



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.

### OIHRN Annual Conference

Planning is underway for the **OIHRN 6th Annual Conference** to be held on November 7th and 8th in Dunedin. So mark it in your diaries now.

The McAuley Oration Speaker is Kim Mulholland - Professor of Child Health and Vaccinology at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. For more information about Prof Mulholland see:

<http://www.lshtm.ac.uk/aboutus/people/mulholland.kim>

### News in Brief...

#### Inaugural Professional Lectures:

##### Prof John Crump

Title: Beyond malaria: fever in the tropics

Date: Tuesday 14 May 2013

Time: 5:30pm

Location: Archway 1 Lecture Theatre

##### Prof Rob McGee

Date: Tuesday 14 May 2013

Title: "At best a neutralitie" - how might we measure well-being?

Time: 5:30pm

Location: to be advised

### Congratulations

Prof Tony Binns has been awarded the Distinguished New Zealand Geographer Medal, the New Zealand Geographical Society's top award, which recognises "outstanding and sustained contributions and service" to geography and society.

To help us improve the content of our newsletter, please email any suggestions, feedback and comments to Fiona at [cih@otago.ac.nz](mailto:cih@otago.ac.nz)

Your input will be greatly appreciated!

## CIH's First PhD Graduates



### Onalenna Seitio-Kgokgwe

Onalenna, a recipient of the University of Otago Post Graduate Scholarship, started her PhD in July 2008 as the first student in the Centre for International Health.

She is a graduate of the University of Botswana and Johns Hopkins University (USA) where she obtained a Bachelor of Education and a Master of Science in nursing respectively.

Onalenna has worked in different capacities at various levels of the health sector in Botswana. Most recently she has worked as a lecturer and head of the family nurse practitioner program at the Institute of Health Sciences in Botswana.

In 2005, Onalenna started pursuing a career in public health graduating with a Master of Public Health (double major in Health Systems Management and Policy and Social and Behavioural Sciences) from the University of Limpopo (South Africa) in 2007. Onalenna completed her PhD in February 2012 and graduated in December.

Onalenna's research is in the area of health sector reforms, assessing the impact of the organisational restructuring of the Ministry of Health in Botswana on health sector performance.

On returning to Botswana, Onalenna was assigned to work as a Deputy Principal at the Institute of Health Sciences-Ministry of Health, overseeing curriculum implementation in all training programs.

Onalenna was recently reassigned to the Ministry of Health headquarters to support the development of health leadership and management program for the public health sector.



### Dr Susan Jack

Susan is a medical graduate of the University of Otago with a Diploma in Paediatrics from Auckland University and a Master of Public Health and Tropical Medicine from James Cook University, Australia.

Following working as a house officer and paediatric registrar, Susan relocated to Phnom Penh, Cambodia, where she worked from early 1994, initially with an NGO "Servants", developing community health and development programs amongst the urban poor. In 2004 the NGO localised and Susan began doing consultancy work for the World Health Organization and USAID health programmes.

From 2007-2010 Susan worked for the WHO, Cambodia office, in the area of maternal and child health, and nutrition.

Susan, a recipient of the Lady King Scholarship, completed her PhD (University of Otago) and graduated in December 2012 undertaking research on *Combating anaemia and micronutrient deficiencies among young children in rural Cambodia through in-home fortification and nutrition education (Good Food for Children Study)* with the National Nutrition Program, Ministry of Health and other partners.

Susan is currently completing Public Health Medicine Physician training

**OIHRN 6th Annual Conference 7 & 8 November 2013**

**Dunedin**