



Clinical School Newsletter

October Issue

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St George and Sutherland Clinical School

Update from the Clinical Associate Dean

Welcome to the October newsletter of the St George and Sutherland Clinical School. There is a number of things on the boil for us, many of them will have a significant impact on us for coming years.

First, Rodney Phillips and the leadership team in UNSW Medicine are embarking on a major new strategy development, particularly as it relates to research and research productivity. There is a strong recognition that Clinical Schools will need to play a substantial part in this, and our own recent moves to think of a future that revolves around integrated healthcare plays to strengths that I think will be recognised centrally. A Vice Chancellor that is steeped in the reality of Academic Health Centre excellence also plays into this. However we have substantial structural and other issues to deal with to make such changes bring practical rewards, including artificial barriers between LHD and University, and between Schools within the Faculty of Medicine, how research is governed and managed in the LHD, how we utilise the powerful clinical data we all deal with on a daily basis.

Preparations continue for the arrival of Emad El-Omar, the new Professor of Medicine at St George and Sutherland, in early March 2016. Laboratory redevelopment will commence shortly and staffing issues, both research and administrative, are being finalised. His strengths in the intersection between cancer pathogenesis and the microbiota are at the cutting edge and highly topical: they promise to bring broad new collaborations to St George and Sutherland. His enthusiasm for mentoring of younger staff will also be an important fillip for our promising future.

It was a great delight to see so many faces at our annual conjoint dinner, held in mid-September. The Dean's clinical training horror stories notwithstanding, it served to highlight the indispensable contributions to research and teaching being made by the hundreds of conjoint members of the Clinical School. I just want to reiterate the gratitude, both personal and from the School, that the dinner made tangible that night.

And on that note, many thanks to all of you who have already assisted with final year clinical exams during September, and who will be assisting with phase 1 and phase 2 clinical exams in coming weeks. These are a big undertaking, but I'm sure all agree that getting it right is an important responsibility, one that conjoins play *the* major role in achieving. As always, our deepest thanks also to Joanna, Justin and Buddhi in the Clinical Teaching Units, who ensure that these complex exams are run smoothly and expeditiously.

I hope you enjoy the newsletter. As ever, any of the members of the Clinical School staff welcome feedback and comments, on anything of academic relevance to our institutions.

Michael Grimm

Update on Teaching, Clinical Teaching Unit

Both St George and Sutherland Clinical Teaching Units have just completed the

Phase 3 Year 6 final exams. By end of September both Teaching Units held clinical exams for 70 students, structured oral viva exams for 78 students and portfolio exams for 61 students. A very big thank you to all staff who participated and contributed to the success of the exam process.

We need your help for the Phase 2 (Years 3 & 4) ICE – clinical examinations that will be held on Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th November at both St George and Sutherland Teaching Units, and for the Phase 1 (Year 2) OSCE examinations from Tuesday 1st to Thursday 3rd December at the St George Teaching Unit. Joanna and Justin will send out emails in the next week asking for everyone's availability.

Seeking patients for exams – If you do meet a patient with an interesting history or good clinical signs who would be happy to be involved in the clinical exams please let us know (emails below).

Currently Phase 2 teaching is in full swing with 4 courses running concurrently this term. The Year 6 students will commence their PRINT (Preparation for Internship) term on 12th October before they go on to graduate later this year. Next year we will have a new set of interns.

This year, both Clinical Teaching Units were successful in securing some funding from the government which has been used wisely to purchase teaching equipment to support the medical students teaching activity. We are looking forward to providing more opportunities for our medical students to practice their clinical skills using newly acquired medical equipment.

Overall, this has been a productive year for both Clinical Teaching Units but we could not do it without your support. If you have any feedback about how we can improve our services feel free to contact Joanna Tjojoatmodjo on djuniah@unsw.edu.au or x32709 at St George or Justin Joynes on j.joynes@unsw.edu.au or x37946 at Sutherland.

Joanna and Justin, Student Administrative Officers

Postgraduate Update

The St George and Sutherland Clinical School Postgraduate Student Program currently have 25 enrolled students. We have 16 enrolled PhD and 9 enrolled Masters.

We have 4 theses currently under examination.

Since our last newsletter Farnaz Bahrami Budlalu, Xiao Wu, Greta Lee and Muna Iraqi have all been awarded a PhD. Congratulations to them all.

Annual Progress Reviews have commenced and will continue through September and October.

There is a new policy and from now on students will be responsible for confirming that their supervisor is available for their Annual review. Next year we will publish a list of available dates for reviews and students will be responsible for selecting a time and ensuring their supervisor is also able to attend.

