

Have you considered becoming a member?

“...An excellent course that provides a bridge between missions and medical practice!”

From the Course Coordinator

The 16th Summer School had 16 participants, a few less than the average, but as usual, a wonderful mix of professions (7 RNs, 3 RN/RMs, 3 doctors and one dentist, physio and teacher). There was a rich variety of overseas experience, ranging from a few months to many years. We were also blessed to have Dr Luc, a Christian doctor from the Democratic Republic of Congo join us for 3 of the 4 weeks. Luc is also an elected Member of Parliament and runs an effective community health and development program. He was quite successful in recruiting a number of the participants to visit him in DR Congo!

We also welcomed a number of presenters for the first time, one of whom was a previous Intermed participant! We are gradually building up a pool of presenters for many of the presentations so that we can rotate the responsibility from year to year and become more sustainable.

This year there was again an increase in the proportion of the group staying for the 4th week (13 out of 16), with one participant from Intermed 2011 coming back to join us for this week. A larger than usual number (13) also opted to do the course for credit.

The Intermed team was again encouraged by the evaluation comments from the participants, a selection of which are included here.

Some of the main things gained from the Summer School were:

- There is a God and we are not him! We can't do everything but we can do something.
- Realization that everyone has to start somewhere and not to be afraid to do things.
- New inspiring life stories and projects
- Opportunity to think through medical mission models and approaches
- To meet some amazing Christian men and women – inspiring stories; find out about different organisations – networking
- Practical clinical skills for the mission field

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Coming soon:

*Graduate Diploma in
International Health
and Development*

- Knowledge of tropical/ infectious diseases
- A passion for primary health care
- Further understanding of public health principles
- More information about cultural settings and the social determinants of disease
- A great appreciation of global health issues and the concept of development.

In the next three years the participants are planning to use the content of the course in the following ways:

- It has shown me about going into a community and working with people – I'm a small part of the big picture. I'm sure many parts of the course will come in handy at many times
- Hopefully use the skills overseas, particularly in a refugee setting
- Be more holistic and empowering in my work
- Focus more on community participation in my work.

There were many compliments (and very few complaints!).

- The level of expertise of most of the lecturers was brilliant. Having passionate lectures is brilliant – inspiring to hear what people have done with their lives.
- An excellent course that provides a bridge between missions and medical practice!
- Where to begin? How to put into words? Incredible organization, all details covered, ran so smoothly, resulting in comprehensive interesting, challenging course.
- I am so happy to have done this course as it gave me many new inspirations and made me feel more confident to continue to do work in the mission field and trust God to lead me
- Intermed provide unparalleled teaching inspiration and content. The course is excellently organized and I highly encourage its fruitful continuation – thank you!!

Once again there are many people working behind the scenes who have contributed to these positive comments. In particular I want to thank Miki Wauchope and her team for the excellent support provided during the Summer School, all the members of the Intermed Committee who gave of their time and all the lecturers and facilitators who shared their knowledge, experience and life stories to make this another successful Summer School.

Doug Shaw

From the Course Advisor

INTERMED ROLLS ON.....1000 and counting

337 folk from 14 health professions (plus an engineer, an agricultural officer, two school teachers, a social worker and a musician!) have attended INTERMED since it was re-incarnated in 1997!

Before that some 250 attended the Summer Schools conducted at Flinders Uni. And if we add the numbers who have attended related courses conducted in the USA for 13 years, Brazil, the UK and Taiwan, plus those who have taken the undergraduate course offered at the University of Adelaide medical school each year, the total exceeds 1000.

My thanks go to Doug Shaw and Miki Wauchope who have developed a database of former Intermeders which is summarised below

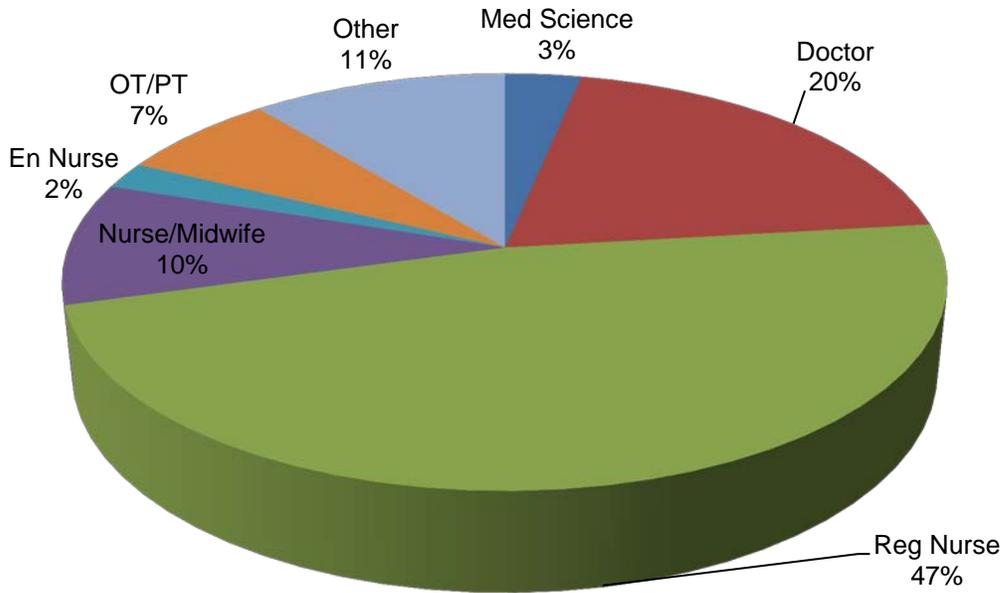
NOW, we are seeking to raise the bar and are working with Tabor's School of Ministry and Theology to introduce a **GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN INTERNATIONAL HEALTH & DEVELOPMENT (GDIH&D)**.

