Thankyou to all staff who participated in the first workshop for research and innovation ideas which was held on 15 November 2016.

To further facilitate this discussion and inform the FSS 5 year strategic plan all ideas which were put forward have been categorised into 3 core priorities: 1 Achieving greater efficiencies, 2. Building expertise and capability, 3. Building our organisational profile.

A second workshop will be held on Monday 19 December from 1.30-5pm (CR102) to continue this valuable initiative. All interested staff are encouraged to attend.

In November this year I received a letter of thanks from a Scientist at the Institute of Environmental Assessment and Water Research (IDÆA) in Spain. This letter outlined the outcomes of a very successful collaborative research project with our Inorganic Chemistry team, specifically Dr Tatiana Komarova. If you have an idea for a collaborative project, or have been approached by potential collaborators, please take the time to discuss this with Lucretia Angus in the Research and Human Ethics office.

I would also like to extend my congratulations to the two groups who were nominated for a Queensland Health Award for Excellence this year. The Forensic Toxicology team and the Public Health Virology team. Virology were shortlisted as finalists, with the awards ceremony to be held on 8 December.

This edition of Research News will be the last for the year with the publication starting again early February. If you have any content which highlights how you or your team have been ‘building capacity’, ‘supporting innovation and development’ or if you would just like to help us ‘celebrate our successes’ please forward to FSS_Research@health.qld.gov.au

Staff publications


New principles-based approach to guide research events

The Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research (2007) (the Code) has been significantly revised and streamlined in order to provide clear, practical, relevant and contemporary guidance that can be applied to a range of research contexts. The revised draft code consists of a six-page principles-based document that will be supported by guides that provide advice and requirements for implementation of the Code. The Code is intended primarily for any individual or institution conducting research in Australia.


Upcoming events


Crime and Justice in Asia and the Global South, 10-13 July 2017, Cairns, Qld. crimejusticeconference.com.au


View the full list at http://qhss-health-qld.libguides.com/research/conferences

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The Australian Government is looking to support the sustainability of the health system and drive medical innovation by transforming how health and medical research is conducted in Australia.

As part of the 2014-15 budget the Australian Government announced the establishment of the $20 billion Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF).

The Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF) will provide grants of financial assistance to support health and medical research and innovation, with the objective of improving the health and wellbeing of Australians.

The MRFF is established under the Medical Research Future Fund Act 2015 (the Act).


Strategy and priorities have been registered and will be used to guide decision making around disbursements.


The 1st International Conference on Food Analysis was held in Melbourne this year on the 21-24 November.

Dr Ujang Tinggi from Inorganics Chemistry was involved in this conference as part of the organising committee and session chair. The conference was attended by over 160 participants and covered a wide range of topics on food analysis—including toxic metals, pesticides and health risk assessments.

A highlight of the conference was the French keynote speaker, Dr Erwan Engel, who presented the outcome of a study to determine levels of chemicals in organic meats. The study found that levels of some pesticides and other inorganic contaminants were higher in organic meats.

The conference incorporated the 25th Conference of Residue Chemists, the 13th Government Food Analysts’ Conference, the 2nd Australian Food Metrology Symposium and the 6th Conference of the Asia Pacific Food Analysis Network, bringing together a comprehensive program tailored for food analysts, researchers, academia, government food agencies and regulators.

Two workshops concluded the conference on proficiency testing and food allergens.

A number of staff attended this conference and it was well received and a valuable part of their professional development. More information on the conference at http://icfa2016.com.au/

Congratulations Public Health Virology team

Staff involved in the Zika virus response have been nominated and selected as finalists in the Queensland Health Awards for Excellence, ‘Pursuing innovation’ category.

Other finalists in this category include: LCCH, ENT robotic tech at the Toowoomba Hospital, and the ‘SPOT ON’ program at Sunshine Coast HHS.
The awards ceremony will be held on 8 December, 2016—Good luck!
**OFFICE CLOSURES over the holiday period**

The Research Office will be unstaffed between 5 December—5 January 2017. During this period any internal queries should be directed to the relevant Managing Scientist.

For advice on research ethics and governance contact the Health, Innovation and Investment and Research Office (HIIRO) on 3199 3175 or HIIRO_REG@health.qld.gov.au

The Library will be unstaffed between 26 December—3 January.

Happy holidays!

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**International Atomic Energy Agency Fellowship Placement with Radiation Nuclear Sciences**

Ms Malebo Matshidiso travelled from South Africa to visit Radiation and Nuclear Sciences laboratory as part of an international Fellowship.

The Fellowship is directed through the International Atomic Energy Agency’s (IAEA) Technical Cooperation Programme, the IAEA’s main mechanism for transferring nuclear sciences to developing countries. This programme assists the IAEA in establishing and strengthening capacities for the safe, peaceful and secure use of nuclear technologies. It also provides professionals with an opportunity to gain practical international work experience in nuclear technology and applications as well as training to enable the development of atomic energy applications in their own countries.

Malebo is currently employed at the National Nuclear Regulator in South Africa as a radiochemist monitoring naturally-occurring and anthropogenic radionuclides. Malebo was trained in conducting gross alpha and beta activity analysis using liquid scintillation counting, and simultaneous determination of radium-226 and radium-228 using liquid scintillation spectrometry methods. These radioanalytical methods were developed by Radiation and Nuclear Sciences and are internationally endorsed. We also provided her an overview of our gamma spectrometry laboratory and methods, liquid scintillation and alpha spectrometry instrumentation, comprehensive quality system (ISO17025) and our standard approach to uncertainty parameters.

Malebo thoroughly enjoyed her time with us and it was a pleasure to present our methods and expertise for her training and development. We hope to receive more Fellowship visitors in the future.

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**Open Researcher and Contributor ID (ORCID)**

Increasingly publishers are relying on authors to have an ORCID identifier to support streamlined submission and publishing processes.

You can use your ORCID identifier on your staff profile, your email signature book, when you submit publications, apply for grants and in any research workflow to ensure you get credit for your work. Additionally your ORCID record can be linked to other identifiers such as LinkedIn, ResearcherID and Scopus. Registration for individuals is free, so sign up today [https://orcid.org/register](https://orcid.org/register)

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**Professional development and first aid refresher training**

In November around 11 staff completed their First Aid refresher and 16 staff completed their annual Advanced Resuscitation refresher training. There are over 90 certified first aid officers on site, so annually we spend a fair amount of time wrapping bandages around each other (Pete and Sharonika demonstrate below). SSDU provide access to a range of on-site, off-site, internal and externally hosted training which increase our capability to respond in any emergent situation (including health and safety!).

Search the training database and book a course on the FSS SSDU QHEPS page [https://librarycentraltafe.wordpress.com/tag/christmas/](https://librarycentraltafe.wordpress.com/tag/christmas/)

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