



OTAGO GLOBAL
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OGHI Newsletter December 2017

Dear friends and colleagues,

It has been a very productive few months at OGHI. Two of the highlights include our 10th Annual Conference, and our new Seed Grants Programme. The OGHI membership network has also grown, and we are pleased to welcome new expertise to our Leadership and Advisory Groups.



Leadership Group

We are delighted that Tuari Potiki, Director for Māori Development at University of Otago, has joined the Leadership Group to provide foundational guidance on incorporating Māori ways of partnership and relationships into the Research Centre culture.



Advisory Group first meeting

Members of the OGHI Advisory Group gathered for their first meeting on 17 November. We are very pleased to welcome two new members to the Advisory Group: Prof Mark McGillivray, Research Professor in International Development at Deakin University's Alfred Deakin Institute (top left), and Dr Colin Tukuitonga, Director-General of Pacific Community (SPC) (bottom left).



OGHI 10th Annual Conference

The 10th annual OGHI Conference was held 15-16 November, and was well attended, with presenters and delegates from various countries and institutions. The theme of the conference was "Health and Development", and Prof Mark McGillivray of Deakin University delivered the McAuley Oration on this topic, examining the links between economic development and health outcomes in developing countries. Prof McGillivray's oration provided a bridge between the OGHI Conference and the Australasian Society for Infectious Diseases (ASID) Conference which followed on 16-18 November.

Other presentations covered research in education, economics and health systems, infectious disease, nutrition, Asia-Pacific and biocultural health, and work being undertaken by OneHealth.

Delegates and visitors also enjoyed the colourful artwork created for the conference by the learners at MacAndrew Bay School.

The Student Prize for the best poster presentation went to Yonatan Dinku, for his poster on Neighbourhood ethnic diversity and child health outcomes in Ethiopia.

The best oral presentation Student Prize was won by Mike Maze, who discussed his work in Social and health system determinants of mortality among febrile inpatients in Tanzania: a prospective social biopsy cohort study.

The 11th Annual Conference, which will focus on nutrition, is planned for the end of November 2018 and will link with the 2018 Pacific International Health Symposium and for the third and final time with the Australasian Society for Infectious Diseases New Zealand Conference. We have secured Prof Ken Brown, a prominent expert in human nutrition from University of California (Davis) and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, as our keynote speaker for the 2018 conference.

More information to follow next year – watch this space!

Seed Grants round

The Request for Proposals for our first seed grant round is now open. Several small grants of between \$5,000 and \$10,000 will be awarded to early career PhD or postdoc researchers undertaking multidisciplinary research in global health projects that include collaborators in Low and Middle Income Countries (LMICs). The call for proposals closes on 23 January 2018. See otago.ac.nz/global-health/research/index.html

We would like to thank you for the support and the enthusiasm shown to OGHI during our first few months as a University of Otago Research Centre. We have big plans for the coming years, and hope to build on the foundations laid these past six months as we strengthen our network and facilitate research in the field of global health in the future.

With best wishes for the festive season,

David Fielding and John Crump
Co-Directors, Otago Global Health Institute



Top left: MacAndrew Bay School artists show their work to Profs Mark McGillivray, David Fielding and John Crump

Bottom left: Yonatan Dinku receives the award for best student poster from Prof David Fielding
Right: Prof David Fielding awards the best student oral presentation prize to Mike Maze