From your **SPH AMS Administrator**: Anita Lucas
**OFFICE HOURS** Mon, Tues 8:45am -4:45pm; Wed 9:30am–1:00pm
SPH, 207 Bouverie St, Level 4, Room 427

**PLEASE NOTE:**
*I WILL BE ON LEAVE DURING THE WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY OCTOBER 1 (RETURNING OCTOBER 8)*
If you wish to borrow a report from the SPH AMS Library during this period, please see Meg McKay in my office (Room 427). Any other urgent enquiries during this week are to be forwarded to the SPH AMS Coordinator, Dr Ali Brookes on abroo@unimelb.edu.au


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**To All SPH AMS students**
In this bulletin you will find important information on

1. Ethics Application Dates
2. Fieldwork Applications
3. Special Events – Monday 12th November
4. Current Tips from Supervisors
5. What are your fellow SPH AMS students studying this year?
6. Ride to Work Day – Wednesday October 17

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### 1. Ethics Application Dates
For AMS students whose research project requires ethics approval, this is a reminder of the dates for the remaining Ethics Committee meetings for the 2007 year.


For applications which are classified as low–risk (ie expedited review) they can be approved at SPH DHEAG. All others will need to go for further review at the Health Sciences Human Ethics Sub-Committee. For further details go to [http://www.research.unimelb.edu.au/humanethics/processes/dates/](http://www.research.unimelb.edu.au/humanethics/processes/dates/)

Please plan your application with guidance from your supervisor. With the AMS year being so short, a late application can be very detrimental to you being able to submit on time.

All SPH AMS students have been given access to Themis for application submission. Please make sure that you activate your account prior to using Themis [http://www.sph.unimelb.edu.au/ethics/studentaccess](http://www.sph.unimelb.edu.au/ethics/studentaccess)
2. Fieldwork Applications
If any AMS student is intending to embark on a period of fieldwork, either international or local (more that 50km outside of their rural or metropolitan area), they must complete and return an application for fieldwork form. This must be completed and returned to Katie Dumas, Faculty AMS Administrator, Medical Education Unit, at least six weeks before you go, along with a proposed itinerary.

Make sure that you first consult your supervisor, then download an application form from the Faculty AMS website at http://www.medicine.unimelb.edu.au/ams/forms/forms_resources.html

3. Special Events – Monday 12th November

FOR ALL SPH AMS STUDENTS

WHERE: SPH, 207 Bouverie St, Carlton. Level 5, Room 515

WHEN: Monday 12th November

1:00 –2:00 pm PIZZA LUNCH (End of Semester Celebration)
2:00–3:30pm WRITING SKILLS WORKSHOP 1

SPH AMS Writing Skills Workshop 1:
Getting started on your report and preparing for the February Work–in–Progress presentations

The session is designed to prepare you for the commencement of your second Semester on January 21 2008. It will focus specifically on the type of reports to be produced by SPH AMS students and will be conducted in house by SPH AMS Coordinators/Supervisors. It is scheduled in the last week of the AMS semester, so make sure that you are available.

Don’t miss the end of Semester Pizza Lunch beforehand!!

4. Current Tips from Supervisors

At this time of year, AMS supervisors have suggested the following useful tips:

How to conduct a literature search
For some great tips on how to conduct a literature search, go to the following site

This site addresses issues such as
- Critical Reading
- Reviewing and Rethinking
- Plagiarism
- Structure of a Literature Review
- Starting to Write – Constructing your argument and academic language

This link has also been added to the SPH AMS Current Students Page for future reference.
Reference Lists

You should have a reference list well under way by now. If you are going to use EndNote, now is the time to start. Remember, if you are experiencing difficulties with EndNote, refer to the notes on http://www.lib.unimelb.edu.au/endnote/ or email your tutor from Study Skills Week with specific problems. If you would like to attend a refresher (repeat) EndNote course see http://buffy.infodiv.unimelb.edu.au/infolit/libclass for dates.

Time Management

If you feel time is slipping away, or you are not making much progress, make a weekly timetable, and allocate specific timeslots for research.

5. What are your fellow SPH AMS students studying this year?

From the project outlines I have received so far, I have put together a list of the research topics being investigated by School of Population Health AMS students this year. These topics will of course be further refined during the year. Project Outline were due to be submitted to the Faculty AMS Office AND SPH AMS Office on August 20. If you are yet forward your project outline to my office, could you please do so (anita.lucas@unimelb.edu.au or ams-sph@unimelb.edu.au).

As you will recall, the project outlines are not assessed. All reports will be read and you will be contacted only if there is any important feedback or issues. If you don't hear anything you should assume that everything is OK.

SPH AMS Research Topics

Sexual Health

• Do HIV-infected patients treated with tenofovir for long-term has higher probability of developing nephrotoxicity compare to others who are not treated with tenofovir?
• Determine the level of understanding that men who have sex with men (MSM) have regarding HPV and its newly developed vaccine as well as how the HPV vaccine could be introduced to MSM.

Public Health Perspectives in Women's Health

• Management of asymptomatic Chlamydia in clinical practice

International Mental Health

• Social distancing and concealment of physical and mental disorders in Chinese and Australian tertiary students.
• The profile of needs among the families and caregivers of patients receiving care from community mental health services at Hospital Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (HUKM)

Medical Humanities

• To what extent is society influential in the changing views of Anorexia as a social or biomedical disease in modern times
• Does the legalisation of prostitution facilitate sex trafficking and impact the form in which it takes?
• How is climate change addressed from different political, economical, and geographical positions?
It is often useful to chat with your fellow AMS students about issues you are grappling with and use them as a sounding board. If you happen to come across an interesting article on an issue another student is studying, I am sure that they would appreciate you passing it on.

6. Ride to Work Day – Wednesday October 17
Whether you are a regular rider or you are considering riding to Uni for the first time, Ride to Work Day on October 17 is the perfect opportunity for you to join your friends and colleagues. This year it is a national event.

Some reasons why you may consider riding to work/uni:
1. To look good and feel great
2. Reduce your likelihood of suffering from obesity, heart disease, depression and some types of cancer
3. Avoid the petrol price hike – save money!
4. Do your bit for the environment
Or simply because everyone is doing it!


Regards
Anita