



Network Conference 18th-19th November

Network Members are invited to attend the inaugural [OIHRN Conference](#) to be held at The Hunter Centre in Dunedin. The conference will run from 9am on Tuesday 18th finishes on Wednesday 19th at 1pm.

All delegates attending will need to register for the conference. The [registration form](#) will also be available on the website and these will need to be sent in by 10th October for catering purposes. Please note that there will be no conference fees, with an optional conference dinner on Tuesday 18th November at High Tide Restaurant at \$65.00 each which is payable by cheque.



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Prof Richard Adegbola will provide a public lecture as part of the OIHRN Conference

International Health Research Funding Opportunities

A list of [funding opportunities](#) with an international focus is now available on the website. Applications must still go through the research office.

Member Profile: Dr Hallie Buckley, Senior Lecturer, Department of Anatomy and Structural Biology, University of Otago

Dr Hallie Buckley's research interests are concerned with health and disease in the prehistoric Pacific Islands using human skeletal remains from archaeological sites; a subfield of anthropology called 'bioarchaeology' as it deals with skeletal biology but concentrates on evidence from archaeological sites.

Since 2004 she has been coordinating a multi-disciplinary project concerned with health and disease of the human skeletal remains from a 3000 year old 'Lapita' cemetery site in Vanuatu called Teouma. The project involves using both 'traditional' macroscopic evidence of disease in bones and teeth in conjunction with chemical and a DNA evidence of diet, disease and migration to assess the success of adaptation to the island environment in the past. This project has involved the excavation of the skeletons from the Teouma site on Efate Island and also on two small islands off the NE coast of Malakula in northern Vanuatu. In 2008, Dr Buckley travelled with two of her graduate students and excavated skeletons at another Lapita site on Watom Island, East New Britain, Papua New Guinea and she plans to return to both Vanuatu and PNG in 2009.



Dr Hallie Buckley (foreground) and Ms Rebecca Kinaston (PhD candidate) excavating a burial on Watom Island, E New Britain, PNG in February 2008.