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Poised to make a real difference

With two issues now published by Wolters Kluwer/Lippincott Williams & Wilkins (LWW), the JBI Database of Systematic Reviews and Implementation Reports (JBISRIR) is poised to make a real difference in bringing evidence to healthcare professionals and institutions globally.

‘Having our journal published by a commercial publisher such as Wolters Kluwer is significant in that it furthers JBI’s mission of bringing evidence, through systematic reviews conducted by our collaborating centres from all over the world, directly to the end user,’ said the journal’s Editor-in-Chief and JBI Director Synthesis Science, Associate Professor Edoardo Aromataris.

‘It will improve the exposure of our journal, and the availability of the best available evidence to inform health practice. With increased exposure comes added recognition of the research activity and methodological advances made by all of the collaborators around the world that make up the JBI. All this will have positive implications for the journal in terms of citations and acquiring an impact factor in the future,’ Associate Professor Aromataris added.

Wolters Kluwer is a leading global provider of information and point-of-care solutions for the health care industry. ‘We are very pleased to be the publisher of JBI Database of Systematic Reviews and Implementation Reports. Wolters Kluwer and JBI are both dedicated to bringing access to evidence to all healthcare professionals and institutions on a global basis. The inclusion of the journal along with JBI resources on Ovid and the International Journal of Evidence-Based Healthcare, brings the JBI portfolio of scholarly work to healthcare professionals in order to inform clinical decisions with the goal of improving patient outcomes,’ said Dr Anne Dabrow Woods, Chief Nurse of Wolters Kluwer, Health, Learning, Research and Practice.

Volume 14, Issue 4 of the JBISRIR was published in May 2016, following the successful launch the first issue (Volume 14, Issue 3) in April. The smart-looking front end of the journal belies the extent and complexity of the work involved by the production teams of both JBI and Wolters Kluwer in bringing the journal online each month. The journal also publishes JBI implementation reports that present the findings of projects that implement the best available evidence into practice. We feature here the faces behind the journal.

The JBI editorial team: (seated, from left) Natalia Cutri (outgoing Managing Editor – maternity leave), Edoardo Aromataris (Editor-in-Chief), Dagmara Ritalano (incoming Managing Editor); (standing, from left) editorial support staff Sarah Silver, Siang Tay and Pam Fletcher

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Plans are in place to introduce an analytics functionality to the journal which will enable the generation of reports to provide a comprehensive view and understanding of readership and click-throughs.

The electronic manuscript submission, review and tracking process for the JBISRIR is accessible to authors and reviewers at Editorial Manager.

The Wolters Kluwer editorial team (based in Philadelphia, USA): (from left) Erika Fedell (Managing Editor Production), Cara Gavin (Digital Editor), Anne Woods (Chief Nurse), Gretchen Hauselt (Director of Marketing), Robert Maroldo (Senior Publisher)
Collaborating in prostate cancer therapy research

Dr Jared Campbell (pictured, right), Implementation Science Research Fellow has been collaborating with the Prostate Cancer Clinical Outcomes Collaborative (PCCOC) since February this year to complete a series of systematic reviews on prognostic tools for predicting the clinical and patient reported outcomes of various prostate cancer therapies.

The work is led by Dr Michael O’Callaghan, Senior Researcher and Educator at the Urology Unit, Repatriation General Hospital, and SA-PCCOC Executive Officer, (pictured, left) and along with Mrs Elspeth Raymond from the PCCOC, they have completed and submitted a first review on clinical outcomes from radiotherapy and reached data extraction on a second review on patient reported outcomes from radiotherapy. With a further four reviews planned for the year, the clock is ticking!

Dr Campbell has been spending two days a week at the PCOCC located at the Repatriation General Hospital, Daw Park, to undertake this project.

The SA Prostate Cancer Clinical Outcomes Collaborative, established in 1998, is an ongoing collaborative venture of Flinders University, Repatriation General Hospital, Royal Adelaide (RAH), The Queen Elizabeth (TQEH), the University of Adelaide and the University of South Australia.

The Database follows men with prostate cancer treated at the three major metropolitan hospitals: the Royal Adelaide Hospital, The Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Flinders Medical Centre/Repatriation General Hospital and collaborating private institutions.

Successful collaborative grant application: consumer health information needs

Following a successful expression of interest, Dr Micah Peters, Implementation Science Research Fellow, is providing methodological and project guidance to Dr Marion Eckert’s (Cancer Care Expert Reference Group Chair) research group at the University of South Australia to undertake a rapid review for the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Healthcare (brokered by the Sax Institute).

