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University of Wollongong - IDEAL

Experienced Item Writers' Workshop

24-25th November 2009

and

*Assessing Advanced Learners in Medicine
Symposium*

26-27th November 2009

Wollongong,

New South Wales, Australia

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ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

The IDEAL Consortium is a group of medical schools committed to enhancing the assessment of medical students. It maintains both a formative and a summative bank of assessment items which span all years, disciplines and systems normally addressed in an initial medical degree programme.

The Consortium annually runs item writing workshops designed to produce quality items and/or to train teaching staff the skills of item writing. This workshop is oriented to experienced item writers of A- and R-type MCQs (Best-one-of-five- and EMQs respectively). The workshop is being organised by the Graduate School of Medicine at the University of Wollongong, utilising internationally recognised experts in assessment including; Susan Case whom presently holds the position as Director of Testing at the National Conference of Bar Examiners and is regarded as one of the world's foremost authorities in assessment of medical students; and facilitators Brian Jolly (*Monash University*), Tim Neild (*University of Adelaide*), Liz Farmer (*University of Wollongong*), James Ware (*University of Kuwait*), Nicky Hudson (*University of Wollongong*), Clarke Hazlett (*University of Alberta*).

Wollongong is sponsoring a symposium as an added component to this particular workshop with an additional international expert, Bernard Charlin (*University of Montreal*). Accordingly, the workshop is organised into two sections and participants may register for the first section only or for both sections. Section One will run on November 24 and 25 and is devoted to reviewing, editing when needed, and approving drafted items that are brought to the workshop by each registrant.

Section Two will run on November 26 and 27 and address two new assessment formats, the MiniCEX and Script Concordance Test. As part of this symposium Brian Jolly will present and facilitate a half-day workshop on "Using the MiniCEX to Assess Advanced Learners in Medicine" and Bernard Charlin will present a full-day workshop on "Assessment of Reasoning in Contexts of Uncertainty: The Script Concordance Approach".

WORKSHOP PROGRAMME (Section One)

Tuesday 24 November

09:00 - 10:00	Plenary presentation - Writing quality MCQ items, task setting (Susan Case)
10:00 - 12:30	Review, editing and clarifying of drafted items (small group sessions with coffee/tea break)
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch
13:30 - 16:00	Review, editing and clarifying of drafted items (small group sessions with coffee/tea break)
16:00 - 17:00	Plenary: Summary of progress and task re-setting (Susan Case)

19.00–22.00 Workshop Dinner

Wednesday 25 November

09:00 - 10:00	Plenary session: Progress discussions (Susan Case)
10:00 - 12:30	Review, editing and clarifying of drafted items (small group sessions with coffee/tea break)
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch
13:30 - 16:00	Review, editing and clarifying of drafted items (small group sessions with coffee/tea break)
16:00 - 17:00	Plenary: Summary of progress, future task re-setting and Close (Susan Case)

Thursday 26 November

8.30AM - 12.30PM Optional Social and Networking Event: Guided tour exploring one of the area's most spectacular natural rainforests, literally walking through the tree tops on an elevated Tree Top walk.

SYMPOSIUM: Assessing Advanced Learners in Medicine (Section Two)

1:30 to 5:30 PM Using MiniCEX to Assess to Advanced Learners in the Workplace (Brian Jolly)

Professor Brian Jolly's half-day workshop will address some of the principles underpinning workplace-based assessment before focusing on the use of the Mini-CEX tool to assess advanced learners. After a review of the research on the

validity of the Mini-CEX, and 'reliability' issues for this sort of assessment, participants will share their experience on use of the Mini-CEX to observe trainees in the clinical setting, and provide educational feedback.

Friday 27 November

9:00- 5:00 PM Assessment of Reasoning in Contexts of Uncertainty: The Script Concordance Approach
(Bernard Charlin)

Professor Bernard will lead a one day seminar on the use of the Script Concordance Test (SCT) a relatively new standardised tool for assessing clinical reasoning in the contexts of uncertainty. The Script Concordance Test, based on script theory from cognitive psychology, uses authentic clinical scenarios to compare a trainee's judgment skills with those of experts. Professor Charlin has been extensively involved in the validation of the SCT in several medical disciplines and will bring this expertise to lead the seminar and review of SCT items developed by seminar participants.

