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NEW funding vehicle for supporting policy and practice focussed research – Partnerships for Better Health. Call for applications.

NHMRC Partnerships Projects initiative was designed to meet the need for a more effective integration of evidence into health policy and service delivery. This initiative will help create partnerships among policy makers, managers, service providers and researchers, and will provide funding for researchers and partner agencies to work together, define research questions, undertake research, and interpret the findings. Application forms and further information are now available on our [website](#). Applications close on 19 December 2008.

Registering Clinical Trials

Researchers are reminded that all clinical trials funded by the NHMRC must be registered with the [Australia and New Zealand Clinical Trial Registry](#).

The International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICJME) - which includes, among many others, the Medical Journal of Australia, The Lancet and The New England Journal of Medicine - will only consider a trial for publication if it has been registered before the enrolment of the first patient.

Applications open for the International Human Frontier Science Fellowships Scheme

[Applications](#) are now open for the International Human Frontier Science Program (HSFP) Fellowships scheme to commence funding in 2009. The deadline for pre-registration and initialising an application is 28 August 2008. The Fellowship submission deadline is 11 September 2008.

Australia, through the NHMRC, is an international member of the HSFP. HSFP supports novel, innovative and interdisciplinary basic research focused on living organisms. The program has an interdisciplinary focus and fellowships are offered to scientists from fields such as physics, mathematics, chemistry, computer science, engineering as well as biology to focus on problems at the frontier of the life sciences.

NHMRC/ARC 2008 Research Administrator's Seminar

NHMRC/ARC 2008 [Research Administrator's Seminar](#) will be held in association with the Australian Research Management Society (ARMS), 6-7 November 2008 at the National Convention Centre, Canberra.

2008 National HREC Chairs Roundtable

NHMRC will host the fourth annual Human Research Ethics Committee Chairs' Roundtable on 21 August 2008 at La Trobe University, Victoria, 9:00am – 5:30pm.

HREC Chairs will discuss issues including good research practice and successful strategies and procedures for ethical review. Attendance at the Roundtable is by [registration](#) only.

WHO/NHMRC Public Seminar on International Water Quality Initiatives

Dr Jamie Bartram from the World Health Organization's (WHO) Water, Sanitation and Health Programme will discuss WHO's latest water initiatives and global challenges of water quality and health at a free NHMRC public seminar to be held from 11am until 12 noon on Tuesday 2 September, at the CSIRO Discovery Centre, Canberra .

To attend, please contact: <mailto:nhmrc.media@nhmrc.gov.au>

Podcast: Professor Ian Frazer on the Gardasil journey

The road to realising a medical breakthrough can be a long and bumpy ride, as Professor Ian Frazer discovered, but finally reaching your destination can be immensely satisfying. Now the Director of the Diamantina Institute for Cancer, Immunology and Metabolic Medicine, Professor Frazer spent more than 20 years studying the human papilloma virus and developing the world's first vaccine that helps prevent cervical cancer, Gardasil.

In this [podcast](#) he tells Dr Mark Bradley about the twists and turns, potholes and dead ends in his extraordinary journey of discovery.