

## CHAA NEWSLETTER - November 2006

### INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the ninth CHAA Newsletter for 2006. This newsletter continues the monthly series intended to disseminate useful sources of information and update our sponsors and key stakeholders regarding key CHAA research, events, and achievements.

Thanks once again to all our sponsors from the Health Capital Asset Managers' Consortium (HCAMC) jurisdictions for their ongoing support and feedback. Thank you also to our UNSW sponsors, especially those in the Faculty of the Built Environment (FBE).

### EVENTS

#### CHAA Conference 2007- Update

Thank you to the many people who submitted Expressions of Interest in presenting at the CHAA Conference 2007 "Future Health Facilities: Sustainability, Financing, Design & Research" to be held at The University of New South Wales on **Monday the 19th & Tuesday 20th February 2007**.

The Program Review Committee, comprising representatives from the health facilities industry, public sector and academia, have assisted the Conference Convenor, Steve Tipper, in development of a great Program (due for publication via the CHAA website later this week). Please note that the CHAA Conference 2007 CLOSING DATE FOR ABSTRACT or FULL PAPERS is Monday 6th November 2006 unless alternative arrangements have been agreed. Please also send the [Flyer](#) to colleagues!

#### CHAA Christmas Party

- **Seminar 13<sup>th</sup> December 2006**

You are invited to a 'double-bunger' event to wrap up the end of year with CHAA staff and colleagues.

**From 5.30-6.30pm Jane Carthey and CHAA staff will review the research highlights of 2006 and 'show' the new CHAA logos & design scheme for future presentations.**

**From 6.30pm you are invited to "Christmas Drinks"** in the Red Centre West Wing (UNSW) with colleagues from CHAA.Net. Our drinks are proudly sponsored this year by **Polyflor Australia** [{website}](#). Polyflor were a past sponsor of the CHAA Conference (2005) and their commitment to supporting our work and celebrative networking is much appreciated.

#### CHAA Australasian Seminar Series update

The HCAMC Seminar organized by the New Zealand Ministry of Health for 25th October 2006 was another great success. Jane Carthey presented on the Australasian Health Facility Guidelines with discussion of CHAA research and development to date & user feedback:

*"The NZ seminar held in Wellington and hosted by the MOH was very successful with about 50 people attending from a mix of industry backgrounds i.e. architects, project directors, engineers, DHB people, etc. Interest in the guidelines project is particularly high with debate about how to implement the use of the guidelines more quickly and also in terms of fine tuning them to NZ particular conditions."*

*Interest was also expressed in other CHAA research especially the POE and BM projects. There is a lot of interest in adding data to these projects also and a high level of endorsement for the MOH and DHB (District Health Boards) to work with CHAA on this.*

*In addition, there is a high level of interest in our website and in using it as an information dissemination tool for the NZ health industry – service and facility related. There was agreement that CHAA was best placed to be a central repository of resources and they look on using us in that way.*

These seminars have now been held in Adelaide, South Australia (20<sup>th</sup> June) organised by Asset Services, South Australian Department of Health; in Canberra for the ACT Health jurisdiction (20<sup>th</sup> July); in Perth, Western Australia (2<sup>nd</sup> August); in Brisbane for Queensland Health (20<sup>th</sup> September) and in New Zealand. A forward plan for 2007 is in development for all (7) jurisdictions.

## NSW Health Seminar Series 2006

- **Seminar 18<sup>th</sup> October 2006**

This was a great seminar (**Theme: Culture and Health as elements of design**) with three excellent speakers and thirty-eight (38) attendees from multi-disciplinary backgrounds. A special one page [Reading List](#) of information on this topic has been created. Our thanks go to the [speakers](#) for providing such interesting and informative presentations.

## BOOK LAUNCH

The publishing launch of the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of "Risk Management in Projects" (Loosemore M, Raftery J, Reilly C, Higgon D. published by Taylor and Francis, London) was held on the 30th October 2006 in Sydney ([photos](#)). **Professor Martin Loosemore**, a member of the CHAA Board, is one of the four authors. A [preface](#) to the book is available online and orders in Australia can be placed with: Alice Bell, Trade Product Manager, Palgrave Macmillan, Tel (03) 9825 1154, Fax (03) 9825 1010 Email: [palgrave@macmillan.com.au](mailto:palgrave@macmillan.com.au) for details.