The rapid review will focus on consumer health information needs and preferences and aligns with the strategic foci of the Cancer Care Node which include the integration of consumer perspectives and experience in the delivery of evidence-based healthcare. Chris Christensen, the Deputy Chair of Cancer Voices SA and member of the JBI Cancer Care ERG, is also involved in the project. This project will underpin closer ties with local healthcare researchers as well as consumer groups and will likely result in published outputs.
A trip of milestones

Acting Executive Director Associate Professor Craig Lockwood, in his role as Director of the Cochrane Nursing Care Field, attended the Cochrane mid-year meeting in London the week of 4 April. The Executive Group of the Fields met for two days, and had a series of combined meetings with other Cochrane entities, executive groups and Cochrane Central. The meetings were held at the Kings Fund near Oxford Circus, and were focused on planning in relation to the Cochrane strategic plan to 2020.

The Fields executive only meets twice per year so it was a valuable opportunity for face-to-face discussion on field activity, and development of collaborative activities between now and the end of year Cochrane Colloquium in Seoul, South Korea. Key areas of discussion included: research projects between fields, evaluation studies of Field dissemination and implementation activities, and the role of Cochrane Fields in relation to the growing emphasis across Cochrane on knowledge translation.

The two days were packed with informative sessions, and as a separate activity on the Wednesday, Associate Professor Lockwood met with David Tovey, Chris Champion and Julie Wood with the JBI Executive Group on speaker phone to discuss progression of the recently released MoU between JBI and Cochrane. That meeting resulted in a series of collaborative activities being proposed, and these have been developed in to an action list to get the ball rolling!

A productive trip to Spain

Associate Professor Zachary Munn, Director Transfer Science, went on a very productive trip to Spain where he conducted a Train-the-Trainer program for the European Region on 16–19 April in Madrid at the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid. There were seven participants in the course from across Europe.

On 20 April he attended the Directors meeting for the European Region of the Joanna Briggs Collaboration which went very well.

Associate Professor Munn also presented a two-and-a-half hour workshop to around 150 participants on systematic reviews at the JBI European Region Best Practices Symposium 2016. You can track the twitter feed using #JBIEU16. He then presented a one-hour closing plenary on the new JBI model on the final day of the symposium. Both talks were streamed live.
Comprehensive Systematic Review Training Program

Fifteen participants attended a Comprehensive Systematic Review Training Program this week, run by Director Synthesis Science Associate Professor Edoardo Arromataris and Implementation Science Research Fellow Dr Jared Campbell.

They were from various parts of the country (such as Vinnies WA, Latrobe University, Charles Sturt University and so on) as well as Adelaide. Two even came all the way from the Oregon Health and Science University, USA, and the PartCity Medical Centre in Kuala Lumpur! The training went really well.

Clinical fellowship program

Twelve participants attended Week One Evidence Based Clinical Fellowship Program this week. Seven were from Fudan University, with the rest from SA, NSW and NT.

Their topics were diverse and interesting, among which were management of oxygen therapy and COPD patients, management of intracranial aneurysms, assessment of clotting in heparin-free haemodialysis, and best practice for nursing management of nasogastric tube feeding in post-operative patients with posterior cranial fossa tumour.

New JBI Model

The Joanna Briggs Institute's unique approach to evidence-based healthcare, encapsulated in the JBI Model, has been recently modified (see below). The new JBI Model is an improved conceptualisation of evidence based healthcare and how it is operationalised.

Inaugural training in Dublin

JBI Director Transfer Science Associate Professor Zachary Munn and Implementation Science Research Fellow Dr Catalin Tufanaru conducted a first-ever Comprehensive Systematic Review Training Program for staff of the School of Nursing and Midwifery, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland, recently.

Congratulations to this first cohort on the successful completion of the training program. They are now certified and eligible to complete JBI systematic reviews.
Stillbirth project featured in The Advertiser’s ‘Family Forum’

An article co-written by Dr Micah Peters, Implementation Science Research Fellow, Executive Director Associate Professor Zoe Jordan and Emma Wortherspoon (the consumer representative for the Stillbirth project) was published in the ‘Family Forum’ column of the 30 April issue of The Advertiser.

‘What to say to parents whose baby has died’ focuses on what friends and family members can do to support parents who have experienced a stillbirth. It is based on guidance for health providers caring for parents who have experienced stillbirth, resulting from the Stillbirth project conducted by JBI and the Stillbirth Foundation Australia. While the research focused on what health professionals can do, key messages from this work can also be useful for suggesting how other family members and friends can help.

