

Welcome to the World Wide Evidence-based Newsletter!

Hi everyone, just a quick note to introduce myself. My name is Dr Rebecca Cook-Johnson and I am taking over from Cindy Stern whilst she goes on maternity leave. Everyone here is very excited as not only is Cindy about to have her first baby but Kat McGuffie (Events and Promotions) will be adding to her family so we will have two little JBI babies soon.

My previous job was as a researcher specialising in molecular biochemistry in the Rheumatology Unit at the Royal Adelaide Hospital. Learning about how systematic reviews are conducted and soon to co-ordinate the Clinical Fellowship Program has been a steep learning curve.

However, so far the hand-over from Cindy has run smoothly as Cindy is super organised, nonetheless if you feel something has escaped my attention please feel free to drop me an email and I will do my best to address the situation.

I have enjoyed my first month with JBI and look forward to the Convention so I can start putting faces to the emails.

If there is anything you would like to share with your colleagues across the Collaboration via WWeb please do not hesitate to contact me at: rebecca.cookjohnson@adelaide.edu.au, I would love to hear from you.

JBI Convention



Well, the JBI Convention: Mission Impossible is fast approaching! The Preliminary Program for the M:i:2011 Convention is now available to download from the Convention website.



Everyone attending really needs to think about finalising their travel plans and very importantly finalising their travel insurance.

Please let us know if you are willing to Chair sessions for us during the Convention. As always, we will provide you with an information pack including speaker biographies upon registration.

Also, please remember to register!!!!!!

JBC Branding

Following our move to the University and the pending commercial partnership with Wolters Kluwer Health we have had to re-examine our branding. This has also affected how the Collaboration is branded and in line with this we have redeveloped promotional materials, letterhead, banners, business cards and other materials for the JBC. The new JBC logo is as follows:



THE JOANNA BRIGGS
COLLABORATION

You will receive a full briefing at the Committee of Directors meeting in November as well as a usb stick with all of the new materials on it in electronic format for your convenience. Please note that every centre will also receive an updated promotional banner, so please allow room for this in your luggage!



Joanna Briggs Foundation



Prof Alan Pearson, Prof Judy Lumby A.M. and Kerry O'Brien.

The Joanna Briggs Foundation held its first fundraising luncheon seminar series in August with guest speaker Kerry O'Brien. Kerry is a high profile and well-respected Australian journalist who also sits on the Foundation Advisory Board. Also present was Professor Judy Lumby A.M. who is the Director of the Joanna Briggs Foundation. The luncheon was held at Adelaide Oval and was a resounding success. Thanks to all who were involved in planning and executing the event and to all of those who attended and showed their support!

Training

We had a fairly jam packed month at JBI with a Comprehensive Systematic Review training being conducted with not only 3 new JBI Fellows sitting in but also Katherine Trowbridge and Di Hoffman both from RDNS; Sayaka Tsuchiya from Osaka, Japan; Daphne James, University of Newcastle; Geoffrey Lattimore University of Western Sydney; Arie Rahadi, Burnett Institute; and Robyn Vast, CSIRO. In addition we also conducted a Clinical Fellowship Program, which also included the Clinical Leadership Training. We hope to see these impending Fellows back early next year to finalise and present their reports.

Presentation

This week, Alexa McArthur (one of our Research Fellows who many will be familiar with as she presents part of the Clinical Fellowship program), along with three others gave her presentation for her **Masters of Clinical Science: Maternal mortality in Cambodia, Malaysia, Thailand and Sri Lanka: a review of practice and policy strategies**. The very next day she learnt that her thesis had been accepted. So we say a big CONGRATULATIONS to Alexa.

Cochrane Nursing Care Field

Many of you within the collaboration are also members of the Cochrane Collaboration and within this the Cochrane Nursing Care Field. There is a Cochrane Colloquium being held in Madrid this year and we are hosting a two-day meeting just prior to this, see banner below.



If you are attending the Colloquium it would be great if you could come earlier and attend the CNCF Symposium.

Please register as soon as possible!

AusAid

We are delighted to announce that we have been successful in securing some funding from AusAid. This will assist in covering some of the costs for our Centres in developing countries to attend the African Summit, JBI Convention and where applicable, the Committee of Directors meeting being held in November.