**1. AMS Writing Skills Workshops**

As there was limited interest in the proposed fortnightly SPH AMS Writing Support Group advertised in last month’s Email Bulletin 6, two writing workshops one week apart will be offered to students in mid March instead.

**Writing Workshop 2**  Monday March 10th, 3:00–5:00pm, Level 4  Room 405B

**Writing Workshop 3**  Monday March 17th, 3:00–5:00pm, Level 4  Room 405B

As with the proposed support group, the key aim of the two workshops is to enable students to gauge whether the purpose of their writing is met: i.e. being clear regarding what role or task a particular piece of writing has within your project, and ensuring it is achieved.

Students will be asked to forward some examples of their written work prior to the session. This work will be circulated and discussed during the session, providing a valuable reader’s perspective of your writing.

**Please confirm your interest in attending Writing Workshops 2 & 3 on March 10 & 17 by emailing me on** ams-sph@unimelb.edu.au

**2. Supervisor Response to written drafts**

Please remember that in developing your writing strategy, you must also take into consideration the demands on your supervisor’s time. Don’t expect to be able to dump your whole report on the desk at the last minute and receive good feedback. Your supervisor may also have other AMS students who are seeking feedback at the same time. Talk to your supervisor about the deadlines you have set and see if your expectations can be met.

**3. February Work-in-Progress Presentations**

Congratulations to all students who presented their project at last week’s work in progress presentation. I was most impressed by the enthusiasm you showed for your research and the plans you had made for completing on time.

**All CHS AMS students were assessed on their work in progress presentations. These students can collect marked feedback sheets from my office (Room 427) from next Monday 25th Feb during my work hours (Mon, Tues & Wed am)**
There are three remaining AMS work in progress presentations scheduled for next week. You are all welcome and encouraged to attend to learn about these interesting topics and join in the discussion.

**Wednesday 27th February, 11:00–11:30am**
**SPH 207 Bouverie St, Room 516, Level 5**
11:00–11:30am
Michael O’Brien, Medical Humanities
‘Leadership and role models for young Indigenous Australians involved in the Rumbalara Football and Netball Club’
Supervisors: Yin Paradies & Rachel Riley

**Thursday 28th February, 12:00–1:00pm**
**Melbourne Sexual Health Centre (MSHC), 580 Swanston St, Don Jacobs Room**
(Please enter through the main entrance, sign your name in the register and follow the signs to => AMS Presentations)
12:00–12:30pm
Yi Man Lee, Public Health Perspectives in Women’s Health
‘Management of Asymptomatic Chlamydia in Clinical Practice’
Supervisors: Jane Hocking & Kit Fairley

12:30–1:00pm
Devamalar Simatherai, Sexual Health
‘What men who have sex with men (MSM) think about the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccine’
Supervisors: Kit Fairley, Marcus Chen & Catriona Bradshaw

**4. Faculty AMS Website**
You are probably all aware of the Faculty AMS web site
http://www.medicine.unimelb.edu.au

If you haven’t looked at it for a while, now is probably a good time to reacquaint yourself with the information it contains. Items of particular interest to you at this stage of the AMS year are probably

Forms and resources

Report format and submission
http://www.medicine.unimelb.edu.au/ams/structure/format_submission.html

If you combine this with the information for 'Current Students' on the SPH AMS webpages http://www.sph.unimelb.edu.au/undergrad/ams/current/ you should have all the information you need!

**5. SPH Seminar Series – Semester 1 2008**
The Melbourne School of Population Health Seminar Program for Semester 1 2008 is now available at http://www.sph.unimelb.edu.au/about/seminars. Have a look at the program. You are welcome to attend any seminars of interest.

Unless specified otherwise, these seminars will be held on Wednesdays at 12.30pm at Room 515, Level 5, 207 Bouverie Street, Carlton. RSVP not required.

**First Seminar in 2008 – 5 March**
Dr John Carnie, Chief Health Officer, Department of Human Services, Victoria will speak about "A day in the life of the Chief Health Officer, Victoria".

Seminar programs from individual SPH Centres will be released soon.
6. Progress Report 2 – Due April 7

The purpose of this second progress report is to provide an opportunity for you and your Project Supervisor to review and evaluate your progress against your set goals. This report will alert the AMS Coordinator of any potential hindrances to progress, so that appropriate measures can be taken.

The second progress report is to be completed in conjunction with your AMS Project Supervisor. A section for student comments is provided and should also be completed. It is to be signed by both parties, and submitted to the Faculty Education Unit by Monday April 7, 2008 by the Project Supervisor. Forms may alternatively be faxed to 03 8344 0188.

Please download the ‘Progress Report 2’ form from the Faculty AMS website http://www.medicine.unimelb.edu.au/ams/forms/forms_resources.html and set aside a time to discuss your progress with your supervisor before the beginning of April.

7. Printing Quotas

At the beginning of the AMS year, all SPH AMS students were allocated a printing quota for use in the Bouverie St AMS Room.

If you require extra printing credits in addition to your quota, they can be purchased in $5 blocks from the SPH Reception Desk on Level 4. Printing costs are set at 10 cents per page (whether it be double sided or single sided). It would therefore make the most sense (and be better for the environment) if you could use the double sided option.

Please note that all computers in the AMS room will be automatically shut down at 4:55pm and the computer room will be locked at 5pm.

All the best for the coming month. I look forward to seeing you around. Don't hesitate to contact me with any queries.

Cheers
Anita