Bridging the gap

Assistant Professor Dru Riddle from the Texas Christian University (TCU) Center for Evidence Based Practice and Research has been featured in an article, ‘Bridging the gap’, in the Spring 2016 issue of Endeavors, TCU’s research, scholarship and creative activity magazine. In the article, Dru talks about the JBI methodology that he uses when he conducts systematic review training.

Articles published

Two articles co-authored by Dr Jared Campbell, Implementation Science Research Fellow, has been published. ‘Methotrexate-induced toxicity pharmacogenetics: an umbrella review of systematic reviews and meta-analyses’ was published in Cancer Chemotherapy and Pharmacology, and ‘Fluoropyrimidine and platinum toxicity pharmacogenetics: an umbrella review of systematic reviews and meta-analyses’ was published in Pharmacogenomics.

An article co-written by Dr Judith Gomersall (School of Public Health) and Dr Micah Peters, Implementation Science Research Fellow has been published in BioMed Central. The title of the article is ‘Effectiveness, cost effectiveness, acceptability and implementation barriers/enablers of chronic kidney disease management programs for Indigenous people in Australia, New Zealand and Canada: a systematic review of mixed evidence’.
JBI 20\textsuperscript{th} Anniversary

2016 is a year of recognising and promoting our impressive achievements. One of the ‘events’ we are supporting is the collaboration-wide promotion of papers written by members of the JBI/JBC. JBI/JBC has an extensive social media network and we would like to use this to promote papers you have written about your JBI work, whether they be opinion pieces, editorials, research, or scholarly outputs.

Socialising key papers does not require them to be recent; older papers and original work can be messaged to promote the concepts of EBHC as practised through the collaboration just as readily as recent papers. Systematic review reports or implementation reports will not be included unless they are clearly of a methodological focus.

We will be promoting two papers per month throughout 2016 using social media. If you’re not already following us on Twitter, check out our handle, JBIEBHC and #JBI20 to see the latest papers released. Feel free to retweet the links.

If you would like to have one of your papers promoted, please email the paper to craig.lockwood@adelaide.edu.au. Please also:
1. Provide your twitter ID.
2. Follow the JBI twitter handle (@JBIEBHC), and
3. When you re-tweet, use the #JBI20 to be able to participate!

Where in the world is Alan?
The adventures of Alan, the Bobblehead

Alan’s adventures around the world have been full of ups and downs. After experiencing a slight travel detour via a Kenyan post office, Alan spent time with the team at the Afya Research Centre. Unfortunately his forward travels have been again hijacked in his attempts to reach Ethiopia. We’re on the hunt for him again so if you know where he is, be sure to tweet us on https://twitter.com/JBIEBHC and hashtag #whereisJBlAlan. We’re hoping he arrives safely very soon as he’s expected to travel to Belgium in June.
JBI 20th Anniversary Conference update

9-11 November 2016
The National Wine Centre
Adelaide, Australia

Have you visited the conference website? The website has a lot of information about speakers, events, opportunities for sponsorship and more. If you have not checked it out, be sure to visit the website to find out what is happening.

Registrations

Have you registered for the JBI 20th Anniversary yet? Early bird registration fees are available until 30 June 2016. Mark your calendars now so this deadline is not missed! To register for the conference, click here.

Registration fees and important dates can be viewed at the conference website. Register now to lock in the early bird rate.

Gala Dinner

We invite you to join us for an evening of food, wine, entertainment and celebration at the JBI 20th Anniversary Gala Dinner. The dinner, held at the architecturally eye-catching National Wine Centre of Australia, will be an event you will not want to miss.

Gala Dinner tickets are included in the full registration packages and can also be purchased separately. The guest speaker for the Gala Dinner is Dr Michael Holt, who will be presenting on the topic, ‘Be prepared for the unexpected’.

Dr Michael Holt was a successful and dynamic orthopaedic surgeon in private practice with everything to live for when, within a split second, his terrific life was seemingly irretrievably lost and shattered.

After surviving a near fatal accident, he was left with permanent and apparently debilitating injuries. With him suffering blindness, deafness and other injuries, it was hard to believe that anyone would let him be a surgeon again. He had to drag himself out of the depths of despair and hopelessness to rebuild his previously perfect life.

Dr Holt’s story has been featured on Australian Story and was one of the top rating stories for the ABC, watched by over 1.2 million viewers.

Join us as Dr Holt shares a very personal insight into how his accident changed his life and how his passion for healing others helped him to heal himself.
Graduate Research Seminar

The Graduate Research Seminar held at JBI on 25 May, not only drew a large crowd but attracted significant interest.

