From ripples to waves: JBI 20th Anniversary Conference

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JBI 20th Anniversary Conference

Appropriate to the venue – the National Wine Centre of Australia – the Joanna Briggs Institute (JBI) culminated the year’s celebrations of its 20th anniversary with a stylish three-day conference packed with thought provoking and illuminating plenary sessions, panel discussions, workshops, concurrent sessions, meetings and poster presentations.

More than a year in the planning, the JBI 20th Anniversary Conference held on 9–11 November was a recognition of the Institute’s endeavours over the last 20 years to improve global health using the best available evidence in health care. More than 200 delegates from JBI’s 59 collaborating centres from over 30 countries attended the event.

‘Our “extended family” has come together to celebrate 20 years of being in the “family business” of making an impact through painstaking and innovative work that has created ripples throughout the world,’ said JBI Executive Director Associate Professor Zoe Jordan in her opening address.

Associate Professor Jordan paid tribute to the

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determination and pioneering work of Emeritus Professor Alan Pearson AM, who established JBI 20 years ago, acknowledging the efforts of ‘one man with a dream, and the very small team of dedicated people who worked at helping him realise that dream’.

The legacy and imprint left by Emeritus Professor Pearson were encapsulated in a comprehensive audio-visual presentation, ‘The ripple effect: making an impact for 20 years’, jointly presented by Acting Executive Director Associate Professor Craig Lockwood, Director Synthesis Science Associate Professor Edoardo Aromataris, Acting Director Implementation Science Alex McArthur and Director Transfer Science Associate Professor Zachary Munn. Among the numerous achievements highlighted were the growth of the Joanna Briggs Collaboration from a mere five centres in 1996 to its current 59 centres, almost 500 published systematic reviews and 1000 published systematic review protocols, membership of 6500 (from the 38 corporate 34 individual members in 1999) and in 2016, arriving at the point of training 1200 participants in the conduct of JBI systematic reviews annually (from the initial 109 trained by the end of 2004, the year the Comprehensive Systematic Review Training Program was developed).

Perspectives in evidence synthesis, translation and implementation

The conference proper kicked off with radical perspectives of systematic reviews and meta-analyses. Professor Jon Jureidini from the University of Adelaide’s Robinson Research Institute provided a realistic look at selective reporting and other questionable research practices in industry sponsored trials in his presentation, ‘Ghost writing, industry funding and other problems with trials for inclusion in systematic reviews’. He also touched on the overestimation of the importance of randomised controlled trials and the dangers of industry sponsored meta-analyses.

Professor Gerd Antes, Director of Cochrane Germany, elaborated on how the current ‘explosion of systematic reviews’ has caused a backfiring of knowledge accumulation in his presentation, ‘Systematic reviews and knowledge as a key resource for health challenges’. ‘We now have a new enemy – open access and data sharing,’ he said, sharing his concerns about the existence of ‘predatory publishers’ with lax quality standards giving rise to a loss of quality of published scientific literature.

These deliberations set the tone for the first day of the conference, with subsequent presentations and panel discussions focussing on ‘Advances in
systematic reviews’ and ‘The future of translation science’.

The second day saw similar intensity in discussions, with sessions on ‘The theory and practice of evidence implementation’, ‘Evidence implementation from different perspectives’, and ‘Education for Evidence-based Healthcare’.

The third day began with ‘On the couch: Reflecting on the past’, with Dr Rick Wiechula, Professor Kaye Challinger, Professor Rhonda Griffiths, and Emeritus Professor Alan Pearson AM, followed by 33 concurrent sessions on a myriad of topics, ranging from ‘Research literacy: does education have something to teach us?’, to ‘Clinical handover at the bedside: an evidence-based quality implementation project’, to ‘Survival outcomes following aggressive treatment of oligometastatic breast cancer: a systematic review protocol’, to ‘Characteristics of Indigenous primary health care models of service delivery: a systematic scoping review’.

Amidst conference deliberations, meetings were also held by JBI alumni and some of the various JBI Synthesis Methodology Groups.

