



ISTIH eNews Christmas 2011

Dear Reader

ISTIH is delighted to bring you this special Christmas edition of the ISTIH eNewsletter.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you, our supporters, for your positive response to our previous newsletters and to recognise your invaluable support of our work this year. ISTIH believes that organisations must recognise the importance of social media in reaching out to the community, and has been encouraged to further enhance our relationship with our support base by fully embracing these platforms. ISTIH would like to urge our supporters to please continue to help us 'spread the word' by re-posting, re-tweeting, and sharing our stories with friends and associates via Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn, to help grow our community outreach in 2012.



2011 was a busy and successful year for the Institute. The latter half of this year featured an exciting race towards the 2011 Ernst and Young Australian Entrepreneur of the Year Awards. Professor Bruce Robinson and myself were named 2011 Ernst & Young Social Entrepreneurs of the Year for the Western Region in June, travelling to Sydney in October to compete for the National title. Our nomination for this award attracted national and international attention, highlighting our Institute's vital work in delivering sustainable clinical skills and disaster relief training to developing communities. I wish to thank all involved for their recognition of and belief in the work of ISTIH.

Amongst many other initiatives and on this occasion In partnership with Dr Miriam O'Connor and the Papua New Guinean National Department of Health, ISTIH has pledged support for the provision of skills training in maternal healthcare to groups in Papua New Guinea. ISTIH's support will provide teaching aids and other materials for Dr O'Connor's training courses in Emergency Obstetric Care, and is made possible through the generosity of one of our donors. The project is in its final development stages, with further details to follow shortly.

On another note Dr Chris Curry, a long time supporter of ISTIH and a member of our Medical Advisory Committee, is currently in talks to develop an Emergency Medicine and Disaster Management training program at the Institute of Medicine at Tribhuvan University in Kathmandu, Nepal. Under the proposed partnership, leading Australian emergency physicians would visit Tribhuvan University's Teaching Hospital and work with local faculty and trainees undertaking the program to provide training for program development and delivery. Nepalese trainees would also visit Australian teaching hospitals for training and to strengthen relationships established through the program. ISTIH hopes to see this program implemented during the next year.

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and a healthy, safe and prosperous New Year. I am sincerely appreciative of your continued support of ISTIH as we move forward into the exciting year to come.

Professor Michael Henderson
Chairman
International Skills and Training Institute in Health

ISTIH AND SQUIRE SANDERS

In October 2011, ISTIH entered into its newest corporate partnership – with Perth-based Squire Sanders Australia.

Squire Sanders Australia provides pro bono legal services to the Institute, continuing the generous support of previous corporate sponsor Minter Ellison Perth. The change of hands corresponded with the merger of Minter Ellison with the global law partnership Squire, Sanders & Dempsey.



[Squire Sanders Australia](#) partner Amber Stanton, formerly of Minter Ellison Perth, will continue to co-ordinate the firm's pro bono work for ISTIH. In September Amber was awarded the 2011 Telstra Businesswoman of the Year Award for WA in the Hudson Corporate and Private Sector category, a worthy recognition of her considerable success and hard work.

ISTIH extends its congratulations and warm thanks to Amber, and looks forward to our continued partnership.

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NEW WEB PORTAL

ISTIH is also creating a new web portal in partnership with the Western Australian Department of Health. This is an exciting development that will provide a central point of connection for clinical health professionals wishing to volunteer their services to overseas projects or affiliate projects, and for international Aid organisations and Governments to advertise their needs for volunteers. Whilst the portal will initially focus on Western Australian health professionals from both public and private sectors, the portal will be open to all Australian or international participants, and will allow for further outreach via social networking. The portal will offer an invaluable platform for networking within the wider ISTIH community and beyond, and a vital resource for clinical volunteers.

VOLUNTEER

ISTIH IS ALWAYS LOOKING FOR EXPERIENCED CLINICAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, TO REGISTER WITH US, WHO WOULD LIKE TO SHARE THEIR SKILLS AND DEDICATE THEIR TIME IN SUPPORTING OUR TRAINING PROGRAMS AND OTHER HEALTH RELATED ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION. REGISTER YOUR INTEREST NOW. [VOLUNTEER](#)

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