

SEMINARS 2008

The Australian Association of Gerontology, the Australian and New Zealand Society for Geriatric Medicine, and GeriAction warmly invite you to the 2008 Combined Seminar Series.

These seminars are suitable for anyone with a personal or professional interest in issues to do with ageing.

"Promoting Independence with Assistive Technologies: Intersection of Engineering, Rehabilitation and Social Sciences"

Professor William Mann is the AAG Gary Andrews Travelling Fellow for 2008. He is Distinguished Professor and Chair of Occupational Therapy at the University of Florida.

This seminar will explore how an interdisciplinary approach to the promotion of independence in later life can lead to innovative technologies and ways of thinking. Through an examination of recent advances in assistive technology, Prof. Mann will discuss how theory and practice from the social sciences, engineering and rehabilitation can create a new approach to the modification of existing assistive technologies and the design of new aids to maximise independence amongst older and frail adults.

Time for questions and discussion will provide a rare opportunity to engage Prof. Mann's experience at the international forefront of assistive technologies development.

Date : Monday 17th November

Time : 5:30pm : Food, wine and networking
6 - 7pm : Seminar

Venue : ECH Inc, training rooms
174 Greenhill Rd, Parkside.

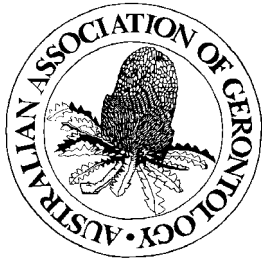
Cost : Members/Concession \$ 10
Non-members \$ 20

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BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL by Friday 14th November

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SPEAKER Details

William Mann, OTR, Ph.D. is Distinguished Professor and Chair of Occupational Therapy and Director of the Ph.D. Program in Rehabilitation Science at the University of Florida. Dr Mann also directs the National Older Drivers Research and Training Center, and has served as the Principal Investigator for the Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center (RERC) on Ageing since 1991, funded by the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research. Previously, he was a professor at the University at Buffalo for 25 years.

Dr. Mann has authored four books, over 100 journal articles and book chapters, and served as founder and co-editor of the journal *Technology and Disability*. He has served as the Conference Chair for the 1999, 2003, 2006 and 2008 International Conference on Ageing, Disability and Independence. His work extends internationally to projects in Brazil and he is an honorary professor at the University of Sydney. Dr. Mann has over 35 years of experience in rehabilitation and community-based programs.

Dr Mann's work over the past 20 years has focused on ***approaches to promoting independence with technology, including driving and smart technology for persons with disabilities***. His current work focuses on home monitoring and communications technologies (tele-health, tele-homecare), and older driver assessment and rehabilitation.