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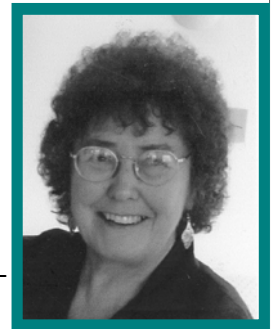
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A shortened newsletter this time to accompany the NZiRA 2004 Annual Report. I hope you will agree that this shows evidence of wide and varied activities for the institute, from seminars and overseas visitors to public speaking and contract research.

We have more of the same planned for 2005, as you will see below, and we hope that network members will be involved as extensively as possible. Remember we always welcome feedback and suggestions from you, to make NZiRA as responsive and relevant

as possible
—*Judith Davey*



**NZiRA Director
Judith Davey**

Visit of Sara Arber

Professor Sara Arber will visit New Zealand in early March during a short sabbatical period in Canberra at the Australian National University. The visit is supported by NZiRA, the NZ Association of Gerontology, the Ministry of Social Development, plus other sponsors. There are several opportunities for NZiRA network members to hear Sara in Christchurch and Wellington.

Christchurch

Contact: Dr Sally Keeling - sally.keeling@chmeds.ac.nz
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Thursday, 3rd March, 12.00 – 1.00pm

The effect of gender and age on primary care doctors' decision-making in relation to Coronary Heart Disease.

Dept of Public Health and General Practice, Seminar Series, St Elmo Courts, 1st Floor Seminar Room, 47 Hereford St, Christchurch School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

Thursday, 3rd March, 5.30-7.00pm

Researching food consumption in later life: The implications of gender and living alone
Canterbury Branch, New Zealand Association of Gerontology (NZAG), and Christchurch Branch, New Zealand Dietetic Association. Hurst Seager Room, Arts Centre, Hereford St, Christchurch. (Gold coin donation to assist with expenses).

Friday, 4th March, 10.00 – 11.00 am

Gender and Ageing: Inequalities in material, health and social resources

School of Sociology and Anthropology Seminar Series, University of Canterbury, Room 252, Link Block, Christchurch.

Wellington

Contact: Judith Davey - Judith.Davey@vuw.ac.nz
 New Zealand Institute for Research on Ageing, Victoria University of Wellington, Wellington
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Monday, 7th March, 2.00pm

Age, Gender and Equity – Implications for pensions and health policy
 MSD Conference Rooms, Ministry of Social Development, Bowen State Building, Wellington.
 Please inform Antonia Reid of the MSD if you wish to attend – phone (04) 918 9569,
 email Antonia.Reid004@msd.govt.nz

Tuesday, 8th March, 12.00

'Negotiating Sleep among Couples across the Life Course
 Sleep-Wake Research Centre, Massey University, Wellington
 Please inform the Centre for Public Health Research if you wish to attend - phone (04) 3800 602)

Tuesday, 8th March, 5-7 pm, Room 220, Level 2, Murphy Building, Kelburn Parade
'The Myth of Generational Conflict? Family and State in Ageing Societies
 NZiRA, Victoria University of Wellington. Wellington

2005 TOWER Fellowship Programme

Dr. Mary Davies, recently retired Director of the Pre-Retirement Association of Great Britain and Northern Ireland will be visiting New Zealand from late March to late April. Here is an outline of her programme.

March 29/30	Dunedin
March 31/April 1	Christchurch
April 1-8	Wellington
April 11	Hamilton
April 12-15	Auckland
April 18	Palmerston North
April 19-21	Wellington



Topics for Mary's presentations include: *Managing an Ageing Workforce, Transitions from work to retirement, Work in later life—turning threat into opportunity, New approaches to retirement planning, Older people, sexuality and disability.*

She will be addressing branches of the Human Resources Institute and the New Zealand Association of Gerontology and giving presentations to government and quasi governmental organisations including the Office of the Retirement Commissioner, Equal Employment Opportunity Trust, Careers Service and The Treasury.

Watch out for notices on the NZiRA web site, newsletters of the host organisations and further emails from NZiRA. There are still some activities to finalise and a few spaces on the programme, if network members would like to meet Mary. We hope that her visit will help to promote discussion on important issues for older workers and their employers, on pre-retirement planning and education.

Call for Papers

Symposium for Postgraduates working on topics relevant to Ageing June 21 and 22, 2005, Victoria University of Wellington

Following on the very successful 2003 symposium, NZiRA is calling for papers from postgraduate students working towards, or having recently completed, theses on topics associated with human ageing, especially students adopting social science perspectives and methodologies.

Offers of papers should include an abstract of up to 250 words and a one-page statement including the title and brief outline of your thesis topic (including the stage you have reached), your departmental /school/institutional affiliation and full contact details.

Offers of papers must be received by NZiRA by 13 May, 2005.

From the papers offered a two-day programme will be selected to represent a range of topics, approaches and research methodologies. Sponsorship has been obtained from the Ministry of Social Development and the NZ Association of Gerontology. Some assistance with travel funds within New Zealand will be available to presenters, if required. Registration for the conference will be free, but must be made by 1 June. Registration forms will be available shortly from NZiRA and through the NZiRA web-site www.nzira.ac.nz

Annual Report

The NZiRA 2004 Annual Report accompanies this newsletter and is also available in hard copy form.

Research on Ageing Future Priorities and Capabilities

On the suggestion of NZiRA and other researchers, the Ministry of Social Development has called a meeting on 25 February, to be attended by providers and users of research associated with the social and economic implications of population ageing.

This will address some crucial questions -

- *What should be New Zealand's key priorities for research on ageing over the next ten years?*
- *How do we best ensure that the ageing research sector in New Zealand has the capacity, capability and visibility to meet current and future research needs?*

In a contribution on behalf of NZiRA, Judith Davey will pose questions to the two main groups of participants. For the researchers— how can we frame a collaborative rather than a competitive approach to meeting research needs in the context of population ageing? How can we build on the basis provided by NZiRA to do this? How can this basis be developed to the advantage of everyone?

Public sector participants, who are among the potential users of research, will be asked – how best can NZiRA operate to meet their needs? How can such an institute assist them and add value to their activities? What support would they be prepared to offer?