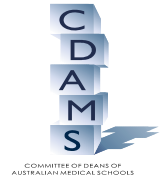




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**NATIONAL WORKSHOP**  
**THURSDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> & FRIDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2004**

**AGENDA**

**THE SQUAREHOUSE**  
**UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES**  
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### KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**Professor Howard Rabinowitz**

Professor of Family Medicine and Director of the Physician Shortage Area Program (PSAP), Jefferson Medical College, Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia.

Professor Howard Rabinowitz has been invited to attend the workshop as a keynote speaker and expert advisor. Professor Rabinowitz is Professor of Family Medicine and Director of the Physician Shortage Area Program (PSAP), at Jefferson Medical College, Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia. Professor Rabinowitz is a world-renowned expert in medical education and medical workforce issues. He has directed the Jefferson's Rural PSAP program for 28 years, and was co-director of the seven schools state-wide tracking system during its five year existence. His advice has been sought from the outset, and his visit to Australia will assist medical schools in benefiting from exposure to the latest international developments in the area of medical workforce education and training.

### INVITED SPEAKERS

A range of speakers have been invited to present at the workshop:

#### Australian Government Perspective

**Ms Katy Balmaks**

Katy Balmaks is the Director of the Undergraduate Initiatives Section in the Rural Health and Palliative Care Branch of the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing. She has responsibility for a range of rural focused undergraduate programs including the Rural Clinical Schools Program, the University Departments of Rural Health Program, and scholarship programs such as the Rural Australia Medical Undergraduate Scholarship, the John Flynn Scholarship Scheme and the Medical Rural Bonded Scholarships. She also has responsibility for the Rural Undergraduate Support and Coordination program, which is providing funding for the CDAMS Medical Schools Outcomes Database Project.

#### Australian Longitudinal Study on Women's Health

**Ms Jean Ball**

The Australian Longitudinal Study on Women's Health - widely known as Women's Health Australia - is a longitudinal population-based survey, examining the health of over 40,000 Australian women over a 20 year period. It was first funded in 1995 and is Australia's longest running longitudinal study. The study was designed to explore factors that influence health among women who are broadly representative of the entire Australian population. The study goes beyond a narrow perspective that equates women's health with reproductive and sexual health, and takes a comprehensive view of all aspects of health throughout women's lifespan. Ms Jean Ball has been Data Manager for the Australian Longitudinal Study on Women's Health since it began in 1995. Ms Ball has a Degree in Mathematics and a Graduate Diploma in Medical Statistics.

Ms Ball has overall responsibility for the logistics of data collection and management for main surveys, pilots and sub-studies, for ensuring participant confidentiality and for the management and updating of computer software and hardware.

#### Newcastle Medical Student Tracking Database

**Dr David Brookman**

Dr Brookman is a part time senior lecturer in the discipline of General Practice at the University of Newcastle, with a background in Medicine and Information Technology.

Dr Brookman has published several articles and a significant number of peer reviewed journal articles. He has been responsible for the software development and implementation of an econometric model of a CT scanner; a database of VMOs in the Hunter region and more recently the Newcastle Medical Tracking System. He has created a complex tracking database system which allows the collection of information (required by the Commonwealth) on an ongoing basis by utilising the data input by the administrative staff. This Access based system records and matches students and term provider and links in the payments system, divisions of general practice, health services, schools, census results, rurality classification systems, and assessment records. Dr Brookman has also devised a web and paper based system for collecting the educational geography from students and linking this to the placements system. This system allows Newcastle to provide cross linking between the basic data requested by RUSC and any additional data required by the Medical School.

#### University of Queensland School of Medicine Portal (SOM Portal)

**Ms Yasmin Childs**

The SOM Portal is a suite of web applications that support the data management activities within the School of Medicine at UQ. It extends the current University Student System (Si-net) by providing functionality that is unique to the School of Medicine, such as MBBS admission procedures and clinical placement activities. The SOM Portal is used by students, administrative staff and academic staff to provide a single authoritative source of information to the SOM community. The School now has the capability to capture and integrate applicant/student data from admission to graduation. In addition to the benefits provided by a single information source, other outcomes of the SOM Portal have been a reduction of errors, reduction of duplication and a standardisation of processes and procedures. Ms Yasmin Childs is Manager of the Web Support and Communications Unit at the School of Medicine, University of Queensland.

