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

Last week's meeting

This was attended by a dozen or so people keen to find out more about grants and wards. 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

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

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: rachelt@unsw.edu.au

Please contact A/Prof Phil Jones 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

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)

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

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:


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: rachelt@unsw.edu.au
# Medical Education and L&T Conferences 2008-2009

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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/](http://www.anzame.unsw.edu.au/)

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/](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.

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**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.

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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. If more than 10 people reply we will be able get it off the ground.


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**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

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**Feedback requests**

**Hot Seminar Topics**  
Please send your ideas /requests for seminar topics or suggested speakers to 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

**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 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