Professor Susan Salmond, from the Northeast Institute for Evidence Synthesis and Translation (NEST) in the USA, won the award for Best Oral Presentation for her talk, titled ‘Using the results of a qualitative systematic review for quantitative instrument validation’, while the Best Poster award went to Jing He from Macquarie University Hospital for her poster, titled ‘An evidence based pre-admission clinic and a transfer of care pathway for elective surgical patients’.

In 2017, JBI will combine its annual scientific meeting with four other organisations: Cochrane, Guidelines International Network, The Campbell Collaboration and the International Society for Evidence Based Health Care, to be a part of the 2017 Global Evidence Summit. The event, hosted by Cochrane South Africa in Cape Town in September, aims to advance the use of reliable research evidence in addressing some of the world’s most serious health and social challenges. We hope many of you can join us there!

**A night of glitz and glamour**

Deliberations were far from the minds of the delegates on the final night of the JBI 20th Anniversary Conference when the Hickinbotham Hall of the National Wine Centre transformed into a beguiling candle lit space.

The glitzy Gala Dinner, a fitting close to the conference, showcased the finest of South Australian wines and cuisine alongside an inspiring talk by guest speaker, orthopaedic surgeon Dr Michael Holt, who shared a personal experience of recovery from a near fatal accident which left him with permanent and debilitating injuries. Dr Holt’s story has been featured on Australian Story and was one of the top rating stories for the ABC, watched by over 1.2 million viewers.

In keeping with tradition, Associate Professor Zoe Jordan entertained guests with a poem which paid tribute to Emeritus Professor Alan Pearson and JBI’s journey. A photo booth where small groups indulged in selfies adorning fake ‘lips’, ‘sunnies’ and ‘moustaches’ proved to be a drawcard, as did the live band, Blue Label, which had scores of people on the dance floor throughout the night.
New partnership with Campbell Collaboration

The Joanna Briggs Institute (JBI) and The Campbell Collaboration, an international research network, are delighted to announce their formal partnership aimed at improving the knowledge base for making decisions in social and health policy globally.

The two organisations have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to develop a close working partnership that aligns to their clear synergy of missions, goals, and values. Both organisations believe that systematic and rigorous approaches to research synthesis improve the knowledge base for making decisions, leading to better-informed choices by policymakers, practitioners and members of the general public, and that these, in turn, can lead to better societal outcomes.

Building on their respective strengths, the partnership will explore how JBI and the Campbell Collaboration can work together effectively to meet their shared goals in relation to the production of high-quality evidence and its use in decision-making globally.

Acting Executive Director of JBI, Associate Professor Craig Lockwood, said: ‘JBI has a methodological distinctive that is pragmatic, robust and transparent in how we conceptualise evidence and undertake systematic reviews for complex questions, our focus on the needs of healthcare practitioners and policy makers has plenty of scope for cross-pollination with the Campbell Collaboration not only for the conduct of reviews, but for our collective understanding on how evidence is moved into societal care. This agreement brings down the walls of a long established silo between the health and social sciences, and can only increase the impact both groups are able to contribute to the global need for high quality, independent evidence.

These sentiments were echoed by The Campbell Collaboration CEO, Howard White, who said: ‘Campbell has adopted a new strategy which includes more active promotion of evidence synthesis. We are seeking partners for this work.’

JBI and The Campbell Collaboration will explore opportunities for joint statements on evidence based policy and practice in healthcare and joint representation at major healthcare events, and have already planned collaborative workshop presentations on knowledge translation. The partnership will run for an initial three years in which time the two organisations will have the opportunity to assess the feasibility and benefits of deeper, long-term collaboration.

Australia’s first GRADE Centre

The Joanna Briggs Institute (JBI), together with the Grading of Recommendations Assessment, Development and Evaluation (GRADE) Working Group, is proud to announce the establishment of the JBI Adelaide GRADE Centre, located within JBI’s central offices in Adelaide.

This centre, the first of its kind in Oceania, will focus on promoting the use of GRADE for systematic reviews and guideline development. The GRADE approach reflects ‘best practice’ in terms of clinical guideline development and has been endorsed by organisations across the globe. The newly established centre will offer training in GRADE methods and contribute to the scientific development of GRADE methods.