Delivered by Dr Catalin Tufanaru, Implementation Science Research Fellow, his presentation, titled 'Statistics and evidence-based health care' explored some of the issues, errors and solutions related to the use of statistics in evidence based health care. Dr Tufanaru presented a compelling seminar on a topic about which he is passionate, provoking considerable discussion among those present.

The seminar attracted significant interest, with Dr Jon Jureidini, Research Leader, Robinson Institute, and Associate Professor John Van Der Hoek, School of Mathematics and Statistics, University of South Australia, in attendance. A video of the presentation will soon be made available online.

Dr Tufanaru has been widely involved with multi-disciplinary and inter-disciplinary working in the fields of evidence-based healthcare, health policy analysis, clinical practice guidelines development, health promotion and social marketing. He is the first author of a book on conducting systematic reviews of economic evidence (Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, Philadelphia, 2011), and first author of a book on statistics for systematic reviews (Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, Philadelphia, 2012). Dr Tufanaru is Associate Investigator at NHMRC Centre of Research Excellence in Aboriginal Chronic Disease Knowledge Translation and Exchange (CREATE) and is a Research Affiliate at The Critical and Ethical Mental Health (CEMH) research group, the Robinson Research Institute, the University of Adelaide. In the last five years Dr Tufanaru has peer reviewed more than 100 systematic review protocols and systematic review reports, and is an accredited JBI Comprehensive Systematic Review (CSR) and Clinical Fellowship trainer with more than five years CSR teaching experience.

Impressed by Dr Tudafanu’s presentation, Associate Professor Sivakumar Alagumalai, Principal Lecturer, School of Education, University of Adelaide, who heads up the Transdisciplinary Measurement and Evaluation Group, has invited Dr Tufanaru to be part of it.
Shedding light on heart failure patient-caregiver dyads

Associate Professor Raul Juarez Vela has literally gone to the ‘ends of the earth’ to conduct his literature review.

A Lecturer in the Faculty of Health Sciences, San Jorge University, Villanueva de Gállego, Zaragoza, Spain, Raul was in Adelaide over two weeks in May to further the conduct of his literature review, titled, ‘Developing a conceptual framework on heart failure self-care in patient-caregiver dyads’, in collaboration with JBI staff. While here, he was also ‘observer’ in the Evidence Based Clinical Fellowship Program held in Adelaide.

The topic of his literature review is one that he is passionate about, inspired in part by his mentor, a researcher in nursing science in the University of Rome.

With heart failure affecting 0.4%-2% of today’s population worldwide, his literature review will shed light on heart failure patient-caregiver dyads in regards to self-care, including predictors and outcomes at the patient, caregiver and dyadic level. Current research indicates that heart failure patients who perform adequate self-care have a better quality of life, a reduced number of hospitalisations and reduced use of emergency services.

Raul, who is also a consulting member of the Spanish Centre of Evidence Based Healthcare (JBI’s Collaborating Centre), presented on the last day of the clinical fellowship program, providing an overview of the San Jorge University and details of his literature review.

The Issues in Mental Health Nursing Journal

The Issues in Mental Health Nursing Journal has extended its publication agreement with the CNCF, requesting a further nine Cochrane Review summaries to feature as part of their ongoing ‘Cochrane Corner’ series. The journal is a refereed periodical designed to expand psychiatric and mental health nursing knowledge. It deals with new, innovative approaches to client care, in-depth analysis of current issues, and empirical research.
Collaboration with highly ranked international journal continues

The International Journal of Nursing Studies (IJNS) has agreed to extend its publication agreement with the Cochrane Nursing Care Field and has requested a further seven summaries for the continuing ‘Cochrane Corner’ series.

With an impact rating of 2.901, the IJNS provides a forum for original research and scholarship about health care delivery, organisation, management, workforce, policy and research methods relevant to nursing, midwifery and other health related professions. The IJNS aims to support evidence informed policy and practice by publishing research, systematic and other scholarly reviews, critical discussion, and commentary of the highest standard.

The IJNS has been publishing original peer-reviewed articles of interest to the international health care community since 1963, making it one of the longest standing repositories of scholarship in this field. It is a highly respected journal with consistently high impact, Indexed in major databases including PubMed, Medline, Thomson Reuters - Science Citation Index, Scopus, Thomson Reuters - Social Science Citation Index, CINAHL and the BNI (British Nursing Index).

Gastroenterology Nursing Journal extends publication with the CNCF

The Gastroenterology Nursing Journal (GNJ) has agreed to extend its publication agreement with the Field and has requested a further eight summaries to feature as part of their continuing ‘Cochrane Corner’ series.

