

## **Network Conference 18th-19th November**

Registration for the OIHRN Conference has now closed. An updated programme and abstract booklet will be emailed to registered delegates the week prior to this event.

The conference will be held on the first floor of The Hunter Centre, Cnr Frederick and Great King Streets.

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## Member Profile: Alec Holt, Director of the Health Informatics Programme, Senior Lecturer, Department of Information Science

Alec is active at national and international levels in Health Informatics. Internationally

he has been involved with research supported by World Health Organisation grants to work in Fiji, Samoa, Tonga, Palau, Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia.

This year Alec has been involved in a few initiatives. He was invited to join Global Alliance on ICT and Development (GAID - an outcome of the UN-ICT Task Force process) as a member of the Champions Network focussing on activities related to health. With further opportunities to develop a proposals for communities of expertise that would focus on Health Informatics. He has been a referee for 3 International Health grants from, The Wellcome Trust, The Netherlands Organisation for Health Re-



Alec teaching in the Pacific on-line health network laboratory, Apia, Samoa

search and Development and the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada. He was invited to speak on the e-Health Technology for women in New Zealand at the APEC Health Working Group, in Korea.

Alec is the Editor-in-chief for the Journal of Health Informatics in Developing Countries - <a href="http://www.jhidc.org">http://www.jhidc.org</a>

The Health Informatics programme began in 1998 as a Post Graduate Diploma and now it also extends to Masters and PhD students. Alec is happy to work with other Otago University staff interested in health informatics - <a href="http://www.hein.otago.ac.nz/">http://www.hein.otago.ac.nz/</a>