Ashish Diwan, Postgraduate Co-ordinator

2015 Clinical School Annual Dinner

The Clinical School annual celebratory dinner held on Thursday 17th September at the Novotel Brighton was a great success. It was attended by the Dean, Professor Rodney Phillips, Associate Deans, Professor Terry Campbell and Professor Philip Jones,

Faculty Executives, General Manager of Sutherland Hospital, Karen Becker and General Manager of St George Hospital, Leisa Rathborne, along with our many conjoints and affiliated teaching staff. The evening was a great opportunity to meet and greet many of the staff who contribute to the research and teaching that make the Clinical School.

Special thanks to Professor Rodney Phillips who started the night with his opening speech on the importance of active medical students teaching by clinicians. Also thanks to A/Prof Peter Gonski who gave a memorable talk about the importance of integration in all aspects of healthcare and his ability in putting together the nasogastric mannequin successfully.



Professor Rodney Phillips



A/Prof Peter Gonski

Highlights of the event included presentation of the Clinical School's Research and Teaching Excellence Awards. Congratulations to all the award recipients.



Rajkumar Cheluvappa (pictured left) and Lei Chang (pictured right), joint winners of 2014 best Basic Science Publication





Pictured left to right:

Amjid Riaz, 2015 Senior Teacher of the Year, St George Hospital
Amit Chakraborty, 2015 Junior Teacher of the Year, St George Hospital
Nadia Clifton, 2015 best Registrar/JMO Teacher of the year, Sutherland Hospital
Shiva Roy, 2015 best Consultant Teacher of the Year, Sutherland Hospital

The Clinical School greatly appreciates the support of the Faculty of Medicine and in particular from all its doctors, practitioners and other support staff across both St George and Sutherland hospitals.

The annual dinner marks a positive and important event and we were excited to see so many newcomers to the dinner. We hope you enjoyed the evening as much as we did and we hope you see you at next year's event. Thank you to all our guests.

Conjoint Promotion

Congratulations to the following conjoints who have received promotions

Associate Professor – Michael Talbot

Senior Lecturer- Andrew Ng

New Conjoint Appointments

Lecturer- Geoffrey Smith, Jayita De, Tejo Kapalli, Manisha Narasimhan, Malith Ramasundra

Associate Lecturer – Khoi Pham, Yvonne Liu, Kimani White, Madeleine Wilkinson, Melissa Oliver, Jonathon Man, Steven Hurwitz, Kate Zhang, Timothy Duong, Kelvin Lee, Alice Goldsmith

St George and Sutherland Medical Research Symposium 2015

Congratulations to the following staff and students who have been chosen to give oral presentations at this year's St George and Sutherland Medical Research Symposium

1. **Eric Hau**; Targeting Glioblastoma's Sweet Tooth
2. **Jingli Hao**; Proteomics identification of radio resistant protein markers in prostate cancer xenograft mouse model for improving radiotherapy
3. **Javed Akhter**; Cysteamine with bromelain, as a potent mucolytic for in situ dissolution of mucin secreted by Pseudomyxoma peritonei
4. **Nicholas J Cordato**; Efficacy of the "Regular Early Assessment Post-Discharge (REAP)" Intervention Protocol in Managing Nursing Home Residents Following Acute Hospitalisation

UNSW Library come to St George

Come meet the Clinical School's Outreach Librarian, Ms Toni Le Roux to discuss: ROS settings, linking grants to publications for NHMRC and ARC grants, publishing strategies, Open Access, research impact and other library related queries.

Date: Thursday 12th November, 2015

Time: 10:00am – 4:00pm

Location: Department of Medicine, Level 2 Pitney Building

Cost: Free

If you are interested in attending, please drop by during the time. If you would like to arrange a specific time to meet with Toni please contact Laura Golland 9113 2036 or l.golland@unsw.edu.au

Summary of Key Dates for 2015



STG Phase 2 Ice – Tuesday 24th & Wednesday 25th November

TSH Phase 2 ICE – Tuesday 24th & Wednesday 25th November

STG Phase 1 OSCE – Tuesday 1st to Thursday 3rd December

St George & Sutherland Medical Research Foundation

St George and Sutherland Medical Research Foundation supporters dug deep at the annual fundraising dinner, raising more than \$200,000 to fund its research projects.

Three hundred guests attended the masquerade ball-themed event at Sharks Leagues Club on 28th August bidding enthusiastically for prizes

and products worth almost \$100,000 donated by local businesses and sponsors, including Singapore Airlines, Tynan Motors, St George Bank, St George Private Hospital, Westfield, Cliff Lewis Printing and the Leader.

The money raised at the ball, along with the proceeds of the Brighton Beachside Dash on September 13, will be used to fund an ambitious program of research at St George and Sutherland hospitals and to establish a \$30 million national research center.

As well, the foundation is bringing internationally renowned Harvard Professor Rick Stevens to St George Hospital to work with Professor Steve Krilis and his team in the Department of Infectious Diseases and Immunology.