The Gastroenterology Nursing Journal reports from the front lines of nursing. It publishes top-quality articles, editorials, and case reports to help nurses and related healthcare practitioners improve the quality of patient care in Gastroenterology Units by staying up-to-date on guidelines, new procedures and therapies, pharmacology, and more. It is the only journal devoted exclusively to Gastroenterology nursing.

CNCF writer in focus: Professor Rhoda Redulla

Over the past 12 months, Professor Rhoda Redulla has become a very active contributor to the CNCF and has prepared a number of Cochrane Review Summaries published in the Field’s highly ranked collaborating journals, including the International Journal of Nursing Studies, the International Journal of Older People Nursing, the Nursing Times Journal and the International Journal of Evidence Based Healthcare. Professor Redulla is the Director of Education, Memorial Hospital of Salem County,
New Jersey, USA, and an Adjunct Nursing Professor at the Drexel University, Pennsylvania. With almost 20 years of combined professional nursing experience, Rhoda offers a valuable and practiced perspective to the Cochrane Review Summary.

Rhoda started her career as a Nursing Professor at the University of Northern Philippines and pursued her master’s degree right after completion of her baccalaureate nursing program. This sparked the beginning of her love for research as she worked to learn more about the care of low birth weight babies. She also continued to pursue her Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing. Midway through the program, Rhoda’s family moved to the United States of America where she relaunched her nursing career. Rhoda’s experience working as a clinical nurse at the Gastroenterology and Hepatology Division of the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania nurtured her interest in chronic liver disease. She obtained her Doctor of Nursing Practice degree, a clinical-focused doctorate from the Johns Hopkins University.

In 2012, the organisation launched a scholars’ program and partnered with the Joanna Briggs Institute (JBI- Texas Christian University Collaborating Centre). This was part of the Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates Inc. (SGNA’s) strategic plan to train more gastroenterology and endoscopy nurses in evidence-based practice. Rhoda was one of the eight scholars in the inaugural class and obtained certification in JBI Comprehensive Systematic Review. During this time, Rhoda also assumed a new role in her organisation as the Magnet Program Director and Director of Nursing Practice, tasked with advancing professional nursing practice through evidence-based practice. She was also the nursing liaison to the Centre of Evidence-Based Practice, University of Pennsylvania Health System.

Rhoda’s commitment to advancing the knowledge and skills of nurses in evidence-based practice prompted her to become involved with CNCF as an evidence summary writer.

Cochrane continues to highlight the work of the CNCF, with this article on Rhoda being featured on the main page of the Cochrane Community site.
**Evidence-Based Clinical Fellowship Program**

Learn about clinical leadership and how to implement evidence in practice to improve patient outcomes.

The Evidence-Based Clinical Fellowship Program is a six-month workplace, evidence-based, implementation program involving two five-day intensive training workshops in the Joanna Briggs Institute, and a workplace evidence implementation project in the intervening months.

**Program dates for 2016**

August intake
Program: Tuesday 23 August
Enrol by: 22 July 2016

For information on these two programs and to enrol contact jbieducation@adelaide.edu.au.

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**Clinical Leadership Program**

The Clinical Leadership Program is open to all clinical leaders and leaders-to-be in all healthcare disciplines. Dates for 2016 are now available for this one-day program delivered by Proteus Leadership.

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**Comprehensive Systematic Review Full Training Program (Modules 1, 2 and 3)**

Five days
Learn how to conduct reviews using qualitative and quantitative data.

**Program dates for 2016:**

- 18–22 July (Enrol by: 17 June 2016)
- 5–9 September (Enrol by: 5 August 2016)
- 31 October–4 November (Enrol by: 30 September 2016)

For information and to enrol contact jbieducation@adelaide.edu.au.

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**CSR Module 1: Introduction to Evidence-Based Healthcare and the Systematic Review of Evidence**

One day (Mandatory pre-requisite for Modules 2 and 3)

Program dates for 2016:
- 18 July (Enrol by: 17 June 2016)
- 5 September (Enrol by: 5 August 2016)
- 31 October (Enrol by: 30 September 2016)

**CSR Module 2: The Systematic Review of Quantitative Data from Experimental and Non-experimental Studies**

Two days

Program dates for 2016:
- 19–20 July (Enrol by: 17 June 2016)
CSR Module 3: The Systematic Review of Evidence Generated by Qualitative Research, Narrative and Text

Two days

Program dates for 2016:
6–7 September (Enrol by: 5 August 2016)
1–2 November (Enrol by: 30 September 2016)

