Message from the Acting Executive Director

The research newsletter is an opportunity to recognise the value of research through the efforts of our people and July was a very active month with staff representation at Conferences as both participants and key note speakers, staff being recognised and awarded for their achievements through research and service as well as our very own Inorganic and Forensic staff being approved by the Minister to travel internationally to present overseas.

Please join me in reviewing the newsletter for the detail behind each of these accomplishments - Craig.

Staff publications


Upcoming events

August 2018

PFAS in Groundwater Workshop: The Professional's Challenge (National Ground Water Association)


AOAC Annual meeting & exposition 26-29 August 2018, Toronto, Canada
http://www.aoc.org/aoac_prod_imis/aoac/mtg/18am/aoac_member/mtgscf/18am/am_main.aspx


September 2018


Internal Medicine Society Australia and New Zealand Conference 6-8 September 2018, Queenstown NZ.


World Water Congress and Exhibition 2018 16-21 September 2018, Tokyo, Japan.
http://www.iwa-network.org/event/world-water-congress-exhibition-2016/

Royal Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene Annual Meeting 19-20 September 2018, London UK https://rstmh.org/events/rstmh-annual-meeting


http://www.algae.unsw.edu.au/cyanobacteria-workshop-2018


29th International Symposium on Human Identification (ISHI) 24-27 September 2018, Phoenix, AZ.
https://www.ishinews.com/
Ethical Review Manager launch

The new Ethical Review Manager (ERM) system went live on 16 July 2018!

Research applicants (researchers, trial coordinators, sponsors etc.) can access ERM at https://au.forms.ethicalreviewmanager.com

ERM is a paperless information management system for completion, submission and storage of documentation for:

* Human Research Ethics Application (HREA) form
* Site Specific Assessment (SSA) form
* Queensland Low and Negligible Risk application form
* Post-approval forms (e.g. amendment, progress report, safety report)

You can access ERM with your On-Line forms account user name and password. On-Line forms is still accessible and all your On-Line forms data has been retained. We upgraded to ERM as it is a more efficient and intuitive system that makes it easy for researchers to collaborate. Multiple people can work on the same project at the same time, electronic signatures and submissions are available and post approval amendments and notifications can be completed by the researchers all within ERM. However, it is important to note that ERM still retains the function for amendments and other documents to be uploaded by the Research Ethics and Governance staff, if urgent.

Thank you for your understanding and patience during this implementation period; we appreciate it and are keen to receive your feedback on the new system (feedback can be sent to HIIRO_REG@health.qld.gov.au)

Information is available here. For ERM technical assistance, email Infonetica Helpdesk helpdesk@infonetica.net.

New book in the library

Pandemic 1918: the story of the deadliest influenza in history by Catharine Arnold (2018) (Click to request a loan) or email FSS_IRS@health.qld.gov.au

In the dying months of World War I, Spanish flu suddenly overwhelmed the world, killing between 50 and 100 million people; German soldiers termed it Blitzkatarrh, British soldiers called it Flanders Grippe.

Published 100 years after the most devastating pandemic in world history, Pandemic 1918 uses previously unpublished records, memoirs, diaries and government publications to uncover the human story of 1918.

Source: https://www.mombooks.com/book/pandemic-1918/?imprint=1

Another award nomination for Zika Mozzie Seeker

Zika Mozzie Seeker, a joint project between MetroSouth HHS, Forensic and Scientific Services and Brisbane City Council is a finalist in the Australian Museum Eureka Prize for Innovation in Citizen Science.

Congratulations to the Public and Environmental Health Virology team at Forensic and Scientific Services.
Research Community of Practice (RCoP)

In July the RCoP invited staff from the QFAB bioinformatics teams to talk about their services.

We had a very informative session and investigations are now underway to provide support for researcher’s statistical requirements.

A copy of the presentation is available at https://qhss-health-qld.libguides.com/ld.php?content_id=43548484

Please contact Lucretia if you have any questions about statistical analysis and the options available to you.

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Why not join the Research Community of Practice? Monthly meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month from 1-2pm in FSS Conference Room 102. The next meeting is 12 September.

NHMRC's new website

NHMRC is excited to deliver the release of a new BETA website.

The website, developed in consultation with all our users includes:

• A funding finder to make it easier to find the grant that’s right for you
• New search capability
• Resources and publications that can be searched for in multiple ways
• Content that has been rewritten to make it easier to understand
• Information organised and sorted so you can find it fast.

NHMRC would like to hear your feedback whether good or bad. You can access the site here. https://beta.nhmrc.gov.au/

NHMRC - Revision to section 3 of the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research

On Monday 25 June 2018, the CEO of NHMRC issued a revision to Section 3 of the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research, 2007 and consequential changes to Section 5, the Glossary and the Index. https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/guidelines-publications/e72

Section 3 now has several recommendations around management of data throughout the research lifecycle. NHMRC Expert Advisor Jeremy Kenner and ARDC Research Data Specialist Kate LeMay will discuss these new requirements.

Webinar 5 September 12.30-1pm AEST
Register at https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6111782010487118338

NHMRC - Release of the NHMRC road map and revised Indigenous research ethics guidelines

The National Health Medical and Research Council (NHMRC) is pleased to release its comprehensive 10 year strategy to improve the health of Australia’s Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples – Road Map 3: A strategic framework for improving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health through research (Road Map 3). Linked to this is the Action Plan (2018-2022). An NHMRC Report Card 2017 annual report also being published.

NHMRC - Release of revised guidelines

The National Health Medical and Research Council (NHMRC) has released the following revised ethical guidelines:


FEATURE: FSS hosts another 'RACI' event

On Wednesday 25th July the RACI QLD Analytical and Environmental Chemistry group held another in a series of seminars at FSS.

Dr Glenn Stanley of Food Standards Australia and New Zealand presented ‘An introduction to Food Standards Australia & New Zealand and its functions’, with examples such as food irradiation, Bisphenol A, mercury in seafood and intense sweeteners. The event attracted an audience of over 40, both onsite and via teleconference, from government departments, universities and private enterprise.

The RACI Qld A&E group would once again like to thank FSS, especially support from John Powell and the FSS Information Research Services team!

Copies of the presentation slides are available at https://qhss-health-qld.libguides.com/ld.php?content_id=43290614

The next RACI seminar will be on August 29th 4-5pm at FSS and will have David Larkings from Food Safety Standards and Regulation, Health Protection Branch presenting ‘What happens with my analysis results? A food regulatory perspective’.

FEATURE: ASM Brisbane 2018

The Australian Society of Microbiology held their national Conference in Brisbane 1-4 July 2018. The conference hosted speakers from as far as field as Singapore, Netherlands and the US, while also showcasing the microbiology advances from within Australia.

FSS was strongly represented with invited symposium talks and workshop presentations from Dr Rikki Graham (Public Health Microbiology), Dr Gemma Robertson (Public and Environmental Health), Dr Amy Jennison (Public Health Microbiology), Dr Andrew Van Den Hurk (Public Health Virology) and Jamie McMahon (Public Health Virology). The Public Health Genomics session, Dr Jennison presented in, was particularly well attended and received a lot of interest and good feedback.

FSS also was noted in a number of other presentations and scientific posters due to the extensive collaborations, supervision of students and scientific partnerships driven by Public Health Microbiology and Virology scientists. Further collaborative discussions have arisen from FSS scientists' attendance at this meeting.