



OTAGO GLOBAL
HEALTH INSTITUTE
A UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO RESEARCH CENTRE

OGHI Newsletter

September 2017

Dear friends and colleagues,

Greetings! It has been some months since the Otago Global Health Institute (OGHI) became a University of Otago Research Centre. We have been busy in the background working on OGHI year one objectives and we wanted to update you with some highlights:

Establishing shared leadership of OGHI across University of Otago Divisions



Prof David Fielding (Department of Economics, Division of Commerce) and Prof John Crump (Centre for International Health, Division of Health Sciences) are serving as the inaugural Co-Directors.

We hope to rotate leadership in coming years to give all disciplines a strong voice and an opportunity to mold OGHI. The OGHI Leadership Group - representing many Departments and all Divisions - has been meeting monthly since February 2017.

The first OGHI Advisory Group meeting is planned for 17 November 2017

The 10th OGHI Conference will be held 15-16 November 2017.

Please contact Fiona on oghiconference@otago.ac.nz for any queries about the Conference.

www.otago.ac.nz/oghiconference



We are delighted to welcome Jacqui Hadingham as OGHI Manager.

Jacqui is a project manager and researcher who has worked in health and development since 2004. Previous roles include Researcher at the Health Economics and HIV/AIDS Research Division, University of KwaZulu-Natal; AIDS Research Coordinator at the Nelson R Mandela School of Medicine; and Senior Project Manager at North Star Alliance - a non-governmental organisation providing medical services for mobile populations in southern and eastern Africa.

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Extend network membership to new persons and disciplines

In the coming months Jacqui will be reaching out to new potential members. Please feel free to be in touch with her with suggestions.

Small grants round

We are working on this initiative, to foster cross-disciplinary projects with early career emerging global health leaders at the University of Otago with new partners....Please be on the look out for announcements and think of early career colleagues in your Department and suitable partners to shoulder tap to apply for these opportunities.

Expansion of global health partnerships

Members of the OGHI Leadership Group and others have been following up on expressions of interest from potential new partners by making visits, hosting colleagues, and exploring opportunities. We will keep you posted on what we have learned. Please make suggestions if you are aware of new opportunities with which OGHI could help.

Seek new research funding opportunities

The OGHI Leadership Group held a small retreat on 16 August 2017 to get to know each other, to discuss areas of synergy, and to think through funding opportunities. We would like to help facilitate multi-disciplinary grant applications in global health, so please be in touch with Jacqui if you think that we could assist with connections.

Advocate for increased investment in global health research

OGHI external engagement objectives include continuing discussions with New Zealand research and development agencies about opportunities for new investment in global health work. We continue to reach out to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade about shared interests with the development programme. We have worked hard to raise the profile of global health in the New Zealand Health Research Strategy process, but would like to do more in these areas and welcome thoughts and suggestions.

Strengthening the position of University of Otago as a leader in global health research

Our new website is live (see link below). We have received and taken on board your advice about strengths and weaknesses of the website design and content. In particular, we have taken seriously feedback about the way we present ourselves to the outside world. Please do take time to review the website and send any comments...positive or negative...to Jacqui.

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Please let us know if you think that we are on track, or how OGHI can support your global health work.

Best wishes
David Fielding and John Crump
Co-Directors, Otago Global Health Institute