

# MedEd newsletter

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## Welcome to MedEd = the Medical Education Interest Group @UNSW

This group formed in November 2006 following a research presentation forum held at UNSW. It aims to bring together medical faculty staff interested in education issues to support scholarly practice, encourage research and create new networks amongst its members.

Our main activities include a monthly seminar series, this monthly newsletter and a twice yearly research forum. We will keep you in touch with upcoming grants, conferences, awards and new L&T publications, innovations and lots, lots more...

## News and current events

### Uni News and Coming Events

- *Next MedEd meeting is OZZAWA Conference Feedback on Tues 1st April (details overleaf)*
- *A sad farewell to A/Prof Michelle Scoufis as she resigns from L&T@UNSW*
- *Successful bids for Learning and Teaching Performance Fund monies announced (last week (see adjacent)*

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### Last week's meeting

This was attended by a dozen or so people keen to find out more about grants and awards. Helen Dalton from L&T@UNSW provided information on the various Awards and Grants available for learning and teaching at UNSW and Gary Velan and Chris Hughes gave their personal insight into the processes. Two key awards and grants coming up are:

**Carrick Institute Citations for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning.** Up to 210 citations valued at \$10,000 each are awarded every year. Deadline is 7th April to L&T@UNSW. See: [www.carrickinstitute.edu.au/carrick/go/home/awards/pid/61](http://www.carrickinstitute.edu.au/carrick/go/home/awards/pid/61)

**Carrick Institute Competitive Grants Program.** Supports research, development and innovation related to the enhancement of L&T in higher education. Expressions of interest and full proposal by 28th March (L&T@UNSW can assist in preparation). See: [www.carrickinstitute.edu.au/carrick/go/home/grants](http://www.carrickinstitute.edu.au/carrick/go/home/grants)

### Calendar of Awards & Grants

For a document showing a full calendar list of the awards and grants and more info please contact Dr Rachel Thompson on: [rachel.t@unsw.edu.au](mailto:rachel.t@unsw.edu.au)

Please contact A/Prof Phil Jones [philip.jones@unsw.edu.au](mailto:philip.jones@unsw.edu.au) if you are interested in applying or would like further advice.

### Learning and Teaching Performance Fund Bids 2008

The results of the bids were announced by the DVC (Academic) last week with the Medical Faculty having success with a bid to imbed graduate attributes into the MPH program. Congratulations to Sophie di Corpo and her team.

Feedback should be forthcoming for the unsuccessful bids and will be passed on. (Keep in mind that other grants are available—e.g. Carrick).

Further advice from A/Prof Phil Jones [philip.jones@unsw.edu.au](mailto:philip.jones@unsw.edu.au)

### Nuts and Bolts at L&T@UNSW

The next Nuts and Bolts Session will be of particular interest to teachers who teach large groups of students in lectures.

### Focusing on Teaching Large Classes:

The Experiences of the Teachers of Large Groups of Students at UNSW

**Date:** Tuesday 8th April  
**Time:** 1pm – 2pm

**Venue:** Learning & Teaching Training Room, Level 4 – Mathews (*to the right of the L&T Area Reception*)

Please register by replying to the facilitator, Keri Moore on: [keri.moore@unsw.edu.au](mailto:keri.moore@unsw.edu.au)

## Book Reviews and Recent Publications

### Books:

L&T@UNSW (the LTU) holds a comprehensive borrowing library on learning and teaching at its Learning and Teaching Commons on level 4 of the Matthews Building. The room is open to all for informal studying, meetings etc. Contact L&T@UNSW 938 53889 or just drop in.

### Recent publication from the Medical Faculty:

Hughes, C., Toohey, S and Velan, G. (2008). eMed Teamwork: a self-moderating system to gather peer feedback for developing and assessing teamwork skills. Accessed at: <http://www.informaworld.com/smp/content~content=a790624772~db=ll~order=page>

*If you have had a paper published recently or would like to recommend a book or article, please send details and a short abstract or review (<200 words) to: [rachel.t@unsw.edu.au](mailto:rachel.t@unsw.edu.au)*

## Medical Education and L&T Conferences 2008-2009

Dates 2008	Conference organiser	Topic and location	Website
Jan	Medical Education Unit, Yong Yoo Lin Medical School, National University of Singapore	5 <sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Medical Education Conference – Medical Education in a Flat World	<a href="http://medicine.nus.edu.sg/meu/apmec5/">http://medicine.nus.edu.sg/meu/apmec5/</a>
5-8 March	OZZAWA	13 <sup>th</sup> International Ottawa Conference on Clinical Competence - Melbourne	<a href="http://www.ozzawa13.com/index.php">http://www.ozzawa13.com/index.php</a>
11-13 July	ANZAME	Practice, Scholarship and Research in Health Professional Education	<a href="http://www.anzame.iamevents.com.au/">http://www.anzame.iamevents.com.au/</a>
30 Aug - 3 Sept	AMEE	AMEE 2008 -Prague, Czech Republic	<a href="http://www.amee.org/index.asp?pg=75">http://www.amee.org/index.asp?pg=75</a>
16-19 Oct	ISSOTL	Celebrating Connections: Learning, Teaching and Scholarship - Edmonton, Alberta, Canada	<a href="http://www.issotl.org/conferences.html">http://www.issotl.org/conferences.html</a>
1-4 July 2009	International Clinical Skills Conference	Third International Clinical Skills Conference - Prato, Tuscany	<a href="http://www.med.monash.edu.au/cmhse/clinicalskills/">http://www.med.monash.edu.au/cmhse/clinicalskills/</a>