GRADE Centre Director Associate Professor Zachary Munn said, ‘It is with great pleasure that we announce the establishment of the Joanna Briggs Institute Adelaide GRADE Centre. We look forward to working closely with the GRADE working group to highlight the use of GRADE methods across Australia and the Joanna Briggs Collaboration.’
Joanna Briggs Foundation news

The Joanna Briggs Foundation (JBF) was thrilled to have the clinical fellows from developing countries return in November to Adelaide for their final Stage 3 of the Evidence Based Clinical Fellowship Program 2016.

The clinical fellows attended the JBI 20th Anniversary Conference to kick off their training, with their final stage of the program commencing on 14 November through to 18 November where they delivered presentations of their implementation projects (see page 13).

Foundation Chairman Philip Pledge and Foundation Manager Sandy Davis spoke about the progress of the Foundation to the Committee of Directors meeting on 9 November. The JBI Directors from several countries expressed an interest in assisting the Foundation with their fundraising efforts. As an action item of the meeting, further consultation with the overseas collaborating centres will proceed next year.

Following the first day of the JBI 20th Anniversary Conference, JBI hosted a Welcome Ceremony for the conference participants and presented the 2016 clinical fellows from the developing countries to the audience. Sandy spoke briefly about the program followed by a very informative video.

This provided a great opportunity to further promote the work of the JBI and JBF and, most importantly, to thank the JBF sponsors of the clinical fellowship program. Without their support, it would not be possible to provide the opportunity for the fellows.

Presentation in New Zealand

Implementation Science Research Fellow Dr Jared recently attended the Australian and New Zealand Burn Association Conference in Auckland where he delivered a presentation, titled ‘The effectiveness and safety of intensive insulin therapy, insulin sensitisers and insulin secretagogues for hypermetabolism in burn patients: a systematic review.’

Dr Campbell was also flying the flag for the JBI Burns Node, and held an Expert Reference Group meeting with the members present at the conference.
Guidelines International Network Conference

In October, Transfer Science Director Associate Professor Zachary Munn attended the G-I-N (Guidelines International Network) Conference in Philadelphia where he presented two posters, two workshops and attended a number of meetings, including the G-I-N Tech group, the G-I-N Annual General Meeting and the G-I-N Australia and New Zealand Regional Steering Group meeting. It was a very successful conference and provided some excellent networking opportunities and the chance to promote JBI more broadly amongst guideline developers.

Meeting with Wolters Kluwer in Philadelphia

On 26 September, Acting Executive Director Associate Professor Craig Lockwood and Transfer Science Director Associate Professor Zachary Munn met with Dr Anne Woods, Janet Feeney and other Wolters Kluwer representatives in their head offices in Philadelphia. The meeting focused on strategic discussions regarding growing JBI subscriptions, continuing professional development opportunities and a demonstration of the new JBI-SUMARI. It was a very fruitful discussion and there is now a long list of actions for both groups to progress.

Faculty grant

Dr Kylie Porritt, Transfer Science Research Fellow, and the Transfer Science team have won an e-learning grant from the University of Adelaide’s Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences. The grant, ‘Developing engaging resources for the e-learning environment’, brings with it approved funding of $5000 which will go towards initiatives to enhance the students’ online experience within the Master of Public Health (Translational Health Sciences). Contemporary digital technologies will be incorporated and embedded within the existing modules. These and other activities include:

- Developing high quality video instruction and content that is embedded into the weekly teachings of the courses.
- Creating interactive online activities that align with the weekly teachings and advances the students’ knowledge and skill on the topic.
- Evaluating the students’ online learning experience.
- Disseminating the findings and outcome of this project by producing and publishing an academic paper.
Visit to Queen’s University

Under the auspices of Dean of Nursing, Professor Jennifer Medves, the Queen’s University School of Nursing hosted the North American Regional JBI Meeting at an event that included their own 75th Birthday Celebrations from 28 Sept to 1 Oct. Acting Executive Director Associate Professor Craig Lockwood joined the celebrations, presenting a workshop to PhD students on the 28th, with students discussing the history of levels of evidence and grades of recommendations before working through the development of ConQual scores and Summary of Findings tables for qualitative systematic reviews.