WORKSHOP REQUIREMENTS

The Workshop is oriented to experienced item writers in the biomedical and clinical sciences. Registrations are limited to Consortium members and other medical schools in Australia. If the workshop is over-subscribed it may be necessary to limit the number of participants from each school or give preference to Consortium members.

Each registrant must bring to the workshop, draft items designed to measure reasoning or application in the biomedical or clinical sciences. These should include either

- 20 Items, preferably 10 R-type (Extended Matching Questions) and 10 A-type (best one of five options)

Following the workshop, non-consortium participants can have access only to those items that they brought to the workshop for critical review. Registrants from schools that are members in the IDEAL Consortium will be able to access all questions reviewed and approved in the workshop as these items will be entered directly into IDEAL's summative or formative item banks.

Draft items must be submitted to the University of Wollongong prior to the workshop. Please submit the items in MS Word file as an attachment, with subject heading "IDEAL Draft Items", to the following email address:
alethbr@uow.edu.au

Draft items must be received by no later than November 10, 2009.

Registrants are requested to write their draft items consistent with the item writing criteria identified in the DVD/CD instructional material supplied by the Consortium to all member schools or the publication by the National Board of Medical Examiners *Constructing Written Test Questions for the Basic and Clinical Sciences* (available at www.nbme.org).

SYMPOSIUM REQUIREMENTS

The Symposium is oriented to all teaching faculty. Participants may register for either or both days and do not have to be participants in the preceding IDEAL CONSORTIUM "Experienced Item Writers Workshop".

REGISTRATION

The Wollongong Workshop on November 24-25 is subsidised by the IDEAL Consortium. Thus, for Section One the registration fee per person is \$295 AUD. The fee includes morning and afternoon teas, lunches both days and the workshop dinner (food and soft drinks only) held the evening of Tuesday November 24.

Registration fee for both days of the Symposium is \$500 AUD or \$200 for Thursday only and \$400 for Friday only. Registration fee covers teas and lunch on November 27.

A completed registration form with payment details should be returned to the organisers by October 16, 2009. Registrations received after this date will attract a late fee of \$25 and places may not be guaranteed. Please forward the registration form, with payment details to:

Email: atran@uow.edu.au with subject heading "IDEAL Registration"

Fax: +61 2 4221 4341
ATTENTION: Alissa Tran

Post: Alissa Tran
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Building 28
University of Wollongong
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ACCOMMODATION

Special rates for accommodation are available at the following hotels:

Hotel Ibis Wollongong

Corner of Market and Church Street, Wollongong
Tel : +61 2 42236000 Fax : +61 2 42236006

Website: <http://www.ibishotel.com/gb/hotel-6377-ibis-wollongong/index.shtml>

Queen Room	\$119.00 per night	Queen + Single Room (for twin share)	\$119.00 per night
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Medina Executive

19 Market Street, Wollongong
Tel: +61 2 4250 5000 Fax: +61 2 4250 5099
Email: mewg@medina.com.au

Website: <http://www.medina.com.au/medina-executive-wollongong/hotel>

Studio Apartment	\$120 per night
One Bedroom Apartment	\$139 per night

Novotel Northbeach Wollongong

2-14 Cliff Road, North Wollongong
Tel: +61 2 4224 3111 Fax: +61 2 4229 1705
Email: stay@novotelnorthbeach.com.au

Non-Ocean View Room	\$192.00 per night
Ocean View Room	\$231.00 per night
Ocean View Room with Balcony	\$251.00 per night

Website: http://www.novotelnorthbeach.com.au/wollongong_hotel/contact.html

All rates provided are for double or twin share, and are room only. Accommodation should be booked directly through the hotel and not through the Workshop Organisers. Please indicate that you are attending the Workshop organised by the University of Wollongong in order to obtain the special rates. Reservations can be made via telephone or fax.

There are other accommodation options in Wollongong, participants are welcome to organise different accommodation through these hotels' relevant accommodation websites.

