



News in Brief...

Mark your calendars!

Planning is underway for the **4th annual OIHRN Conference** to be held in Dunedin November 7th and 8th.

OIHRN holds an annual scientific meeting to give its members and interested



members of public an opportunity to meet and discuss projects they have been working on and the possibility of collaborative efforts.

We invite submissions from interested parties on any subject related to international health. Student submissions are welcome.

Please see www.otago.ac.nz/internationalhealth to full details.

Students wanted

We'd like to form a group of students interested in International Health to be involved with the conference. Contact cih@otago.ac.nz.

Welcome to our network

Dr. Nicola Taylor, Acting Director, Centre for Research on Children and Families

Dr. Taylor's research interests include:

- Socio-legal research with children, parents and professionals on guardianship, day-to-day care and contact issues;
- International law and human rights issues affecting children;
- Citizenship and nation building;
- Parenting.

James and Jean Davis Prestige Visitor Myron M Levine M.D., D.T.P.H.

The Centre for International Health is very pleased to host University of Otago James and Jean Davis Prestige Visitor, Myron Levine.

Dr. Levine is the Director of the Center for Vaccine Development at the University of Maryland School Of Medicine. He will be a guest of the University of Otago to attend the Otago International Health Research Network Conference, give the McAuley Oration on November 7th and interact with staff and students across the University.



Dr. Levine's clinical research has involved studies of pathogenesis and the assessment of a variety of vaccines in adults and children in Maryland, as well as in many developing countries. He designed, arranged and supervised the performance of several large-scale, randomized, controlled field trials investigating the efficacy of live oral typhoid vaccines (which led to licensure of Ty21a by the FDA) and a vaccine to prevent invasive disease caused by Haemophilus influenzae type b. He is the recipient of the Albert B. Sabin Gold Medal Award for lifetime achievement in the area of vaccine development and implementation.

Member Profile

Dr Tamasailau Suaalii-Sauni, Centre for International Health



Dr Tamasailau Suaalii-Sauni, front row on the right, in Samoa.

The Centre for International Health (CIH) would like to wish Dr Sailau Suaalii-Sauni well as she finishes her work with CIH and begins her work at the University of Auckland.

Tamasailau is a graduate of the University of Auckland. She completed a conjoint Law and Arts (majoring in Sociology) degree in 1996. This was followed by a Master's degree in 1998. She received a NZ Health Research

Council postgraduate scholarship in 1999 to undertake doctoral studies looking at the mental health and identity formation of Pacific youth offenders in New Zealand. In 2006 she was awarded a PhD in Sociology.

Tamasailau's general research interests include qualitative research methodologies, indigenous health, ethnic minority youth health, women's health, mental health and Pacific jurisprudence.