



OGHI Newsletter

February 2019

Dear friends and colleagues,

This edition of the newsletter includes some of the highlights of 2018, such as our 11th Annual Conference and official OGHI launch, the 2019 OGHI seed grants round, as well as a strengthening of our partnership with Timor-Leste.

OGHI 11th annual Conference 27-28 November 2018



Associate Prof Lisa Houghton

The OGHI conference was held at the Otago Museum this year, with the theme being "Sustainable Development in Global Health".

The Dunedin Kiribati community welcomed delegates to the conference with a traditional Pacific dance, which was followed by a short perspective on global health presented by conference convenor Associate Professor Lisa Houghton. Researchers presented their work in

various aspects of global health such as food security, nutrition, health and equity, non-communicable and infectious diseases in a range of countries including Cambodia, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Kiribati, Myanmar, Nepal, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines, Romania, Samoa, Sierra Leone, South Africa, and Thailand. Conference guests also had the opportunity to admire the beautiful artwork created for the conference by the learners at



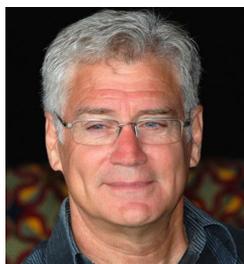
Prof Ros Gibson, Prof Ken Brown and the MacAndrew Bay School artists

MacAndrew Bay School, with their colourful paintings highlighting the growing challenge of plastic in the oceans.

Two student prizes were awarded at the conference with the best oral presentation Student Prize being won by Anupa Pathak, who discussed her work in Nepal, 'Use of

clinical outcome measures in developing countries: Are we using the right scales? The Student Prize for the best poster presentation was awarded to Saadlee Shehreen, who produced a poster on *'Horizontal transfer of antibiotic resistance genes: A CRISPR connection?'*

After the conference Prof Ken Brown of the University of California, Davis delivered the 2018 McKinlay Oration, entitled 'Assessment and control of vitamin and mineral deficiencies globally: generating better data for more coherent public health programs'. The McKinlay



Prof Ken Brown

Oration was followed by the official OGHI launch event on 28 November, in the beautiful setting of Te Wao Nui, at the Otago Business School.

The 12th Annual Conference will take place in Wellington in late 2019 - more information to follow later in the year ...

Partnership with Timor-Leste

Subsequent to the signing of an MoU between Universidade Nacional



Dr Merita Monteiro (L) with Jacqui Hadingham (OGHI Manager) and Dr Sheena Dias Viegas (R)



Delegates at the OGHI official launch event

Timor Lorosa'e and the University of Otago in July 2018, we hosted two representatives of the Timor-Leste Ministry of Health, Dr Merita Monteiro and Dr Sheena Dias-Viegas, both from the Dept of Communicable Diseases. They attended the OGHI Conference as well as the Australasian Society for Infectious Disease (New Zealand) annual meeting in November/ December. During their visit, they also presented a short seminar about health issues in Timor-Leste, which is available on the OGHI website.

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www.otago.ac.nz/global-health/news/otago700102

2019 OGHI Seed Grants

The Request for Applications for the second round of the OGHI Seed Grants opened in December, and closed on 31 January 2019. One or more grants of between \$5,000 and \$20,000 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). Awards will be announced by 31 March.

Advisory Group

Members of the OGHI Advisory Group met for the second time on 29 November. In addition, one of our long standing Advisory Group members, Joel Vanderburg, left the Advisory Group this year to enjoy his retirement. Wishing you well, Joel!

We'd like to wish our network members a healthy and productive new year - we look forward to another year of fruitful partnership and collaboration in 2019.

With best wishes,

David Fielding and John Crump
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