### For UNSW L&T workshops and events visit:

[http://www.ltu.unsw.edu.au/content/workshops\\_events/about\\_events.cfm?ss=0](http://www.ltu.unsw.edu.au/content/workshops_events/about_events.cfm?ss=0)

### Learning and Teaching Nuts and Bolts Series (Lunchtime sessions):

[http://www.ltu.unsw.edu.au/content/workshops\\_events/about\\_events.cfm?ss=0#Nuts](http://www.ltu.unsw.edu.au/content/workshops_events/about_events.cfm?ss=0#Nuts)

### Links to some key L&T organisations:

ANZAME <http://www.anzame.unsw.edu.au/>

AMEE <http://www.amee.org/index.asp>

ISSOTL <http://www.issotl.org/>

### Link of the month is a new SOTL forum journal from Kwantlen University in Canada:

**Transformative Dialogues: Teaching and Learning Journal**

<http://www.kwantlen.ca/academicgrowth/TD/>

## Next seminar meeting: April Fool's Day!—OZZAWA feedback

If you were a delegate to the OZZAWA conference in Melbourne this month we would like to invite you to present your paper and /or talk about the best or most interesting session that you attended during the conference at our next meeting.

This seminar meeting is scheduled on Tuesday 1st April at 8-10am in lecture theatre room 501 (5th floor), Wallace Wurth Building, Kensington Campus.

*Due to building work and security gaining access to WW is complicated. If you are arriving from off campus you will need to access WW*

*building via the side entrance off Botany St and buzz the reception to be let in through the swipe door .*

*If you can't find a way in - please call 0407 706001 and someone will come down to let you in.*

*Tea, coffee plus bics will be provided after the session.*

## For Your Diary

The MedEd group will be hosting a monthly seminar series in 2008 with two forums per year for presentation of your medical education or learning and teaching research – at any stage of conception or progress.

Date and time	Seminar Topic	Speakers	Location
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> March 0800-0930	L&T AWARDS	Helen Dalton LTU Chris Hughes OME	WW room 501
Tues 1st April 0800-0930	Feedback from OZZAWA conference delegates <a href="http://www.ozzawa13.com/">http://www.ozzawa13.com/</a>	Delegates to OZZAWA	WW room 501
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> May 0800-0930	How to get the most out of the UNSW Library Effective e-learning: Webvista, eMed and online tutorials	Kate Dunn – Medical Faculty Outreach Librarian, and staff from OME	TBA
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 0800-0930	Those attending the ANZAME conference @UNSW in July may present their papers and / or posters	ANZAME delegates and others if	TBA
Weds June/ July 2hrs@Lunchtime	<b>RESEARCH FORUM</b> (if interest is shown; clashes with the ANZAME conference @UNSW)	Open to MedEd group and other interested parties	Time and location to be confirmed
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> August 0800-0930	Topics required!		
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept 0800-0930	Topics required!		
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct 0800-0930	Topics required!		
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov 0800-0930	Topics required!		
Weds 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec 2hrs@Lunchtime	<b>RESEARCH FORUM</b>	Open to MedEd group and other interested parties	Time and location to be confirmed

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How about joining a UNSW Med Ed

### Google Group?

We could use this for contact and discussion in between meetings, for hot topics, sharing recent developments and innovations and also for networking.

If you would like to join up, send your details (name and email address) to [rachelt@unsw.edu.au](mailto:rachelt@unsw.edu.au). If more than 10 people reply we will be able get it off the ground.

See <http://groups.google.com.au/>

*for more information about how it works*

## NEW MEDED WEB-SITE COMING SOON !

Watch out for it at: [www.med.unsw.edu.au](http://www.med.unsw.edu.au)  
under "For Staff" /Learning and Teaching

## Feedback requests

### Hot Seminar Topics

Please send your ideas /requests for seminar topics or suggested speakers to [rachelt@unsw.edu.au](mailto:rachelt@unsw.edu.au)

### For your Newsletter

Please send in book reviews and new or interesting publications, new or exciting L&T or medical education websites, and your "Teaching tip of the Month" (<100 words please).

What else would you like to see in the Newsletter?

Send ASAP to [rachelt@unsw.edu.au](mailto:rachelt@unsw.edu.au)

### And...

Let us know what else you think that the MedEd group should be doing.

### Please keep your details up to date for the MedEd mailing list

If your email has changed or you wish to be join our mailings, please update the mailing list by sending your name, email address and current research/ area of interest to: Vicki Truskett on [V.Truskett@unsw.edu.au](mailto:V.Truskett@unsw.edu.au)

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