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ARCS Annual Conference - EOI



Audience: Research Office

The Office for Health and Medical Research (OHMR) is offering up to 100 2-day registrations to attend the Annual ARCS Conference. The conference will provide you with networking, collaboration, and learning opportunities.

An Expression of Interest survey has been created and is available [here](#).

OHMR will distribute the tickets amongst the Local Health Districts and registrants will be contacted directly by OHMR with the outcome of their application by Wednesday 24 May 2023.

Details of the 2023 ARCS Conference are as follows:

Location: International Convention and Exhibition Centre (ICC) Sydney

Date: 6 to 8 June 2023

Registration: 2-day registration

Program: <https://arcs.eventsair.com/2023-arcs-annual-conference/agenda>

Expression of Interest due date: 17 May 2023

To ensure these initiatives are valuable, ticket recipients will be required to complete a survey after attending the conference to evaluate their experience.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact clinicaltrialsNSW@health.nsw.gov.au

Ethics and Governance Bi-Annual Roundtable Roundup

Audience: Research Office

Thank you to those who attended our first Ethics and Governance Roundtable of 2023! It was great to see so many of you in person and we are delighted that you enjoyed the presentations, topics and activities on the day!

The open discussion led by CCLHD was a hit with attendee feedback wanting to see more of that at the next roundtable! You know what that means? Put your thinking caps on and let us know what topic you and your research office want to lead as an open discussion!

We have received some great feedback so far and would love to hear from you if you have not yet provided any! This will help us better structure future roundtables, address topics of interest and understand what has or has not worked.

[Provide your feedback using this survey!](#)

Getting to know Dr Jean-Frédéric Levesque: Deputy Secretary for Clinical Innovation and Research

Audience: Research Office/Researcher



Want to know a little more about the newly appointed Deputy Secretary for NSW Health's new division of Clinical Innovation and Research?

Then check out this profile piece: *Dr Jean-Frédéric Levesque: Bridging science and healthcare policy* on the [OHMR website](#) or via [OHMR's Twitter account](#).

It provides great insight into Jean-Fred's background from growing up in Quebec, qualifications and experience in medicine, research and public health in a number of different countries and plans for the future!

INSPIRE Magazine - NSW Health's Medical Devices Fund

Audience: Research Office/Researchers

The Enterprise Team within the Office for Health and Medical Research (OHMR) recently published an article 'NSW Health's Medical Devices Fund' in INSPIRE magazine, [which you can read here on page 46](#).

This is a fantastic article that provides great information around OHMR's role with the medical devices fund and the types of health innovations the fund has supported.

More information on the NSW Health medical devices fund, [can be found here on the OHMR website](#).

Research Office Contribution

NNSWLHD - The Rural Research Collaborative Learning Network (RR-CLaN)

In an effort to provide research education and training opportunities to build research capacity, Northern NSW LHD, in collaboration with 10 NSW Local Health Districts and 5 QLD Hospital and Health

Services, established the Rural Research Collaborative Learning Network (RR-CLaN). The RR-CLaN research and education training calendar, as the first initiative of the network, leverages from resources of member organisations to deliver content that already exists. Formally launched in February 2023, the RR-CLaN research and education training calendar led with its first seminar on “How to do a literature review”, which was presented by Dr Kimberley Davis, Senior Research Clinician, Research Operations, Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District. The RR-CLaN’s mission, objectives, outcomes, and long-term vision are as follows.



Mission

To develop a rural, regional and remote collaborative learning network that supports high-quality research education and training of healthcare professionals to build key skills necessary to use and undertake research to improve healthcare delivery and assist health services to achieve their strategic objectives.

Objectives

- Bring together a series of high-quality education and training opportunities derived from existing resources and content from member organisations.
- Deliver high-quality education and training opportunities to all staff working in rural, regional and remote areas and partner organisations.
- Create a collaborative education and training environment across rural, regional and remote LHDs that can assist in the identification of future research and networking opportunities.
- Determine the sustainability of this model of education and training as a vehicle for future rurally driven collaborations.

Outcomes

- Number of education and training opportunities delivered (overall and by research stage).
- Number of member organisation contributions to training calendar (e.g. preparation of content/resources, delivery of seminars)
- Number of registrations to attend sessions, attendance during live seminars and views of recorded seminars on the RR-CLaN’s YouTube channel.
- Evaluation and feedback on seminars and presented content.

Long term vision

As the first initiative of the RR-CLaN, the collaborative development of a research education and training calendar is a proof-of-concept that, if successful, could be used as a vehicle to provide further education, training and networking opportunities to staff working in rural, regional and remote areas and more broadly in the future. To date, we have run 4 sessions in 2023, reaching over 800 plus unique individuals during live attendance and more through the viewing of recordings posted on the [RR-CLaN's YouTube channel](#).

If you have any questions or would like to know more about the RR-CLaN, please contact Dr Alex Stephens, Director of Research, Northern NSW LHD on Alexandre.Stephens@health.nsw.gov.au.

*Up next is **SWSLHD!** We look forward to your contribution for **Issue 9 - 23 May 2023***

Researcher/Coordinator Contributions

Are you part of a research team that has created some great resources or worked through an issue or teamed up with your Research Office to streamline a process? We know this newsletter is going out far and wide AND we also know YOUR colleagues would love to hear what you've been doing. Feel free to send in a short blurb about what you're up to and we'll sing your success from the rooftops!

Upcoming events and dates

Audience: Research Office/Researcher



2023 Events and Dates

Researcher Training: Remaining cycles are scheduled for **July and September**. [Register your interest here.](#)

Research Office Training: Cycles are scheduled for **June, August and October**. [Register your interest here.](#)

June: Aboriginal Health & Medical Research Council (AH&MRC) Ethics Forum, 27 June 2023. To register your interest, please email ethics@ahmrc.org.au.

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All previous version of the fortnightly email are available from the REGIS website: <https://regis.health.nsw.gov.au/news-and-events/regis-office-webinars/>

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