Czech Republic (Middle European) Centre for Evidence-Based Healthcare

2016 event dates:
Clinical Fellowship Program
Week 1: 27 June–1 July 2016
Week 2: 9–13 January 2017
Comprehensive Systematic Review Training Program (CSRTP)
5–9 September 2016

The Queensland Centre for Evidence-Based Nursing and Midwifery

2016 CSRTP dates:
4–6 July 2016

External events

Further information and registration forms for the following events are located on the external events page of the JBI website:

UCSF Centre for Synthesis and Implementation

2016 event dates:
Evidence Based Clinical Fellowship Program
Week 1: 13–17 June 2016
Week 2: 14–18 November 2016
Comprehensive Systematic Review Training Program (CSRTP)
12–16 September 2016

5th Congress on Nursing Research of Ibero-American and Portuguese-speaking Countries

2016 event dates:
6–8 June 2016

The Queen’s University School of Nursing and the Queen’s Joanna Briggs Collaboration 2016 Conference of the Americas

2016 event dates
29 September–1 October 2016

The Queen’s Joanna Briggs Collaboration

2016 CSRTP dates:
3–7 October 2016

The Northeast Institute for Evidence Synthesis and Translation (NEST), Rutgers School of Nursing

2016 CSRTP dates
Bureau d’Échanges des Savoirs pour des pratiques exemplaires de soins (BEST): an Affiliate Centre of The Joanna Briggs Institute

2016, CSRTP course dates
3–7 October, 2016

If you wish to advertise your event on the JBI website, please send your request to Anna-Lee Mason via email jbieducation@adelaide.edu.au. This will ensure your event is included in the JBI Matters newsletter.
Centre changes

Center for Translational Research: a JBI Center of Excellence (formerly Texas Christian University Center for Evidence Based Practice and Research)

The Texas Christian University Center for Evidence Based Practice and Research has changed its name to The Center for Translational Research: a JBI Center of Excellence, effective 1 June 2016. This Centre will be one of four Centres under a newly established Institute at Texas Christian University (TCU) called the Health Innovation Institute at TCU.

As a part of this transition, JBI farewells Professor Susan Weeks, Dean Harris College of Nursing and Health Sciences, who is stepping down from her role as Director of The Center for Translational Research, in order to take up the role of Executive Director of the aforementioned Institute.

JBI thanks Professor Weeks for her formidable work as Centre Director, and looks forward to future engagements as a part of her new role at the Health Innovation Institute at TCU.

JBI welcomes Assistant Professor Dru Riddle as the new Centre Director of The Center for Translational Research.

54th Meeting of the Committee of Directors

The minutes from the 54th Committee of Directors teleconference held on 8-10 March are now available on the JBC intranet for your perusal.

56th Committee of Director Face-to-Face Meeting and JBI 20th Anniversary

Please note the dates for this meeting: Adelaide, 7-11 Nov 2016

Flights

All Directors have now received their quotes for flights to Adelaide in November 2016. For those Directors who have not yet booked their flights to Adelaide, we encourage you to do so as soon as possible as JBI will only reimburse the maximum quoted amount, with any difference being incurred by the centre.

A friendly reminder that claims must be submitted within three months of purchase, as per The University of Adelaide’s new travel reimbursement policy. Please email your supporting documentation for reimbursement to Adriana Turner adriana.turner@adelaide.edu.au.

Visas

Any centres requiring visa letters for travel to Australia please email your request to Adriana Turner adriana.turner@adelaide.edu.au.

Accommodation

JBI has arranged special accommodation rates at Adelaide Inn on O’Connell Street for Directors, core staff and students attending the 56th Committee of Director’s meeting and the JBI 20th Anniversary Conference. There is limited availability, so we urge attendees to book promptly to secure these rates.
Social media: socialising 20 years of success

2016 is a year of recognising and promoting the impressive achievements we have all been contributors to. One of the ‘events’ we would like to support is the collaboration wide promotion of papers written by any member of the JBI/JBC. JBI/JBC has an extensive social media network and we would like to use this to promote papers you have written about your JBI work, whether they be opinion pieces, editorials, research, or scholarly outputs.

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We would like to promote two papers per month for the year of 2016, and we invite you to participate by providing citation details for any papers you have authored since joining the JBC/JBI.

Please email your papers to Assoc Professor Craig Lockwood craig.lockwood@adelaide.edu.au

Please also:
1. Provide your twitter ID.
2. Follow the JBI twitter handle (@JBlEBHC), and
3. When you re-tweet, use the #JBI20 to be able to participate!

