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Centre Director's Message

I am delighted to be able to introduce you to CEPAR's first E-newsletter. Over the last year, we have been working to get CEPAR's infrastructure established, and now we're embarking on an action packed 2012.

We'll be organising several events through the year specifically designed to engage

CEPAR Leaders Set to Influence Public Policy

The Australian National University's newly established Institute of Public Policy, associated with the Crawford School of Public Policy, recognises the importance of population ageing as a public policy issue, with two of CEPAR's Chief Investigators listed among the Institute's nine Inaugural Public Policy Fellows.

Professor Peter McDonald, Director of the Australian Demographic and Social Research Institute, and Professor Kaarin Anstey, Director of ANU's Centre for Ageing, Health and Wellbeing, both CEPAR CIs, were among the nine.

Dr Ken Henry, a member of CEPAR's Leaders' Forum, has been appointed as the Institute's Executive Chairman.

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Eurozone study shows men and women have same HEALTHY life expectancy

external stakeholders - public lectures, receptions with distinguished visitors, and conferences.

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Moving in the right direction for better aged care

Professor Hal Kendig, CEPAR Chief Investigator, analysed the Australian Government's recent aged care reforms in an article published in The Conversation. Professor Kendig says the reforms represent the first major aged care initiative in 25 years but there is a long and uncertain road ahead.

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Newly released data on the Healthy Life Years Indicator (HLY) shows the average healthy life expectancy is almost the same for men and women across the Eurozone. The new research reveals that men and women living in the European Union can expect to live in good health and disability free to the age of 62.

Internationally renowned expert on healthy life expectancy, Professor Carol Jagger, from Newcastle University in the United Kingdom and Partner Investigator with CEPAR, was in Australia this week to discuss the findings.

"The study shows the usual differences between men and women in that women live longer at all ages, but women have roughly the same number of healthy life years as men. The women who are surviving are doing so with disability," Professor Jagger said.

The European Union's Healthy Life Years Indicator measures the number of years people are expected to live in a healthy condition free from disability. It is an important measure of the relative health of the population.

According to Professor Jagger, these findings have implications for lifting the retirement age. "In Europe it doesn't look as if some people over the age of 65 are healthy enough to remain in the workforce. If you look at healthy life years at age 50, that's actually less than 15 years - up to age 65 - in some countries. So that would mean a significant proportion of the population are already unhealthy or would not be healthy at 65."

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Peking University Honours CEPAR Investigator

Professor Colette Browning from Monash University has been appointed Honorary Professor by Peking University. An official ceremony was held in Beijing to mark the occasion and was attended by senior Chinese Government and university officials.

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Staff profile

Ramona Meryicke joined CEPAR in February. After completing her first degree in Statistics at ANU, she worked for PwC for five years, during which time she qualified as a Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries in Australia. She then enrolled for a PhD in Financial Economics at the University of Cambridge, which she completed early this year. Her CEPAR research focuses on how demographic changes influence economic and financial markets, and how these impacts can be managed.

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Upcoming events

April - May 2012, Sydney

[Primer on Continuous Time Modelling and Optimal Decisions](#)

18 - 22 June 2012, Canberra

[Longitudinal Data Analysis Workshop](#)

6 July 2012, Sydney
CEPAR Longevity Risk Workshop, hosted by PwC

11 July 2012, UNSW, Sydney
Public Lecture by Professor Ermanno Pitacco looking at life insurance products in a new framework.

19-20 November 2012, Brisbane

[Emerging Researchers in Ageing Conference](#)

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shows that the Global Financial Crisis led to increased levels of anxiety and depression in seniors.

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