REWARD - Prestigious 2 million Euro project (2014-2019)

Professor Thomas Pogge was able to attract European Research Council Funding, which is awarded to exceptional research leaders and pioneering work. The team around Thomas works on measuring health impact.

If health gains could be reliably measured, some important new medicines could be rewarded with public funds according to their health impact, rather than through patent-protected mark-ups, which would make these drugs affordable from day 1 even to poor patients.

The Centre is joined by the high-profile Indian think-tank RIS (ris.org.in), which is affiliated to the Indian Ministry of External Affairs. It is a special privilege to work with the Director General of RIS, Dr Sachin Chaturvedi and his colleague Dr Srinivas. Sachin was introduced to Centre News readers in our very first issue in 2009.

New Staff - Welcome to Francesca and Ami

Dr Francesca Cavallaro (Research Fellow) and Dr Amitava Banerjee (Senior Research Fellow) joined the Centre in April 2014. Francesca is a cognitive scientist who worked in rehabilitation technology before moving to the UK. She is the work package leader Dissemination for ProGReSS (progressproject.eu) and also contributes to the project’s industry deliverables.

Dr Amitava Banerjee is a cardiologist, whose main clinical position is at University College London. He leads the empirical work on REWARD, which uses real-life data on stroke to ascertain how health impact of individual drugs could be measured. Welcome to both!
New Secondments – Welcome to Aidan, Mohammed and Chris

For part of their time, three new colleagues are seconded to the Centre’s REWARD project.

Professor Aidan Hollis joins us from the economics department of the University of Calgary in Canada. He leads research on performance based reimbursement in health.

Dr Mohammed El’Said joins us from the UCLan Law School and examines legal impediments to performance based reimbursement.

Dr Chris Sutton is the senior statistician on REWARD who works closely with Amitava on real-life data sets on stroke.

Welcome too!

New Research Support Staff – Welcome to Jane and Alex

From the College of Health and Wellbeing’s research support team, we have two new staff working with us on a longer term basis. Jane Burnell, a medical statistician provides support on REWARD and Alex Rawcliffe supports both ProGReSS and REWARD. Alex (pictured right) has produced this newsletter. Welcome and thanks to Alex!

New PhD Student

Barry Guihen started his MPhil/PhD research with Thomas and Doris in October 2015.

He is associated with the REWARD project and his thesis title is:

“Ethical Issues in Improving Access to Life-Saving Drugs through Health Performance Indicators”.

Barry introducing his topic to fellow PhD students Kate Chatfield and Sam Ujewe
New books

The Centre is expanding its existing relationship with high-profile publisher Springer.


A book co-authored by Doris with Dr Kostas Iatridis from Uclan Cyprus will be out in the autumn. It is entitled: “Responsible Research and Innovation in Industry - The Case for Corporate Responsibility Tools”.

The Centre goes into Film-making!

On our EU-funded project, ProGReSS (2013-2016), we have gone into documentary making! Led by Amy Dean, a film student at UCLan, a range of interviews were filmed and two short documentaries made. They can be watched at the Progress YouTube channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKrILNrxHNiuxp0Rsc4pQ

We are particularly proud that SciDevNet have incorporated our Buchu film into their article: “Firms and indigenous people can be partners”, see:


ProGReSS Project at CASS and WHO

The ProGReSS project held meetings at the Institute of World Economics and Politics, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) (May 2014) and the World Health Organization (WHO) (May 2015). In Beijing, the conference involving policy makers, policy advisors and scholars from around the world emphasized the importance of inclusive innovation.

The conference at the WHO was co-organised with the Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (TDR), a global programme of scientific collaboration that helps facilitate, support and influence efforts to combat diseases of poverty.

The workshop, which also featured speakers from the Wellcome Trust and the Council on Health Research for Development (COHRED), focused on social innovations.
10 Years of Collaborating with the San

In September 2014, the ProGReSS project organised a local stakeholder event near Cape Town, filmed the Buchu documentary and marked 10 years of collaboration between the Centre and various San organisations, in particular the South African San Institute (SASI).

How indigenous peoples can contribute to health innovations was the one of the topics discussed.

News about future collaborations will be in the next newsletter.

The funding has already been found through Horizon 2020!!

Meet our Collaborators

A regular feature taking a look at the eminent careers of some of our key collaborators.

Dr Dr Sally Dalton Brown is Dean at Trinity College, University of Melbourne, Australia. Born in Johannesburg, she obtained a PhD scholarship for St John’s, Cambridge, to read Russian Literature in the 1980s.

After hosting Doris at Trinity College for several visits, and given her strong, prior interest in ethics, she undertook PhD research on Global Ethics at the Centre from 2011-2014. Her thesis has recently been published by Springer (see separate news item). She is also a talented painter, see:

http://www.picassosdust.com/#%21gallery/c78v

Left: Sally obtains her second doctorate in July 2014 (here with fellow graduate Dr Roger Chennells).