## BOARD OF GOVERNANCE & PROJECTS UPDATE

- **New Board of Governance Chair – Devon Diggle**

The CHAA Board has selected Mr Devon Diggle, Senior Advisor Assets & Capital, Ministry of Health, New Zealand as its new Chair, effective November 2006. The Board, Health Capital Asset Managers Consortium colleagues and CHAA staff wish to thank Mr David Gates (representing NSW Health) for his support as the founding Chair of the CHAA Board of Governance.

- **Australasian HFG Announcement**

The launch of the Australasian Health Facility Guidelines in the last week of November 2006 is on target following completion of the current review process. The launch will occur in Perth, Western Australia concurrent with CHAA Governance Board & Health Capital Asset Managers Consortium meetings (22-24<sup>th</sup> November). This is a significant achievement created by teamwork of the CHAA Program 1 (Standards & Guidelines) team led by Jane Carthey. **The Australasian HFG's are accessible via our new website: [www.healthfacilityguidelines.com.au](http://www.healthfacilityguidelines.com.au)** (CURRENT STATUS: ACCESSIBILITY TESTING ONLY until notification via CHAA.Net email and CHAA website)

- **Benchmarking & POE Program**

Please refer to last months ([October](#)) Newsletter for the profile on Tim Earnshaw, Program Manager and contact Tim ([t.earnshaw@unsw.edu.au](mailto:t.earnshaw@unsw.edu.au)) for details on this Program.

- **Capacity Building Program**

The "[Links & References](#)" section of the CHAA website has a new '**Publications**' document. This is an introductory reading and reference alphabetical list of resources available online for books, journals, magazines & newsletters on general facility & health facility design, planning, maintenance and management. Future updates in 2007 will be in .pdf format for fast download, with feedback and additional resources welcome: contact [Steve Tipper](#) with your resource or search questions. Other activities within the Program (seminars, conference, and workforce review) are progressing well under the guidance of the Capacity Building Working Party.

## CHAA PERSONNEL

- **Dr Keiko Hirota, Research Associate, CHAA**



Keiko submitted her thesis "Indoor air quality and post-disaster public housing" for award of her Doctorate (PhD) last session 2005. The thesis is available at:

<http://www.library.unsw.edu.au/~thesis/adt-NUN/public/adt-NUN20060622.115939/index.html>

**Keiko's current projects:**

- Keiko is working with both Tim Earnshaw and Steven Tipper on CHAA Programs 2 & 3 and has a range of research interests (<http://www.fbe.unsw.edu.au/staff/Keiko.Hirota/>) plus
- Benchmarking & POE methodology development
- Capacity Building projects ( e.g., CHAA Conference 2007 papers review & organisation)

**Background - before CHAA:**

- Architect (B Arch UNSW) with experience in based in Japan for projects all over the world including in the USA, Canada, Malaysia, Singapore, France, Finland, Taiwan & Australia.

**Most recently studying:**

- Doctorate (PhD UNSW) completed 2005

**Favourite past-time at CHAA:**

- 'Participating in discussions of CHAA future research' & reminiscing of a past short visit to Australia for a month drinking beer & socialising before full-time work.

**BOOKMARKS OF THE MONTH:**

**Climate Change & Health**



A [pre-configured](#) Google Advanced Search yielded Results (any language = 21,700,000) of about 18,500,000 English for health "climate change". (0.13 seconds). However, some excellent and concise information on "climate and health" is available, for example from the World Health Organisation or ask us for others:  
<http://www.who.int/globalchange/climate/en/index.html>



**Designing the 21st Century Hospital: Environmental Leadership for Healthier Patients and Facilities**

[Papers](#) in .pdf format presented by The Center for Health Design® and Health Care without Harm at a conference sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, September 2006 (Six papers exploring the environmental impact hospitals have on their patients, staff, and communities. Source Link: <http://www.rwjf.org/files/publications/other/Report%20-%20Designingthe21stCenturyHospital-September2006.pdf>

This reference was also cited by the ACHSE Health Planning and Management Library [Bulletin](#), October issue, email Thu 2/11/2006 4:46 PM

**FUTURE MONTHS:**

Please circulate the newsletter amongst your colleagues, consultants, contractors, etc and encourage them to go to our website at [www.chaa.net.au](http://www.chaa.net.au) to register for CHAA.Net free membership.

We welcome your feedback on areas of particular interest that we can address in future newsletters. Please email your comments, links for useful resources, news items etc for the next newsletter **by Friday, 24th November 2006.**

On behalf of the CHAA Team, I look forward to your comments on the Newsletter and participation in future CHAA activities.

Regards,

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