The formal proceedings started on the 29th, with acknowledgement of Dr Woolfe of Queen’s University for supporting Associate Professor Lockwood’s travel. The opening plenary, ‘Knowledge translation: global trends and local impact’, was delivered by Associate Professor Lockwood and followed by plenaries and workshop sessions over three days. Set in a hotel overlooking Lake Ontario, sessions were led, chaired and delivered by Centre Directors and staff from across the Americas region.

The staff of the Queen’s University Centre arranged a high quality program, with topics addressing the synthesis of types of evidence characteristic of the JBI methods group’s impressive methodological work over recent years. Additional topics included the role of social media, and the suggestion of a software application to generate further unique JBI acronyms. There was a great talk on the JBI Model from Professor Daphne Stannard. The discussions were characterised by open dialogue, inquiry and exploration of key issues related to quality, impact and conduct of systematic reviews. There was also a rap song based on JBI acronyms from two of our newest Canadian Centres staff, with Alan never far from proceedings.

The conference closed with a presentation on implementing evidence as practice based scholarship by Emeritus Professor Margaret Harrison.

Train-the-Trainer in San Francisco

From Kingston, proceedings for Associate Professor Lockwood moved to San Francisco where Professor Daphne Stannard hosted the America’s CSR Train-the-Trainer. Along with Lisa Keeping-Burke from Canada, a dedicated crew from UCSF Medical Centre presented sessions from each CSR module.

For the first time in CSR Train-the-Trainer, critical appraisal was discussed with coffee beans as the analogy – ‘get the beans right and get a great coffee, get the beans wrong and...’. Creativity and science blended throughout the week as skilled clinicians and academics worked through the program.
Cochrane Colloquium in Seoul

Acting Executive Director Associate Professor Craig Lockwood and Director Synthesis Science Associate Professor Edoardo Aromataris attended the 24th Cochrane Colloquium in Seoul, South Korea, in late October. The conference was attended by approximately 1500 delegates and was crammed with interesting plenary sessions, concurrent sessions, poster displays, workshops and many meetings (see more on Cochrane Colloquium Seoul).

The two of them delivered oral presentations related to JBI qualitative synthesis, umbrella reviews, prevalence reviews and the new SUMARI software. All were well received. Associate Professor Lockwood also provided the Cochrane’s Fields Executive with the latest updates from the Nursing Care Field. Important face to face meetings were also held with other members of the organising committee’s for next year’s Global Evidence Summit in Cape Town and the Global Evidence Synthesis Initiative (GESI). It also turned out to be a great place to meet up with JBC colleagues from both Texas and Portugal!

Training in Adelaide

Amidst the bustle of the JBI 20th Anniversary Conference, our short courses were also being run. A Comprehensive Systematic Review Train the Trainer was held in Adelaide on 14–17 November with six participants.

In the Developing Countries Evidence Based Clinical Fellowship Program, nine clinical fellows from various developing countries participated and presented on how they improved health outcomes in their home countries. Guests included JBF sponsors and the Honorary Consul of the United Republic of Tanzania.
Presentation at Freiburg/Adelaide/Nagoya Annual Symposium

On Monday, 17 October 2016, Associate Professor Craig Lockwood, Acting Executive Director, presented at the University of Adelaide Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences Freiburg/Adelaide/Nagoya Annual Symposium. This symposium gathered leading researchers from Adelaide, Freiburg and Nagoya Universities to speak about their research into areas including nursing, cancer treatments, public health, neuroscience, cardiology and ageing.

Associate Professor Lockwood presented on ‘Mobilising knowledge to improve patient care’, discussing the nature of ‘evidence’ and the importance of evidence implementation.

Development of preferred reporting guidelines for scoping reviews in Canada

Implementation Science Research Fellow Dr Micah Peters recently travelled to Toronto, Canada, to participate in a day-long face-to-face meeting with leading researchers, clinicians, and academics to develop an extension of the PRISMA reporting guidelines for scoping reviews; what will likely be called the “PRISMA-ScR”.

