



Launch of New Website

The Centre for International Health website is now live, go to: www.otago.ac.nz/internationalhealth.

Details on Network projects and publications are available online and Network members are asked to provide any new updates to [Sally Boulton](#) to ensure the information remains accurate.

The website will also feature OIHRN conference information, international funding opportunities and newsletters.

Conference 18th-19th November 2008

Network Members are invited to attend the inaugural [OIHRN Conference](#) to be held at The Hunter Centre in Dunedin. Members are invited to submit abstracts for this event by 1 October 2008. [Submission Instructions](#) will also be available online.

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

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Centre for International Health in Annual Appeal
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International Health Research Funding Opportunities

A list of funding opportunities with an international focus is being developed and will be sent to network members via the newsletter. Please note that this list is in an early development phase and will continue to be refined.

Member Profile: Merrin Rutherford, Assistant Research Fellow, Centre for International Health



Merrin is currently based in Bandung, West Java, Indonesia. She is initiating the collaboration between The Centre for International Health and, the University of Padjadjaran, a tuberculosis out patients clinic, plus a regional reference laboratory. Research is primarily TB focused and current and proposed studies for this and the coming year include comparative diagnostic testing for latent tuberculosis, implementation of TB drug sensitivity testing, investigation of risk factors for TB, MDR-TB and defaulting from treatment. Merrin will also be involved in capacity building through conducting staff training and teaching; an epidemiology course for GP's and interns is under development and is due to commence at the start of September.

Merrin says: "Things are running very well here. I am helping in many small studies and getting used to how things are run and patient flow etc, how patients are treated etc. I've been buddied up with a young very good GP who will hope to get data for a Masters out of one of the studies. I will spend half my time in BBKPM — the tb clinic and the rest of the time at IMPACT. The MDR-TB testing will start in a month or two depending on equipment."