School of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine

Information Bulletin – 29th May 2009

New Buildings, Old Buildings

Many of you will have heard about plans for the School to move into new buildings being built at the back of the QEIIIMC site. The Minister of Health has modified the QEIIIMC Development Plan so that there is no longer a need for the new Children’s Hospital to be built on top of M Block. Unfortunately this means we will not be moving into a new building.

However construction will soon be underway as part of a major refurbishment of the laboratories in M Block costing $1.35m. Michael Jenkin is the Executive Officer for the Refurbishment Project and he will be looking at the future of M Block and how we can better utilize the space.

During the refurbishment, space at M Block will be at a premium and we thank you for your understanding while we get a bit “cozy” as building progresses.

Postgrad Walk Through Kings Park

Postgraduate students and recent graduates from the School wandered “with purpose” through Kings Park discussing the pitfalls and practicalities of completing a PhD.

Linking features of the walk with the journey through a PhD, students discussed their own stories and the recent graduates provided examples how they overcame the hurdles to complete their thesis.

The support session has become an annual component of the student experience at Pathology and Laboratory which last year featured a climb up the Winthrop Tower on campus and next year will visit the wilds of the Perth Zoo.

Research Retreat

The combined PathWest/School of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Research Retreat will be held on 19th June 2009 at the University Club.

Using the recently created Research Activity Database, the one-day strategic planning workshop aims to develop a high-level plan to foster new, and improve existing, research programs into the cause, diagnosis or treatment of human disease. It recognizes that there are many untapped opportunities to undertake research that can be fostered through a partnership between the two organizations.

It is hoped that there will be a shared understanding of what success looks like and that the most promising research opportunities will be identified for all of the disciplines and sites. It will provide advice about how to best use available resources and help to strengthen collaborative ties between the School, PathWest, and research institutes, particularly WAIMR and TICHR.

Medical Mentors

The Faculty Education Centre is seeking clinically qualified staff to participate in a mentoring programme for medical students. Those interested in taking on this role are asked to contact Winthrop Professor Jennet Harvey on 9346 3165.
Adjunct and Clinical Appointments

The School has recognized the contributions of a number of people by appointing them as Adjunct or Clinical members of staff. The current list of new and continuing appointments recently approved by the University includes:

Dr M Abdo
Dr B Amanuel
Dr J Burnett
Dr A Charles
Dr M Davis
Mr P Filion
Dr R Ghassemifar
Dr P Hollingsworth
Dr J Ivey
Dr R Junckerstorff
Dr Ee Mun Lim
Dr D McCallum
Dr K Margolius
Mr J O’Reilly
Dr N M Smith
Dr G Sterrett
Dr M Sturm
Dr J Taylor
Dr M Thomas

Dr B de Boer
Dr P Caterina
Dr RD Cook
Dr J Finlayson
Dr C Forrest
Dr M Gillett
Dr T Hughes
Mr R Johnsen
C/Prof M Leahy
C/Prof R Loh
Dr DM Mallon
Dr P O’Leary
Dr J Parry
Mr R Sprancis
Dr C Stewart
Dr N Swarbrick
Dr M Telex
Dr C Wise

There are more names still working their way through official channels and these will be posted in future bulletins.

Is it time for holidays?

Some members of staff with a significant leave liability will be sent letters from the Senior Deputy Vice Chancellor directing them to take 25% of their recreation leave before the end of the year.

And this is also a good time to remind you that people with an existing Long Service Leave Liability over 5 years will not accumulate any additional entitlement from 2010.

If you have any questions about your leave entitlements, please don’t hesitate to contact Brett Tizard for further information.

Website Refurbishment

The School Website will undergo a major transformation as part of the University-wide update to our internet presence. A fresh, crisp look and a new format will make navigation easier and simpler.

As part of the website update, the University contact directory has been radically enhanced. Staff can now add a photo, biographical details as well as your favourite publications and significant grants. There is a link to your Socrates public profile as well as the information from the Research Expertise database.

An Invitation to Participate in Teaching and Expand your Research

Students enrolled in the Master of Laboratory Medicine course each require 3 laboratory placements in medical / diagnostic laboratories. They have two placements of 4-6 weeks focusing on standard laboratory procedures and a research project that spans an academic year. The School would like to assemble a register of labs able to participate. If you are able to take students please send Professor Patricia Price a few sentences about your lab or call for a chat about options.

We also enrol BSc students and a few medical students in our Honours/B.Med.Sci/Post Grad Dip programme. These run as a single one year structured programme leading to the production of a thesis. Students make a real contribution to the research of their host laboratory and may stay with the group for an MSc or PhD. Most begin in February but there is also an intake in July. If you would like to be included in the brochure sent to prospective students, please contact Professor Price and she will send you a template.

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