### WORKSHOP DINNER

**Date:** 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2004

**Time:** 7pm-11pm

**Venue:** Barzura

62 Carr Street, Coogee

**Dress:** Smart casual (or whatever takes your fancy)

From its dizzy perch above the southern end of Coogee Beach, Barzura is a cafe-ristorante with fabulous views over the beach, Wedding Cake Island and the vast blue ocean. Barzura's specialised menu for the workshop dinner will feature delectable modern Australian cuisine, which has had excellent reviews by the Sydney Morning Herald Good Food Guide. Drinks (champagne, beer, wine and soft drinks) will be served on arrival at 7pm, followed by entrée, main course, dessert, coffee and tea.



## NATIONAL WORKSHOP AGENDA

### DAY 1

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2004

<b>8.30am</b>	Registration	<b>12.00pm</b>	University of Queensland School of Medicine Portal (SOM Portal) – <i>Ms Yasmin Childs</i> , Manager, Web Support and Communications Unit, School of Medicine, University of Queensland
<b>9.00am</b>	Welcome & Official Opening – <i>Prof Bruce Downton</i> , Chair of CDAMS and Dean, Faculty of Medicine, University of New South Wales	<b>12.10pm</b>	Discussion
<b>9.15am</b>	Medical Schools Outcomes Database Project: Background & Overview – <i>Prof D Prideaux</i> , Convenor CDAMS Medical Schools Outcomes Database Project Steering Committee and Head, Medical Education Unit, School of Medicine, Flinders University	<b>12.45pm</b>	Lunch
<b>9.30am</b>	Keynote Address – <i>Prof Howard Rabinowitz</i> , Professor of Family Medicine and Director of the Physician Shortage Area Program, Jefferson Medical College, Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia	<b>1.45pm</b>	Overview of National Audit & Consultations Process – <i>Bal Kaur</i> , CDAMS Medical Schools Outcomes Database Project Officer
<b>10.30am</b>	Open Discussion	<b>2.00pm</b>	Key Issues for the National Report – <i>Facilitated Discussion</i>
<b>11.00am</b>	Morning Tea	<b>2.30pm</b>	Workshop Groups: – Minimum Data Set & Definitions – Unique Identification Code – Intellectual Property – IT – Privacy, Confidentiality, Ethics
<b>11.30am</b>	Australian Government Perspective – <i>Ms Katy Balmaks</i> , Director, Undergraduate Initiatives Section, Department of Health & Ageing	<b>3.30pm</b>	Afternoon Tea
<b>11.40am</b>	Australian Longitudinal Study on Women's Health – <i>Ms Jean Ball</i> , Data Manager, Research Centre for Gender & Health, University of Newcastle	<b>4.00pm</b>	Workshop Groups Reporting Back
<b>11.50am</b>	Newcastle Medical Student Tracking – <i>Dr David Brookman</i> , Senior Lecturer, Discipline of General Practice, University of Newcastle	<b>4.30pm</b>	Plenary Session
		<b>5.00pm</b>	End Day 1
		<b>7.00pm</b>	Workshop Dinner Barzura 62 Carr Street, Coogee



## **NATIONAL WORKSHOP AGENDA**

### **DAY 2**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2004**

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| <b>9.00am</b>          | Review of Day 1's Proceedings &<br>Today's Agenda – Howard Rabinowitz  |
| <b>9.30am</b>          | Workshop Groups:<br>– Funding<br>– Research<br>– Medical Schools (Implications &<br>Responsibilities) & Database Reports<br>– Future (Longitudinal Outcomes) |
| <b>10.30am</b>         | Morning Tea  |
| <b>11.00am</b>         | Workshop Groups Reporting Back   |
| <b>12.00pm</b>         | Lunch  |
| <b>1.00pm</b>          | Plenary Session: Where To From<br>Here   |
| <b>2.30pm</b>          | Workshop Summary & Close<br>– Howard Rabinowitz  |
| <b>3.00pm</b>          | Afternoon Tea  |
| <b>3.30pm</b>          | Workshop Concludes   |
| <b>3.30pm – 4.30pm</b> | <i>Debrief Meeting for Steering<br/>Committee Members only</i>   |