviting health professionals who are interested in developing their career in health and medical research to register as mentees.

To apply online visit the Mentor Program [website](#).

For further information, contact [Research Programs Unit](#), OHMR on 3234 1085 or email ohmr@health.qld.gov.au.

Intellectual property and commercialisation

Intellectual Property e-newsletter

Did you know that the OHMR now has a dedicated [intellectual property e-newsletter](#)? This quarterly publication, produced by the Queensland Health [IP Officer](#) in the OHMR aims to keep you informed on intellectual property issues relevant to [Queensland Health](#).

To receive the research ethics and governance e-newsletters please [update your mailing list subscription](#).

The [sixth edition](#), released in May 2011, contains the following topics:

- UniQuest to provide IP commercialisation expertise
- Gold Coast Health Service District IP service provider
- Medical Research Commercialisation Fund update
- guidelines to clarify ownership of IP created by Queensland Health employees
- patent update: better diagnostic test for Gonorrhoea
- trademark update: 28th and 29th trademark applications filed
- copyright update: benefits in using the new Government Information Licensing Framework (GILF) system of copyright notices
- Queensland Government new agreement with Copyright Agency Limited
- short stories from the wide world of intellectual property
- copyright education session for Centre for Healthcare Improvement
- UniQuest Pty Ltd research commercialisation workshop.

Centre for Healthcare Improvement news

Centre for Healthcare Improvement newsletter

The second edition of the Centre for Healthcare Improvement (CHI) newsletter was released in June 2011. It aims to keep Queensland Health informed on CHI activities and achievements.

Visit the [CHI website](#) to access the newsletter.

Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Service – training courses

The [Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Service](#) offer staff training courses and host other events and symposiums throughout the year. Details of all training and forthcoming events are listed in Patient Safety and Quality's [calendar of events](#).

Events

Healthcare Improvement Symposium and Awards 2011



The [Queensland Health Healthcare Symposium and Awards 2011](#) will be held Wednesday, 31 August at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Date: Wednesday, 31 August 2011

Time: Full day

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<http://www.health.qld.gov.au/ohmr/>

Venue: Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

Register: [Online registration](#)

Cost: Complimentary to Queensland Health staff

The awards provide an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the excellent contributions of healthcare staff from across Queensland. Evaluated in nine categories, the awards will celebrate the dedications, innovation and vision of Queensland Health teams who deliver high quality healthcare programs to improve the lives of all Queenslanders.

The symposium will support the awards by providing an expanded opportunity for Queensland Health staff to share the best examples of improvement from across the state.

Research Australia Philanthropy Conference



Registrations for the inaugural [Research Australia Philanthropy Conference](#) — Building a sustainable social investment strategy for health and medical research — from [Research Australia](#) are now open.

Date: 29-30 August 2011

Venue: Perpetual Australian National Maritime Museum, Sydney

Register: [Online registration](#)

The conference will bring together local and international experts, and will explore general themes focused on philanthropy for health and medical research. It will offer opportunities to enhance communication, build networks and align expectations between donors, intermediaries, grant makers, government, corporations, community, researchers and research administrators.

ARMS 2011 Conference

The [Australasian Research Management Society](#) (ARMS) invites you to attend the 13th Annual National Conference '[Imagine the Transformation... Transform your Imagination](#)' to be held at Dockside, Sydney from 13 to 16 September 2011.

Date: 13-16 September 2011

Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Venue: Dockside, Sydney

RSVP: info@arms2011.org.au

Cost: Please visit website for registration cost breakdown www.arms2011.org.au



Message from ARMS

The aim of the Conference is to provide a stimulating and practical program with social events and networking opportunities. The program has been developed to reflect the transformation that can take place during a Research Management career, if we think outside the square. It starts with topics that will support those early in their careers and ends with topics related to industry collaborations. The conference will include workshops, panel sessions, plenary and parallel information sessions. We hope to transform your imagination and assist with engaging others to support your Research Management career.

Contact us

We want to hear from you. Please let us know about any achievements, new ideas for improving health and medical research, or any upcoming events by emailing [OHMR](#).

OHMR reserves the right to make editorial alterations based on content submissions.

If this information is relevant, please disseminate it to your contacts and networks.

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