The Committee working on this project consists of Doug Shaw, David Turnbull, Margaret Williams and Anthony Radford under the direction of Aaron Chambers, the head of School of Ministry and Theology, who has put many hours of labour in to the project.

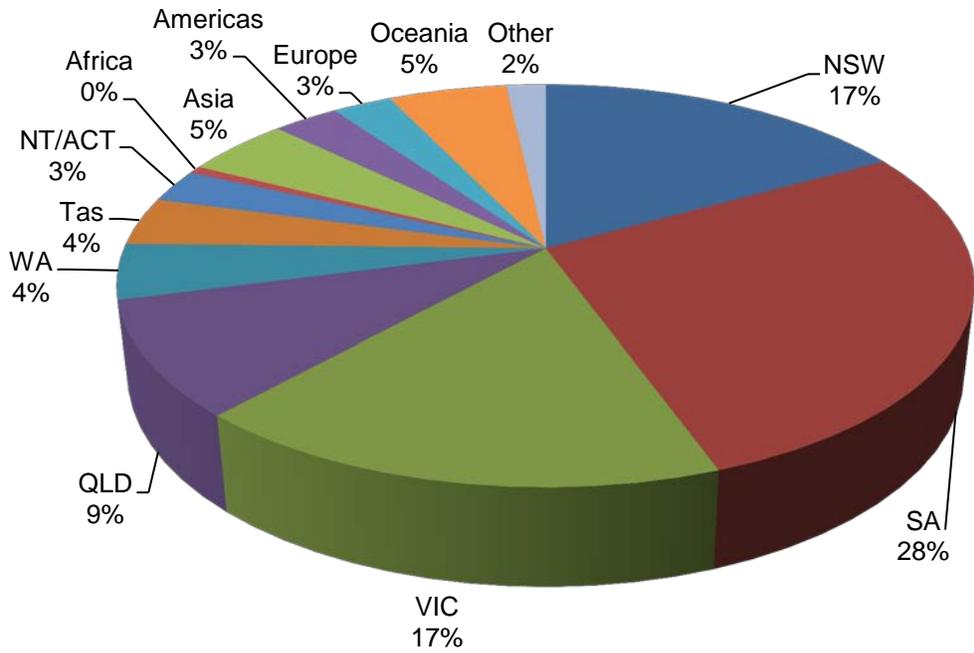
We hope that it will be up and running in 2014 and we are exploring mechanisms for those who have done INTERMED for credit in recent years will be able to bridge into the programme.

Blessings, wherever you may be, Anthony.

Intermed Participants by Profession
1997-2013



Intermed Participants by Region
1997 to 2013



A Student's Perspective: Bec Vallee



16 Mustard Seeds- A Reflection on Intermed

The Parable of the Mustard Seed is accounted to us in the gospel of Matthew. Jesus teaches us that with faith the size of a mustard seed we can move mountains. When I walked through the doors of Intermed in January I was sat in a room with sixteen other people. Sixteen 'mustard seeds'. And when I walked out – I saw sixteen people equipped to move mountains.

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When a student at university completing my bachelor of nursing I found students were mostly products of a system. Where our minds were filled with a wealth of knowledge but our hearts left neglected. To be taught passion, purpose and inspiration at university takes a blessed lecturer! Marrying both a pupil's heart and mind in education requires a depth of skill not frequently come upon. Intermed achieves both, it opens the doors of your mind and the eyes of your heart.



After one month my mind was left exploding with new ideas, concepts and knowledge. Above all my heart was left with the tools to practice and apply these new skills. This course offers relationships, networks, clinical skills and the ability to offer life and hope to those in our world most in need.

Each lecturer and topic covered leaves you with fresh inspiration and a new perspective. Intermed has changed the direction of my career, deepened by knowledge and above all inspired me to God's purpose. One month of training leaves you with a life time of opportunities. Thank you Dr Radford, Dr Shaw, and all the Intermed team. Every moment that is poured into administrating this course produces another empowered person for God's cause. Above all else Intermed will see those considered the least in the dark corners of our world find health, hope and love.

Rebecca Vallee *Registered Nurse* Intermed 2013 participant



Breaking News!

This year's Intermed Practicum is planned for August 30- September 16 to Vanuatu. This year we were hoping to assist Camp Shining Light staff in accessing the small island of Totoba (near Santo) to bring medical care in Jesus' name to its population of around 600 people.

We have not yet finalized the group numbers but there are definitely enough to make a trip this year, and we look forward to yet another successful practicum experience.

Amy Seymour-Walsh

Have you found us on Facebook? Like our page or join our group of past participants!

Preparations are already underway for Intermed Summer School 2014! Get your registrations in early to secure your place!

Course Founder Anthony Radford published his memoirs this year. Focusing on his time in Papua New Guinea, *Sing Sings, Sutures and Sorcery* is a powerful story of forty years of service in the island that is informative, funny, and very moving.

Becoming a member or friend of Intermed is a great way to stay in touch! Contact Course Coordinator Doug Shaw for further details.

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About Our Organization...

Intermed is a Summer Intensive in International Health and Development, for Christian healthcare professionals who wish to work in the developing world.

Intermed is unique in Australasia, as it provides training in tropical medicine with

practical tools and development theory in order to equip health professionals for the developing world.

Intermed prides itself on its quality of teaching and breadth of education, as well as the strong community focus and relationships formed during the course.