

**The University of Melbourne
Department of Paediatrics
Research Higher Degrees Committee**

Summary of meeting held on 8 December 2006

Present

Nigel Curtis (Chair), Sylvia Metcalfe, Mandy Fosang, Shireen Lamandé, Andrea Harrington, Don Newgreen, Simon Royce, John Carlin, Susan Sawyer, Jo Buckle

Honours program under the new Melbourne Model

The Committee agreed to recommend retention of the Paediatric Honours program if possible, rather than moving to a Masters program ("undergrad + 2" model) to which the Faculty of Science will be moving.

Department of Paediatrics funding for travel

Congratulations to Margaret Shaw whose request for Departmental funding of up to \$500 was approved.

Supervisory Issues

There was discussion about the maximum number of new students which a lab or supervisor would be advised to take on in one year.

New RHD Applications

One new application for a PhD was discussed and approved.

Progress of Student Candidature

(Early Progress Review meetings, Confirmation Panel meetings, Progress Reports, Completion Reports, Variations to Candidature)

Reports or forms submitted by the following students were discussed: Robert Boyle, Judith Glazner, Andrea Harrington, Margaret Heffernan, Yasmin Jayasinghe, Andy Lovett, Malcolm McDonald, Margaret Shaw, Andrew Steer, David Tingay.

Completions

Congratulations to Sara Hassan who has completed her PhD!

Under examination

The following students have submitted their theses and are under examination: Ruth Cowan, Tony De Paoli, Jessica Faggian, Jessica Heerde, Jan Hodgson, Rick Leventer, Malcolm McDonald, Catherine Nagle, Josef Wagner.

Dates of next meetings

2nd February, 2nd March (Fridays at 9.30am in Seminar Room 1)