Season’s Greetings from TILES

On behalf of all of us at TILES, I wish you all a happy and safe Christmas and New Year and look forward to working with you in 2011.

TILES has been represented well over the year. All members of the team have presented seminars, conference papers, keynote and plenary speeches at both the national and international level, demonstrating the increasing interest in forensic science, police management, vulnerable populations, cross-border policing and police leadership. Details of these presentations and the publications for 2010 can be found on our website. We have had a number of new PhD students joining the ‘TILES family’ and one of the team graduated early in the year. We anticipate another two PhD completions in the near very future – very exciting.

I am very proud of these events and all the achievements TILES has accomplished this year. The credit for the success of these ventures lies of course with our people. The TILES researchers, PhD candidates, our external partners and Tasmania Police all contribute to the successful whole.

The TILES Executive Officer, Paula Broucek started with us 12 months ago and has worked exceedingly hard to promote TILES, manage our website, coordinate events and generally keep things ticking over. It has been a pleasure to work with her and all the TILES team. Thanks to everyone, not only for their work, but for their commitment to the Institute and the ongoing support provided to me personally this year.

It has been a year that has provided TILES with many opportunities for collaborative research across several jurisdictions. As a team we are planning several new and exciting research projects and activities for 2011. You will be able to keep up with these events through the TILES website and through the newsletter.

Best wishes

Jenny Fleming

TILES NEWS

• Professor Jenny Fleming and Dr Isabelle Bartkowiak-Théron are the recipients of a Vice-Chancellor’s Community Engagement Grant. The proposal was entitled: Integration and Collaboration: Building Capacity and Engagement for the provision of criminal justice services to Tasmania’s mentally ill.

• TILES presented a public lecture at the Stanley Burbury Theatre, University of Tasmania, Hobart on 13 October 2010. The lecture was entitled ‘A Conversation with Barbara Etter’ (CEO, Integrity Commission Tasmania).

• The 23rd ANZSOC and 4th ANZSOC (Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology) Postgraduate & Early Career Researcher Conferences were held at Alice Springs in the Northern Territory on 28 - 30 September, 2010. TILES participated at both conferences.

• Associate Professor Roberta Julian and Dr Sally Kelty were the keynote speakers at the 20th International Symposium of the Forensic Sciences in Sydney, September 2010. They discussed the effectiveness of forensic science in general and considered the skills and attributes of highly proficient expert crime scene examiners (are their skills innate or can they be taught?).


• During the semester break, the School of Government hosted an intensive Tasmania Police Inspectors’ Course. Over four days, nineteen Sergeants applying for the position of Inspector attended ‘Contemporary Policing’, a topic coordinated by Dr Isabelle Bartkowiak-Théron and Dr Robert Hall (School of Government). The topic explored in the class revolved around policing and politics, innovative police practices and performance management.


• Professor Jenny Fleming presented (with Grant Akeson, Drug and Alcohol Office, WA) ‘Sustainable change: when liquor restrictions are not enough’ at the National Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Conference in Adelaide in June 2010.

• Congratulations to Heidi Gordon a TILES PhD student who has won the Gwen Nettleton Memorial Scholarship for three years.

Publications & Reports


Papers Presented at the ANZSOC Conference, September 2010:

• Should partnership policing be taught? How to capitalise on police recruits’ potential. Dr Isabelle Bartkowiak-Théron.

• Spanning the Boundaries: Delivering criminal justice services across Australian state borders. Professor Jenny Fleming and Professor Rick Sarre (University of South Australia).

• Community safety in the Northern Territory: how will we know if it is changed? Dr Judy Putt.

• Who makes a good crime scene officer? Associate Professor Roberta Julian and Dr Sally Kelty.


• Early Disclosure of Child Sexual Abuse: Are We Ready? Dr Isabelle Bartkowiak-Théron and Wendy Northey (Melbourne, Victoria).

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‘Innovative, Collaborative and Interdisciplinary Research’
Welcome to TILES New PhD Student

Welcome to our new PhD student, Paul Roberts. Paul is a South Australian police officer. His thesis will be looking at indigenous cultural training and education for police who work with the indigenous population in the APY Lands. Professor Jenny Fleming will be Paul’s principal supervisor.

We are looking forward to working with Paul and wish him all the best with his research studies.

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Who makes a good crime scene officer?

The scene of the crime is where good forensic science begins and high quality evidence can only occur if the scene is processed effectively. What skills do good Crime Scene Examiners (CSE) have? Is a question we have been exploring in our project, The Effectiveness of Forensic Science in the Criminal Justice System (Funded by the Australian Research Council).

We interviewed men and women police officers and forensic science academics. We found good CSEs have seven sets of skills and attributes. These are: knowledge base, experience, work orientation, approach to life, communication, professional demeanour and cognitive abilities. This research was presented at the 20th International Symposium of the Forensic Sciences in Sydney, September 2010 (presenters: Associate Professor Roberta Julian and Dr Sally Kelty).

For more information about The Effectiveness of Forensic Science in the Criminal Justice System project or ‘Who makes a good crime scene officer’, contact: sally.kelty@utas.edu.au or roberta.julian@utas.edu.au

Postgraduates get-together

Dr Sally Kelty is the PhD coordinator for TILES postgraduate students. In June 2010 a meeting was held to bring together new and old students to touch base and discuss their postgraduate wants and needs.

The meeting provided an opportunity to make a small presentation to Barbara Stewart acknowledging the successful completion of her PhD. Her thesis about the gendering of police women in Australian police was very well received by examiners.

For information about postgraduate seminars and other activities contact PhD Coordinator:
sally.kelty@utas.edu.au

Open Day and Postgraduate Research Expo @ UTAS

TILES participated at the Open Day at the University of Tasmania on 8th August 2010 and Postgraduate Information Evening Expo 2010 event on 27th September 2010.

Both events promoted TILES and the University of Tasmania research opportunities and introduced visitors to academics and their research. Professor Jenny Fleming, Dr Sally Kelty and Dr Isabelle Bartkowiak-Théron represented TILES at the events.

The events were coordinated by TILES Executive Officer, Paula Broucke who provided access to information literature and the promotional material. The literature and promotional material were distributed to potential students and those businesses and agencies looking for opportunities to further their staff qualification and professional development.

7th Australasian Council for Women and Policing Conference – Call for Papers

The Australasian Council for Women and Policing (ACWAP) is calling for papers for the Seventh Australasian Women and Policing Conference in Hobart, 21-24 August 2011

‘Making it happen - police and community’

There are nine streams for the 2011 conference to select from. Police, researchers, women and men from other justice agencies, similar occupations, women’s organisations and advocacy groups are invited to participate in the conference and share their stories, solutions and achievements.

Send your 100 words abstracts and 100 words biography to: conference@acwap.com.au by 28 February 2011.

Submissions can be for papers in the concurrent sessions (20-25 minutes each), workshops/panels (90 minutes) and poster papers.

The abstract submission form is available on the ACWAP website: www.acwap.com.au/conferences