Foundation chief executive Peter Christopher said the benefits of encouraging medical research locally could not be understated. "We have a vision to support research that will have implications locally and around the world. By supporting our fundraising within our hospitals, you are helping to improve and save lives."

Foundation board member and Tynan Motors director Madeline Tynan urged the crowd to "dig deep" in support of the foundation: "I sell cars. I know nothing about medicine, but I do know St George and Sutherland Hospitals are the most amazing places. It is up to us in this community to get behind the hospitals and the doctors and support its vital work in the community."

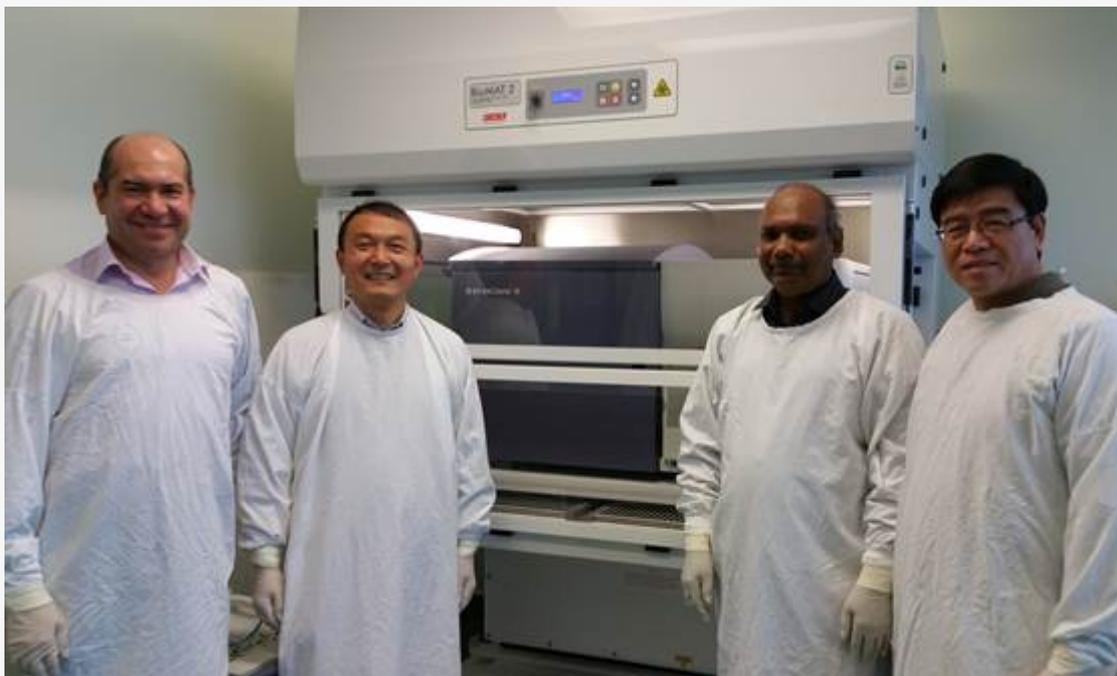
Virginia Venckus, Executive Director

MREII Grant 2015

As a result of the School's successful 2015 MREII application and tendering process, the Aria III cell sorter was procured from Becton Dickinson to replace the old FACStar Plus cell sorter. Recently the sorter was installed in the research facility on Level 3, Research and Education Centre within the Clinical School.

This new cell sorting platform is the third generation of the ARIA model and is equipped with three lasers and capable of detecting up to 14 fluorescence parameters plus forward and side scatter. With the unique quartz cuvette flow cell in true fixed alignment, Aria III is more user-friendly for operators with improved reproducibility and agility. Aria III is a powerful, multi-parameter cell sorter with high performance and efficiency.

The Aria III cell sorter is enclosed within a Class II Bio-Safety cabinet that will provide a wide range of applications to use the Aria III sorter in compliance with WH&S requirements. This new state-of-the-art equipment will greatly enhance the research innovative capabilities in Haematology, Immunology, Cancer Biology at the St George and Sutherland Clinical School.



Picture above: Jose Perdomo, Feng Yan, Javed Akhter & Jiang Cheng Qi with the cell sorter

Health & Safety

We wish to welcome Gregory Maxwell who has joined UNSW Health and Safety as Health, Safety and Environment Coordinator for Medicine. Gregory will be working with Medicine and the St George and Sutherland Clinical School to improve safety compliance and promote safe working environments across the faculty.

As you may be aware there was a security threat at UNSW this week after consultation with NSW Police the threat has been downgraded. If you are attending the UNSW campus as a general rule, we advise staff and students to be vigilant about security and to report any suspicious individuals or activities to UNSW Security

on 9385 6666. In the event of an emergency call 000.

Javed Akhter, H&S Chairperson