

Centre of Research Excellence for the Study of Naevi



Naevus CRE Update - 1 Sept 2016

Upcoming CRE Events

- **2nd CRE Consumer Forum** is being held at the TRI on **Thursday 15th September** from 2pm, Room 2007. The main focus of this forum will be on partner-assisted skin examination and how technology can help.
- **2016 CRE Researcher in Residence, Associate Professor Lois Loescher, will be in Brisbane from the 8th to 16th September.**

Lois is a behavioural scientist working at the Skin Cancer Institute at the Arizona Cancer Center, The University of Arizona, Tuscon, USA and has a distinguished career focusing on the development of skin cancer prevention and early detection programs and intervention materials. Her stay coincides with the 2nd Consumer Forum, in which she will participate.
- **“Does your Research Make a Difference? Translation of Sun Protection and UVR Risk Reduction Behaviour into Community Settings”**

A/Prof Lois Loescher will present this seminar on **Thurs 15th September**, 11am-12pm, Room 2004 at the Translational Research Institute (TRI).

CRE News and Progress

- The **Core Study** (also called the **Mind your Moles Study**) is still awaiting approval from the Australian Electoral Commission, which will give us access to a list of residents of greater Brisbane from the state electoral roll for the recruitment of participants. The recent election has resulted in delays in the application process. A recruitment brochure has been finalised to send out to potential participants once we receive AEC approval.
- **Program I: Genetics and Epidemiology of Naevi** continues with 607 participants recruited and monitored since the beginning of 2014. In association with data collected since 2011, we now have 1170 participants and are on target to recruit 1200 participants by the end of 2016.

This CRE Program is an extension of work already commenced under NHMRC Project Grant APP1062935 ‘Genotype associations with dermoscopic naevus patterns’ 2014-2016, and NHMRC Project Grant APP1004999 2011-2013.
- **Program II: Consumer Facilitated Naevi Monitoring** will utilise participants recruited as part of the CRE Core Study, and will commence at their 6 month follow up appointment. This CRE Program is complemented by NHMRC Partnership Project APP1113962 ‘Redesigning skin cancer early detection and care’ 2015-2018. As part of this Partnership Project, consumers participated in focus groups to assist in the creation of a consumer app which is currently being created by Fotofinder and may then also be used or modified for CRE Program II.

- **Program III: Molecular and Genetic Properties of Changing Naevi** recruitment is continuing. Currently 8 advanced melanoma patients and 9 control participants have undergone their baseline imaging and data collection appointment.
- **Dr Elsemieke Plasmeijer** (<https://naevi.centre.uq.edu.au/profile/254/dr-elsemieke-plasmeijer>), a dermatologist and public health researcher from the Netherlands, commenced at the beginning of August as a CRE Postdoc. She will be involved in the CRE Core Study, where her dermatological training and epidemiological expertise will be well utilised. One of her first tasks will be to work together with Dr Uyen Koh (Project Coordinator – Core Study) to conduct a systematic review of the evidence of changing moles in adults.
- **Melanoma/Skin Cancer MOOC (Massive Open Online Course)** development was being considered, in conjunction with UQx, for release in late 2017 or 2018. We have recently been advised that UQx capacity to undertake projects has been allocated to existing projects or reserved for UQ Student Strategy projects for the foreseeable future. Peter is furthering discussion on alternative pathways to provide resources for development of a melanoma/skin cancer MOOC.