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

- A dinner will be held on the night of Tuesday November 25, at *Sixty Seven Dining*, for all participants in the workshop. *Sixty Seven Dining* is the University of Wollongong's popular on-campus restaurant serving modern Australian cuisine, and overlooking the picturesque McKinnon Lawn and waterways.
- On the morning of Thursday November 26 for an additional \$50 AUD, Wollongong's Graduate School of Medicine has arranged for a morning tour to the Illawarra Fly Tree Top Walk, with a light lunch included.

The Illawarra Fly Treetop Walk is a 500 metre long, 25 metre high elevated tree top walk, nestled amongst the temperate rainforest of the Southern Highlands. The Treetop Walk takes you along the picturesque Illawarra escarpment and offers inspiring views from Bass Point in the South to Bundeena in the North, taking in Wollongong, Lake Illawarra and the Tasman Sea. Walking along springboard cantilevers that bounce gently high over the picturesque Illawarra Escarpment, allow an incredible and breathtaking vantage point.

Guides will provide a history of the area; introduce the local flora and fauna; explain the innovative design and construction of the Walk as well as give an insight into traditional indigenous culture of local Aboriginal clans.

(The Illawarra Fly is located in a high rainfall area, and at an altitude of 700metres the rolling mist and drizzle heightens the experience as the forest reveals its true beauty and hidden secrets, but bring a jacket!)

- An optional dinner will be held for participants on Thursday, November 26 at The Lagoon Restaurant. The Lagoon Restaurant offers an elegant dining experience with the freshest seafood and produce, in a beautiful location by the sea. This dinner will cost \$70AUD for a three-course meal including wine/beer/soft drinks.

Please indicate on the registration form which social functions you will be attending.

The dress for the whole workshop will be casual.

WOLLONGONG

Wollongong, Australia's eighth largest city is located 85 km south of Sydney and is the gateway to Australia's Southeast coast. Temperatures in November typically range from mid teens at night to mid twenties (Celsius) during the day. There is plenty to do for participants before and after the workshop. Shopping, restaurants and an excellent choice of recreational options abound. Visit the New South Wales Australian Tourism website for more details (<http://tourismwollongong.com.au>).

CONTACT DETAILS

You can contact us further through Alissa Tran, the Conference Coordinator (atran@uow.edu.au)

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University of Wollongong – IDEAL Workshop – Symposium Registration Form

Please register me in the UOW - IDEAL November 2009 Workshop/Symposium

International registrants are reminded to make necessary visa arrangements.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Disciplinary Expertise: _____

I wish to participate in the following programmes/activities (see checked following entries)

Activity	Cost <i>(All prices are in AUD)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Workshop - Experienced Item Writers <i>(Tues 24 Nov- Wed 25 Nov)</i>	\$295.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Symposium Day 1 - Assessing Advanced Learners: MiniCEX <i>(1.30pm - 5.30pm Thursday 26 Nov)</i>	\$200.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Symposium Day 2 - Assessing Clinical Reasoning: Script Concordance Test <i>(9am-5.30pm Friday 27 Nov)</i>	\$400.00
<i>Please note that if you attend both days of the Symposium the registration fee will be \$500.00 AUD</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Social Event: Dinner <i>(Tuesday 24th Nov - cost included in registration fee)</i>	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Social Event: Tour to Illawarra Fly <i>(8.30am - 12.30pm Thursday 26 Nov)</i>	\$50.00pp
<input type="checkbox"/> Social Event: Dinner <i>(Thursday 26 Nov)</i>	\$70.00pp

I have completed the payment details following, for the total amount of _____

Registration and payment details to be returned by October 16, 2009

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Registration Form cont.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

CHEQUE ATTACHED [] Payable to *University of Wollongong* and must be in AUD

MASTERCARD [] VISA []

CARD NUMBER ____/____/____/____

CARD HOLDER'S NAME

ADDRESS

CITY

POSTCODE _____

COUNTRY _____

EXPIRY DATE __/__/__ TOTAL AMOUNT _____

I authorise the University of Wollongong to debit my credit card with the amount shown above.

SIGNATURE _____

Please indicate whether you require a receipt YES / NO