Collaboration Liaison Officer

JBI farewells Kelly Lewis who has finished her contract with JBI and will be undertaking her PhD at the Digital Media Research Centre at Queensland University of Technology. JBI welcomes back Bianca Pilla from maternity leave to her role as Collaboration Liaison Officer. You can contact Bianca at bianca.pilla@adelaide.edu.au or +61 8 8313 3637.
Student graduations

On Wednesday, 4 May 2016, our Joanna Briggs Institute – Higher Degrees by Research Program (JBI-HDRP) graduates joined the Academic Procession into Bonython Hall for the University of Adelaide Graduation Ceremony. The Joanna Briggs Institute congratulates the following student recipients of the Master of Clinical Science:

- Omar Breik
- Christine Hunt
- Janelle Jacobson
- Anita Taylor
- Caroline Whiteford.

We also acknowledge Implementation Science Research Fellow, Dr Catalin Tufanaru, for being awarded the Doctor of Philosophy for his thesis titled, ‘Theoretical foundations of meta-aggregation: insights from Husserlian phenomenology and American Pragmatism’.

Acting Executive Director of the Joanna Briggs Institute and Post Graduate Coordinator of the Higher Degrees Program, Associate Professor Craig Lockwood, is delighted with the determination and research output of these completing students. He writes: ‘Congratulations to the newest graduates of JBI. Through your experiences you have become accomplished academic writers, clinicians with new skills, and valuable contributors to the trove of knowledge that adds to and informs healthcare science, policy, practice and philosophy.’
Second week of core program

On 11 April, our HDR students returned to JBI for their second week of core program. During this second week intensive our commencing students developed their knowledge on the appraisal, extraction and pooling process for qualitative and quantitative data, and received direct training in the use of EndNote and the JBI Library. On Thursday 14 April, our new students joined Research School and presented their research posters to our existing HDR students and academic staff.

This is a strong new cohort of students who are progressing well at developing sound research arguments. With the exception of Research School in Semester II, the second week of core program concludes the formal attendance requirement for our commencing students. They will now manage their time independently in conjunction with their nominated supervisors as they embark on the completion of their systematic reviews and face their first major assessment, the Academic Panel.

First Research School for 2016

Unequivocally, the revised two-day format of our twice yearly JBI-HDRP Research School/Symposium was a resounding success. The condensed format allowed for a more robust agenda, and the revised timeframe was notably more convenient and less disruptive to our attending students. The HDR Team produced a diverse agenda, comprising presentations by completed JBI students, a JBI led workshop, commencing student protocol presentations, open discussion forums, esteemed guest presenters, and a very fitting close given by former JBI Executive Director Emeritus Professor Alan Pearson AM.

As always, we acknowledge the efforts of our JBI academic staff, without whom Research School would not be possible. Several of our academic staff presented throughout the week, and all made themselves available to attend student presentations and for individual student discussion and preliminary research appraisal. Staff engagement makes a distinct difference to our students’ experience and the overall benefit derived from occasions like Research School.
Stephen Kao completes his master’s degree

Dr Stephen Kao (February 2015 intake) has submitted his final bound thesis to the Adelaide Graduate Centre and satisfied all the requirements of program. This is an outstanding effort on Stephen’s part given he had been in candidature for less than 15 months. With the support of his principal supervisor, Dr Micah Peters, Stephen sought and was granted special leave from the Dean of Graduate Studies to submit his thesis for examination early.

Dr Stephen Kao is employed at the Department of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery at Flinders Medical Centre. His recently submitted thesis titled, ‘Swallowing outcomes following primary surgical resection and primary free flap reconstruction for oral and oropharyngeal squamous cell carcinomas’, demonstrated that radiotherapy may be detrimental to swallowing function following surgical resection and primary free flap reconstruction. Furthermore, swallowing function was shown to improve with the use of free flap reconstruction compared with primary closure for large tumour resections. From these results, a protocol for the identification of patients at low or high risk of developing dysphagia was proposed. In his thesis, Dr Kao also noted a lack of high quality primary research regarding swallowing outcomes in the field.

Dr Micah Peters, Implementation Science Research Fellow, who is Academic Lead for the JBI COmNECT+ Cancer Care Node and Expert Reference Group, is very pleased with his student’s work. Dr Peters writes: ‘The fact that Stephen was able to develop and propose a protocol for risk factor identification for patients is an excellent outcome of this work. Stephen has not only published his work on this topic in a high-profile international journal, but also spoken at a number of international conferences to audiences of experts in the field. This commitment to the advancement of evidence-based healthcare in surgery is an excellent example of how the results of systematic reviews can be used to generate practice change and hopefully benefits for people affected by cancer worldwide.’

