

IEA-AEA Western Pacific Regional Collaboration Award Results

During 2015 a new initiative for Australia/NZ and the International Epidemiology Association (IEA) Western Pacific region was developed between the IEA Regional Counsellor for the Western Pacific (Tony LaMontagne) and the Australasian Epidemiology Association (AEA). A co-funded **Regional Collaboration Award** to support collaboration and exchange between IEA and AEA members was introduced, with two one-off Awards of AU\$2000 (\$1000 contributed by each Association) on offer (applications closed 30 October 2015). The purpose of the Award is to share capacity and build collaborations between Australia/NZ and other countries in the Western Pacific region. Applications were required to involve a member from each Association, with one member based in a country outside of Australia or New Zealand (AEA's main membership base). Two awards were presented to researchers from the Fiji National University to attend research workshops in Australia. Details of the successful applicants are noted below. Our sincere congratulations to the winners with our wishes for their continuing success. Tony LaMontagne, on behalf of IEA and AEA.

Recipient	Institution	Collaborating Institution	Proposed Travel	Award
Mrs Gade Waqu	Pacific Research Centre for the Prevention of Obesity and Non-Communicable Disease (C-POND) Fiji National University	Deakin University, Faculty of Health – Prof Marj Moodie	Support to attend the Advanced Field Research Methods Short Course , (Data collection methods, data analysis approaches and results reporting) Melbourne, Australia	Contribution of: \$1,000.00 IEA \$1,000.00 AEA
Mrs Jyotishna Mudaliar	College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences, Fiji National University	Sydney University, Central Clinical School – A/Prof Kirsten Black and Dr Camille Raynes-Greenow	Visit to School of Public Health and Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Neonatology, University of Sydney to enhance data analysis skills and design a research methods workshop to be conducted in Fiji	Contribution of: \$1,000.00 IEA \$1,000.00 AEA