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LATEST NEWS

Appointments and Promotions

Rosemary BALLEINE – Clinical Associate Professor
Katherin BROWN – Clinical Associate Professor
Anna DeFAZIO – Clinical Associate Professor
Andrew BROOKS – Adjunct Associate Professor
Simon BARIOL – Clinical Senior Lecturer
Michael BURKE – Clinical Senior Lecturer
Gerald LIEW – Clinical Senior Lecturer
Terrance LIM – Clinical Associate Lecturer
Simon POLLETT – Clinical Associate Lecturer
Shopna BAG – Honorary Associate
Latika NAIDU – Honorary Associate

Recipient Outstanding Staff Awards

Heidi Mair, Curriculum Services Manager for the Master’s Program in HIV, STIs and Sexual Health, Westmead Clinical School

Heidi was originally employed as an administrative assistant in January 2007, but she quickly demonstrated high levels of commitment and enthusiasm and was promoted to her current position in August 2007. Since this time she has been responsible for many innovations resulting in major improvements to the provision of services to both students and staff. She makes an outstanding contribution to Sydney Medical School’s education and research goals through highly proactive, efficient and sustainable work practises. She is an extremely dedicated and effective administrator and has made exemplary contributions to the specialty of Sexual Health Medicine.

ALAF Program – Sexually Transmitted Infections Research Centre

A recent application for the ALAF Program titled *Short Intensive Professional Program in HIV* has been successful in gaining funding from AusAID for a third year. This was the largest of the AusAID ALAF grants received by the University this year and is worth more than $805,000. It will provide training in HIV prevention and management for fellows from Botswana, Cambodia, India and Zambia.

Congratulations on your continuing success with this program!

Collaboration with Salk Institute, La Jolla

Prof Chirs Liddle has been collaborating with colleagues in the Salk Institute, La Jolla. The fruits of their collaboration have been published as a fast track article in the latest issue of Nature.

Fantastic work Chris!

Recognition of work in Aboriginal Health in Western Sydney
The Rob Pierce Grant-in-Aid for Indigenous Lung Health was awarded to Assoc Professor Smita Shah and her team at the 2012 Annual Scientific Meeting of the Thoracic Society of Australia and New Zealand. This Grant-In-Aid, is to honour the memory of the late Professor Rob Pierce.

The Grant $15,000 for one year, will support the project entitled “Improving asthma control and preventing tobacco smoking in Indigenous youth through a peer education program”. The project will contribute to the delivery of better health care and focus on the important issues of acquisition of refusal skills in taking up smoking and reducing tobacco smoke uptake for Indigenous and non-Indigenous youth combined with improving asthma outcomes.

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