Led by Dr Andrea Tricco, who recently won a prestigious Canada Research Chair in Knowledge Synthesis, the group also included other esteemed evidence-based healthcare and implementation science experts, Drs Sharon Strauss, Heather Colquhoun, Kelly O’Brien, Danielle Levac, and David Moher.

The meeting centred on how reporting guidelines for scoping reviews could be developed and worded in relation to the current PRISMA guidelines. ‘It was a great honour to be invited to participate in both the meeting and the previous web-based elements of the Delphi process. That such renowned identities in the field have read, used, and now indeed recommend the JBI guidance for the conduct and reporting of scoping reviews is fantastic. It’s a real win for JBI as we haven’t yet been involved in developing reporting guidelines and a great recognition for those who worked on developing the guidance,’ Dr Peters said.
Dr Peters will be working further with Dr Tricco and her group on the guidelines themselves as well accompanying papers over the coming months. Dr Christina Godfrey from the Queen’s Collaboration for Health Care Quality also participated in the web-based component of the Delphi exercise and was able to make comments and feedback upon the ideas and perspectives of all of those who participated in the project.

Along with the meeting in Toronto, Dr Peters was hosted by Dr Godfrey, Dr Jennifer Medves, and others at the JBI Centre at Queens University in Kingston to present on his work across methodology development, evidence implementation, and systematic reviews at their regular academic series.

**With a little bit of fado**

Professor João Luís Alves Apostolo, Deputy Director of the Portugal Centre for Evidence Based Practice, visited the JBI headquarters in Adelaide the week before the 20th Anniversary Conference, straight after attending the 24th Cochrane Colloquium in Seoul. He spent time discussing critical appraisal issues with Director Synthesis Science Associate Professor Edoardo Aromataris and aspects of methodology for the Mixed Methods Review Methodology Group with Implementation Science Research Fellow Dr Lucyllynn Lizarondo. After Adelaide, he headed to Melbourne before returning to Adelaide again for the Committee of Directors Meeting and the 20th Anniversary Conference.

Born in Portugal, Professor Apostolo has postgraduate qualifications in nursing sciences, and addictions and psychosocial pathologies, and is a trained nurse with a specialisation in mental health and psychiatric nursing. From 1989 to 2000, he worked as a general and specialised nurse at Hospitais da Universidade de Coimbra, Centro Hospitalar de Coimbra and Hospital Psiquiátrico Sobral Cid, Portugal. Since 2001 he has been Professor at the Nursing School of Coimbra (ESEnfC), Portugal, in the areas of research methodologies, evidence based health care and psychogeriatrics.

Apart from his dedication to evidence based practice, Professor Apostolo is also passionate about fado, a genre of Portuguese folk songs usually with a melancholy theme and accompanied by mandolins or guitars, traditionally sung by the common people of a region. Along those lines, he is a member of the Choir of the Nursing School of Coimbra (ESEnfC), Portugal (pictured, back row, extreme left).
Publication agreement with the Nursing Standard

The Cochrane Nursing Care Field (CNCF) is delighted to announce the establishment of a new publication agreement with the Nursing Standard, currently the UK’s best-selling nursing journal. The Nursing Standard provides its subscribers comprehensive coverage of leading clinical practice, research articles and topics on continuing professional development, in addition to information and updates in critical developments in the nursing profession. After becoming aware about the mission of the CNCF in the dissemination of best practice evidence in nursing care, the Nursing Standard initiated contact with our Field’s executive and proposed a collaboration for the regular publication of a ‘Cochrane Corner’. The terms of the agreement have now been settled, with publication of the Field’s summaries to commence in 2017.

International Journal of Nursing Studies to continue publishing CNCF review summaries in 2017

Following on from a successful publication agreement with the CNCF in 2016, the International Journal of Nursing Studies (IJNS) has settled the terms of a new agreement that will see this periodical continuing to publish ‘Cochrane Corner’ columns well into 2017. The IJNS is considered one of the highest ranked nursing journals internationally with an impact rating of 2.32.

