

## Network News

### ***Therapeutic Innovations Australia – PTNA Funding Success!***

In March 2014, PTNA submitted an application to TIA's National Collaborative Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS) 2013 funding. On the 2nd May TIA's CEO Dr Stewart Hay announced the outcomes of TIA's Translating Health Discovery (THD) Project funding round. PTNA was one of the successful applicants being awarded funding to continue our aim to bring together paediatric researchers from around the country to facilitate high quality research with a focus on collaboration, and translation into improved health outcomes.

TIA invites expressions of interest for provision of open license quality systems documentation, due by **8 September 2014**. Further details available:

[www.therapeuticinnovation.com.au/Media/News/Provision\\_of\\_Open\\_License\\_Quality\\_Systems\\_Documentation.aspx](http://www.therapeuticinnovation.com.au/Media/News/Provision_of_Open_License_Quality_Systems_Documentation.aspx)

### **WebSpirit Member Investment**

PTNA offers membership fees based on the size of your paediatric research institution. Please contact us to obtain your project fee level to commence using WebSpirit for your next clinical trial. Membership to the PTNA is currently based on a hierarchical model. There are a range of very affordable fee options available depending on your sites requirements, the size of the paediatric research campus (determined by research grant funding) or for individual trial needs. PTNA Membership fees cover the license fees for any members of staff at those institutions wishing to use WebSpirit to collect data and track their trials at a project, site or institutional level, plus access to training and other PTNA activities developed over time at reduced fees.

## Conferences

### **Australian Clinical Trials Alliance Summit 2014:**

The inaugural ACTA Summit was held on 28-29 March in Melbourne: A national summit of investigator-initiated clinical trials networks. PTNA Chair Professor Andrew Davidson presented on '*Experiences of a recently established network: Paediatric Trials Network Australia*' as part of the key Role and potential of investigator networks and public good trials session. You can watch the video presentation on [ACTA's website](http://acta.org.au).

### **ARCS Australia – Professional Development in Therapeutics:**

The 2014 ARCS Scientific Congress will be held at the National Convention Centre in Canberra, 10-11 September. For registration and program details visits <http://arcsconferences.com/>

### **International Paediatric Research Conference:**

[\*Transforming the paediatric research landscape through innovation and forward thinking\*](#) to be held on 6-7 November in the USA. Focus on global paediatric researcher challenges and innovations in clinical trial design

### **Grant Funding - The Cancer Institute NSW Translational Program:**

The Translational Program Grants are focussed on supporting a multi-disciplinary approach to cancer research that will rapidly translate research discoveries into clinical programs or policy. Expressions of interest can be sought from [www.cancerinstitute.org.au/research-grants-and-funding/grants/open-grants](http://www.cancerinstitute.org.au/research-grants-and-funding/grants/open-grants)

## Clinical Trials Information

### Clinical Trials Registries:

Clinical trials registries allow you to find clinical trials in Australia. The two main registries are ANZCTR and ClinicalTrials.gov. For more information visit NHRMC's website via [www.australianclinicaltrials.gov.au/clinical-trial-registries](http://www.australianclinicaltrials.gov.au/clinical-trial-registries)

### Support for Clinical Trials:

Clinical Epidemiology & Biostatistics (CEBU) at Murdoch Children's Research Institute (MCRI) in association with the Melbourne Children's Trials Centre specialises in biostatistics, epidemiological methods and data management. For further information about how CEBU can support your investigator led clinical trial please visit [www.mcricri.edu.au/research/core-facilities/cebu/](http://www.mcricri.edu.au/research/core-facilities/cebu/)

## WebSpirit users or due to commence:

1. Alice Springs Hospital, Alice Springs
2. Christchurch Hospital, New Zealand
3. John Hunter Children's Hospital
4. Menzies School of Health Research, Darwin and Alice Springs
5. Monash Medical Centre, Melbourne
6. Murdoch Children's Research Institute, Melbourne
7. Princess Margaret Hospital, Perth
8. Queensland Children's Medical Research Institute
9. Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital
10. Royal Darwin Hospital, Darwin
11. Royal Hobart Hospital, Hobart
12. Starship Children's Hospital, Auckland, New Zealand
13. Sydney Children's Hospital
14. Telethon Institute for Child Health Research, Perth
15. The Canberra Hospital, Canberra
16. The Children's Hospital at Westmead
17. The Mater Hospital, Brisbane
18. The Royal Children's Hospital Brisbane
19. The Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne
20. Women and Children's Hospital, Adelaide

## WebSpirit FAQ:

**Q:** When I enter data in a table, it frustrates me that I can only enter 3 new rows at a time. Can this be changed?

**A:** Yes. The number of new empty rows that appear in a table can be adjusted in WebSpirit. Please discuss this with your Project Manager who can arrange to have changes made if appropriate

**If you have any queries relating to the use of the WebSpirit Database please email**  
[webspirit@ptna.com.au](mailto:webspirit@ptna.com.au)  
**or call Michael Emamooden on**  
**02 9845 1329**

# NCRIS

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### Janice Peterson –PTNA Project Officer/Secretariat

Janice recently joined PTNA to support the Network and Committee. Janice is hosted at the Sydney Children's Hospital Network at the Children's Hospital, Westmead. Janice has experience in project and data management in cancer care and child and adolescent obesity research and works closely with the PTNA Database Manager in providing information and support.



**If you have news or information on training opportunities you would like to share with the PTNA membership please feel free to email [info@ptna.com.au](mailto:info@ptna.com.au)**

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