The National Drug Research Institute invites you to

**Breaking down borders: Overcoming research isolation to build global collaborations**

*Free public seminar with*

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**Thursday, 27 June 2013**

1pm

National Drug Research Institute Seminar Room
Curtin University Health Research Campus,
Level 2, 10 Selby Street, Shenton Park, WA

One of the challenges of conducting research in Australia is isolation from some of the most productive research regions, mainly in Europe and North America. Academic journals and research funding agencies are placing increased importance on international collaborations to broaden the potential reach and impact of research outputs. The precedence on collaborative efforts presents unique challenges for early career researchers (ECRs) in Australia due to its geographical isolation. This seminar will present recent experiences at the Ymind School of Advanced Science for the Prevention of Mental Health Disorders at the Federal University of Sao Paulo (UNIFESP), outlining some innovative approaches Brazil’s premier university and state funding body has enacted to address similar geographical isolation challenges. Strategies to build international collaborations and strengthen research outputs for ECRs in Australia will be explored.

Jesse Young is an early career researcher employed as a Research Officer at the Centre for Health Services Research at the University of Western Australia. He recently completed his Masters of Public Health (UWA) receiving the Konrad Jamrozik Prize for Excellence in the Master of Public Health. He is an Adjunct Research Associate at the National Drug Research Institute and has held previous research positions at the Centre for Addictions Research of British Columbia (Canada), contributing to multiple national and international research studies during his five-year experience in mental health research. His primary research interest is in the area of psychiatric epidemiology including the epidemiological analysis of substance use disorders.

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