International Journal of Nursing Practice renews publication agreement

In November 2015, the CNCF entered into an initial publication agreement with the International Journal of Nursing Practice (IJNP) to feature the Field’s summaries on Cochrane reviews. Having now satisfied the terms of that agreement, the IJNP acknowledges the ongoing value of the column and has entered into a new publication arrangement with the Field, requesting production of a further eight summaries to feature as part of their ongoing ‘Cochrane Corner’ series throughout 2017. The IJNP publishes original scholarly work that advances the international understanding and development of nursing both as a profession and as an academic discipline. The journal focuses on research and discussion papers that have a sound scientific, theoretical or philosophical base.
American Journal of Nursing to preserve the ‘Cochrane Corner’ in 2017

With an impact factor of 1.605, the American Journal of Nursing (AJN) is considered the premier journal of the profession, and is the only nursing journal listed among the top 100 most influential biomedical journals of the last century and recognised world-wide. The CNCF has been fortunate to have established and maintained an ongoing publication agreement with this journal, and we are pleased to continue working together in 2017. Publication of CNCF Cochrane review summaries in the AJN has had a significant impact on the dissemination of the Field’s summary evidence, helping to get valuable Cochrane research out to a larger number of nurses and related healthcare clinicians internationally.

The AJN has settled on a further six summaries to be published over the course of 2017.
**GRADE Workshop**

The Grading of Recommendations Assessment, Development and Evaluation (GRADE) approach reflects ‘best practice’ in terms of clinical guideline development and has been endorsed by organisations across the globe.

The JBI Adelaide GRADE Centre (see page 9) offers a one-day workshop designed for systematic reviewers, guideline developers and others wanting to learn more about GRADE methodology, particularly the creation of Summary of Findings tables and Evidence Profiles.

The course includes information on the theory of GRADE along with hands-on activities. [Click here](#) to register for the March Workshop.

**2017 dates:**
- 27 March, 9am–4.30pm
- 19 May, 9am–4.30pm
- 4 August, 9am–4.30pm
- 20 October, 9am–4.30pm

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**Evidence-Based Clinical Fellowship Program**

Be empowered and equipped with the skills to improve patient outcomes. This program provides proven approaches to implement evidence into practice. This is a six-month workplace, evidence-based, implementation program involving two five-day intensive workshops in the Joanna Briggs Institute, and a workplace evidence implementation project over the intervening months. On completion participants have a report ready to be published in a peer reviewed journal and accessible in international medical databases and Google Scholar.

[Click here](#) to register for the March 2017 intake of the Evidence-Based Clinical Fellowship Program.

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**Clinical Leadership Program**

This one-day, dynamic and transformative program is open to clinical leaders and leaders-to-be from all health care disciplines. JBI facilitators guide participants through contemporary models and tools to enable participants to develop understandings and strategies related to clinical leadership and change management in health care using real world examples.

[Click here](#) to register for the 7 March 2017 Clinical Leadership Program.

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Comprehensive Systematic Review Full Training Program (Modules 1, 2 and 3)

This world-class systematic review training program incorporates both theory and hands-on experience. Throughout the program participants learn how to develop a focused question, search for relevant literature, appraise and synthesise evidence arising from research.

By the end of the program participants will have a completed protocol and be ready to commence a review.

On successful completion of the program participants can become Certified Reviewers. Certified Reviewers are accredited for a period of two years as authors in the JBI Database of Systematic Reviews and Implementation Reports (JBISRIR), a refereed online journal, the content of which is indexed in Embase, Scopus, Mosby’s Index (Elsevier), CINAHL (EBSCO) and MEDLINE.

Click here to register for the March 2017 intake of the Comprehensive Systematic Review Training Program.

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External events

Further information and registration forms for the following events are located on the external events page of the JBI website:

The Czech Republic (Middle European) Centre for Evidence-Based Healthcare
Evidence Based Clinical Fellowship Program
Week 2: 9–13 January 2017

Comprehensive Systematic Review Training Program
6–10 February 2017
4–8 September 2017

Portugal Centre for Evidence Based Practice
Comprehensive Systematic Review Training Program
13–17 February 2017
26–30 June 2017

Centre for Health Policy in India
Comprehensive Systematic Review Training Program
3–7 January 2017

The Queensland Centre for Evidence Based Nursing and Midwifery
Comprehensive Systematic Review Training Program
20–24 February 2017