You can read the results of Dr Kao’s systematic review in the article published in the Laryngoscope 2016, *Swallowing outcomes following primary surgical resection and primary free flap reconstruction for oral and oropharyngeal squamous cell carcinomas*.

“When one door closes, another opens; but we often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the one which has opened for us.”

~ Alexander Graham Bell

Dean’s Commendation for Susan Bellman

The HDR team is pleased to report that Susan Bellman (February 2014 Intake) has received a commendation from the Dean of Graduate Studies for the outstanding quality of her dissertation.

The examiners made very favourable comments about the quality of Susan’s thesis and the Dean extended his personal congratulations for such a fine achievement. Susan’s Principle Supervisor, Associate Professor Edoardo Aromataris, is extremely pleased with the outcome of her research work and writes: ‘Susan thoroughly deserves this Dean’s Commendation for the quality of her research and dissertation. She was a pleasure to work with and she clearly learnt a great deal during her master’s candidature. While Susan will no doubt move on to a new phase in her life minus the study most weekends(!), importantly, her thesis will remain a valuable resource for subsequent students in the Institute.’

We take this opportunity to congratulate Susan on such an outstanding effort.
Academic Panel

Arrangements have been finalised for each of our commencing 2016 HDR candidates to sit their academic assessment. This is a critical milestone for our new students and will determine how they are progressing with their research work to date. We wish our students luck as they prepare for this assessment.

Graduate Research Seminar

The Graduate Research Seminar held at JBI on 25 May was delivered by Dr Catalin Tufanaru, Implementation Science Research Fellow. His presentation, titled ‘Statistics and evidence-based health care’, drew a large crowd and attracted significant interest. (Read the full story on page 11.)

Student in focus – Tarandeep Oberai

Tarandeep (Taran) Oberai (February 2016 intake) is an Orthopaedic Research Physiotherapist at Flinders Medical Centre in the Southern Adelaide Local Health Network. She is also a member of the Australian Physiotherapy Council and Health Professions Council UK. In her current role, Taran co-ordinates all research related activities for the Orthopaedic Surgery and Trauma team, and works closely with postgraduate medicine students at Flinders University in the auditing and evaluation of guidelines to determine evidence-based compliance of clinical practice protocols and their implementation within the department. The recommendations made from the audits are then used to update procedures to reflect best practice.

Before moving to Australia in 2012, Taran worked as a clinical physiotherapist for the National Health Services in the UK, as well as an educator to promote back care awareness amongst staff within the National Health services. She was involved in the development of safe back care management policies and for implementing and evaluating those policies.

It was through a colleague that Taran became aware of the JBI-HDRP. Her enquiring mind and newly found passion for being a researcher led her to apply for our Master of Clinical Science program.

Taran’s research topic investigates the evidence base of interventions to prevent delirium in hospitalised elderly patients with hip fractures. Taran writes: ‘Hip fractures of the proximal femur (hip fractures) are serious injuries sustained by older individuals and often result in long term functional impairment, nursing home admissions, and increased mortality. They are also a common injury, with around 25,000 people in Australia sustaining a hip fracture each year. Studies have identified delirium as the most frequent

3 Minute Thesis Competition

Registration is now open to HDR students for the 3 Minute Thesis Competition 2016. The 3 Minute Thesis (3MT) is an academic competition developed by the University of Queensland. This research communication competition challenges HDR students to present a compelling oration on their thesis and its significance in just three minutes in language appropriate to a non-specialist audience.

Information on eligibility, rules and prizes

The Faculty of Health Science heats will be held in July 2016, and registration for the competition closes Thursday 30 June 2016. Academic staff should encourage their students to take part in this academic event.
complication among hospitalised elderly patients, particularly among those undergoing orthopaedic surgical interventions. Prevention of this complication is of paramount importance to patients, families and healthcare institutions due to the physical, emotional and financial burdens of caring for the older adult who is suffering from delirium.

The aim of Taran’s higher degree study is to perform a systematic review of international literature on interventions to prevent delirium in hospitalised hip fracture elderly patients.

In March this year, Taran presented a research poster titled, ‘Factors influencing length of hospital stay in elderly hip fracture patients’ at the Asia Pacific Orthopaedic Conference held in Melbourne. She has also been accepted to orally present her JBI research work titled, ‘Interventions to prevent delirium in elderly low energy hip patients’ at the Australian Orthopaedic Trauma Symposium in June 2016.