



# Otago International Health Research Network

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## News in brief...

**New dates for conference** are the 8th and 9th November. Please note in your calendar these new dates.

To help keep our database up to date, a form will be sent to all members to **check that your details that we hold are correct.**

As per feedback from members, we are exploring the possibility of a column in our newsletter dedicated to possible **collaborative projects for members seeking expertise in other fields.** Would you be interested?

We'd like to **form a group of students** interested in International Health and get them involved with the conference. Contact [cih@otago.ac.nz](mailto:cih@otago.ac.nz)

### Some useful info:

The Research and Enterprise Office has various research related awards up for grabs. For more information go to:

<http://www.otago.ac.nz/research/awards/index.html>

To subscribe to the Research and Enterprise weekly Research news and funding opportunities go to: <http://lists.otago.ac.nz/listinfo/researchinfo>

**NIH Funding Opportunities, Peer Review and Grant Writing.** For more information go to: [http://ora.stanford.edu/ora/ratd/nih\\_04.asp](http://ora.stanford.edu/ora/ratd/nih_04.asp)

**W**elcome to our first issue for the year. It is hoped that members enjoyed their breaks and are feeling renewed for another academic year.

It seems a lot has happened around the globe with various natural disasters affecting the health of many. It is a reminder of the importance of our network and our little share in helping restore and/or improve the lives of many through our various research projects.

Some important news for your diary and awareness:

### 1. OIHRN 3rd Annual Conference—Change of Dates, 8th and 9th November 2010

Due to planning and organizational purposes, the dates for our annual conference has been moved to the 8th and 9th November 2010.

### 2. OIHRN Conference Website

We now have a website for the conference. Registrations and submissions are now open. The site is located on: [www.otago.ac.nz/oihrnconference](http://www.otago.ac.nz/oihrnconference)

Wishing you all a good start to the year!



## McAuley Oration Speaker for 2010

Thank you to all our network members for their suggestions for a speaker this year. We are delighted to inform

our network that this year's speaker is Professor Brian Greenwood from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

Professor Greenwood recently received the BIOMALPAR 2009 Lifetime Achievement Award and is the first recipient of the Japanese government's Hideyo Noguchi Africa Prize which was setup to honour individuals with outstanding achievements in combating various infectious diseases in Africa. His lecture is scheduled for the Monday, 8th November 2010 at 5:30pm. Venue to be advised. More information on Professor Greenwood can be found on: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brian\\_Greenwood](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brian_Greenwood).

## Member Profile—Assoc. Professor Etienne Nel, Geography

Etienne joined the University working for the Geography Department in 2008. He had taught previously at the University of Transkei and Rhodes University, both in South Africa. His PhD was in the field of Economic Geography and was entitled 'Regional and Local Economic Development in South Africa: A Case Study of the Eastern Cape'.

His primary research interests lie in the broad areas of Economic Geography and Local Economic Development. Currently he is an Editorial Board member of the Journals: Applied Geography, Local Economy and the Journal of Geography in Higher Education.

He currently chairs the International Geographic Union's Commission on Marginalization, Globalization and Local and Regional Response (C 04-27).

Recent publications include:

2007 Valenca, M., Nel, E. and Leimgruber, W. (eds.), The Global Challenge and Marginality, Nova Science, New York. ISBN 1-60021-838-3. (IN PRESS)

2007 Jones, G., Leimgruber, W. And Nel, E. (eds), Issues in Geographical marginality: Papers presented during the Meetings of the Commission on Evolving Issues of geographical Marginality in the Early 21 st Century World.



## Call for Articles—Asia Pacific Journal of Public Health – “Special Issue”

A special issue of the APJPH be dedicated to the current health successes and challenges facing the Pacific region. Given the interest in Pacific health, contributions of original research conducted within the Pacific region, or with Pacific populations and viewpoint articles on key health issues (including but not limited to: climate change and health, health systems, workforce development, maternal and child health, injury) are sought. It is anticipated that publication will be in the first issue of 2011. Instructions for authors are on <http://aph.sagepub.com>. Article limit 3000 words. Please send completed manuscript in word format to: [j.mccool@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:j.mccool@auckland.ac.nz)

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