If you wish to advertise your event on the JBI website, please email your request to jbieducation@adelaide.edu.au
Collaboration Matters

56th Committee of Directors
Face-to-Face Meeting and JBI 20th Anniversary

The annual face-to-face meeting of the JBC Committee of Directors is always a wonderful opportunity for the Collaboration to come together and work through strategy and direction for the JBC, and to forge new partnerships amongst Centres and Groups for further collaboration in EBHC. The 56th meeting was a joint sitting with the JBI Advisory Committee held in Adelaide on 7–8 November at the National Wine Centre, preceding the JBI 20th Anniversary Conference. The European Region kicked off the 20th Anniversary Celebrations with a presentation of 20th Anniversary themed artwork made by each Centre in the region and a wonderfully crafted tongue-in-cheek song dedicated to JBI’s trials and tribulations titled ‘Hope Joanna’.

Joanna Briggs Collaboration Awards 2016

Centres and individuals were recognised for their outstanding contributions over the past year during an informal dinner on the last day of meetings. Awardees included:

**JBI Evidence Synthesis Award**
The Queensland Centre for Evidence Based Nursing and Midwifery: a Joanna Briggs Institute Centre of Excellence

The Center for Translational Research: a Joanna Briggs Institute Centre of Excellence

The Northeast Institute for Evidence Synthesis and Translation (NEST): a Joanna Briggs Institute Centre of Excellence

The Nottingham Centre for Evidence-Based Healthcare: a Joanna Briggs Institute Centre of Excellence

The Centre for Chronic Disease Management: a Joanna Briggs Institute Centre of Excellence

**JBI Evidence Transfer Award**
The Center for Translational Research: a Joanna Briggs Institute Centre of Excellence
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JBI Evidence Implementation Award
Fudan University Centre for Evidence-based Nursing: a Joanna Briggs Institute Centre of Excellence

JBI Recognition Award
Sonia Hines – The Queensland Centre for Evidence Based Nursing and Midwifery: a Joanna Briggs Institute Centre of Excellence
For Outstanding Contribution to JBI Committees

The Micheline Gobert Award for Synthesis Science
Anja Braet, Caroline Weltens, Walter Sermeus – Belgian Interuniversity Collaboration for Evidence-based Practice (BICEP): a Joanna Briggs Institute Centre of Excellence

‘Effectiveness of discharge interventions from hospital to home on hospital readmissions: a systematic review’

The Yash Kumarasamy Award for Transfer Science
Daphne Stannard – UCSF Centre for Evidence Synthesis and Implementation: a Joanna Briggs Institute Centre of Excellence

‘Purposeful and timely nursing rounds: a best practice implementation project’

The Grace Croft Award for Implementation Science
Juli F Daniels – UCSF Centre for Evidence Synthesis and Implementation: a Joanna Briggs Institute Centre of Excellence

Photos from the Committee of Directors informal dinner are available on JBI’s Flickr site.
JBC Centre of Excellence administration

Centre of Excellence Agreements
An urgent reminder that all Centre of Excellence Agreements must be signed by host institutions and returned to the Collaboration Support Unit jbc@adelaide.edu.au as a matter of priority. Any extensions must be negotiated via email with the Collaboration Support Unit.

Collaborating entity staff update
A reminder that all Centres of Excellence are required to submit a ‘Collaborating Entity Staff Update form’ to the Collaboration Support Unit, listing current Core Staff (up to a maximum of 10) and Adjunct Staff as per the policy and request circulated on 12 September 2016.

Any new Core Staff members that require special user access to JBI Connect+, must also include a Special User Form.

Please return forms to the CSU Office via email jbc@adelaide.edu.au no later than Friday 24 February 2017.

Please note that Special User access for Centres that do not submit the required forms will expire in March 2017.

JBC entity Annual Report 2016
Could each Centre of Excellence kindly fill in and complete the ‘JBC Entity Annual Report’ (available on the JBC Intranet) for those activities clearly marked in red, and return to the CSU via email no later than 31 January 2017.

The CSU will then review the information provided and complete the Annual Report for each Centre, and return via email by the beginning of March 2017.
Higher degree students to commence in February 2017

After a comprehensive evaluation process, the Joanna Briggs Institute – Higher Degrees by Research Program (JBI-HDRP) has secured a capable new group of higher degree students set to commence in February 2017. Each candidate’s academic credentials and professional experience have determined their eligibility for entry into program, with alignment of an applicant’s interests with an area of research as a primary consideration.

As has become the trend for our higher degree program, we have a broad range of healthcare professionals joining our existing student cohort, coming from backgrounds including paramedicine, cardiothoracic medicine, orthopaedics, mental health, nursing, midwifery, general surgery and education.

The JBI-HDRP aims to educate students in research methodologies and techniques specific to the needs of evidence-based healthcare, as well as the critical evaluation of evidence and research. The program is based on the JBI methodology and software for systematic reviews, used by the Institute’s Collaboration of 75 centres and entities around the world. All students are given intensive training in the methodologies and software, and are then required to conduct a systematic review on a topic of their choice through their candidature in consultation with their supervisors.

We look forward to welcoming our latest group of higher degree students to program in February 2017.

Our students at the JBI 20th Anniversary Conference

The three-day JBI 20th Anniversary Conference (see page 23) was a successful finale to the Institute’s year-long celebrations, but not without input from our HDR students.

We were immensely proud of the contributions by two of our current HDR students: an oral presentation by Robyn Coombe (pictured) ('Survival outcomes following aggressive treatment of oligometastatic breast cancer: a systematic review protocol'), and a poster presentation by Jamie Ianunzio ('Effectiveness of operative interventions in individuals with a hemi or total hip arthroplasty who sustain a Vancouver B2 periprosthetic femoral fracture: a systematic review protocol').

“A teacher is never a giver of truth; he is a guide, a pointer to the truth that each student must find for themselves.”

~ Bruce Lee

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Robyn’s passion – asthma management in children

Robyn Fawcett joined our Master in Clinical Science program in February 2016 and is currently working at a research project, titled ‘Why South Australia has the highest hospitalisation rates for asthma and identifying risk factors and strategies to reduce hospitalisations’.

Robyn is currently employed as the Asthma Child and Adolescent Program Coordinator at Asthma Foundation SA and has worked with this organisation for almost nine years. In her role, Robyn co-ordinates asthma first aid training for school staff, and supports schools in providing a safer and more supportive environment for students with asthma by providing resources, policy information and advice on asthma management. Her role also includes the provision of best practice asthma management education to students and parents.

Robyn has a Bachelor of Health Science majoring in Health Promotion and Education from Flinders University and completed a Vocational Graduate Certificate in Anaphylaxis Management in 2012 and a Certificate IV in Training and Assessment in 2013. In addition to her employment with Asthma Foundation SA, Robyn also works on the Asthma Assist Line providing immediate information and support to people with asthma. She has a keen interest in the link between asthma and mental illness, which has led to her working with the organisation “Headspace” on a referral pathway project.

The ultimate aim of Robyn’s higher degree study is to perform a systematic review of international literature exploring the experiences of parents and carers in managing their child’s asthma, and to examine the barriers and facilitators that exist so that strategies can be implemented to better support them and to enable them to make informed healthcare decisions.

Career and Research Skills Training accreditation

From 2017, faculties and schools within the University of Adelaide that run a PhD and/or Master of Philosophy course must apply for accreditation to ensure their teaching activities are officially recognised as part of the University of Adelaide’s Career and Research Skills Training (CaRST) program. The CaRST training requirement ensures that HDR graduates receive the necessary broad range education to better improve their future options as career researchers.

Earlier this year, the JBI-HDRP applied to have its teaching program recognised by the University of Adelaide and our two one-week intensives have been endorsed as CaRST accredited training hours. For our PhD students, this means that out of the 120 training hours they must achieve, our training weeks will satisfy 60 hours. In addition to the core activities of program they must satisfy, this leaves less than 12 hours of additional training for PhD students to identify. With the Institute providing regular advice to students on additional CaRST training opportunities, satisfying the additional hours will not be difficult for our PhD students to achieve.

The CaRST accreditation is a positive validation for our program’s training.