

COLLABORATION WITH NEW ZEALAND MINISTRY OF HEALTH

The Public Health Intelligence Unit of the New Zealand Ministry of Health (MoH) and the CSSM signed a two year collaboration agreement including funding of up to NZ\$225,000, in October 2006.

The partnership includes a range of training activities and statistical projects. Projects to date include:

- Development of the sample design for the 2006-2007 New Zealand Health Survey;
- Development of preliminary sampling weights for the New Zealand Health Survey;
- Sample design and analysis advice on other surveys including the NZ Alcohol and Drug Use Survey, the NZ Oral Health Survey and the NZ Adult Nutrition Survey.

NIASRA has presented short courses in Wellington to MoH and other researchers and policy analysts including:

- Sample Design and Estimation for Household Surveys (two day course, October 2005)
- Interpreting Survey Data (session as part of Public Health Intelligence Workshop, May 2006)
- Survey Quality and Cost (one day course, September 2006)
- Logistic Regression (one day course April 2007)
- Multilevel Modelling (two day course, planned for December 2007)

Activities planned for 2008 include a scholarship program, and further expansion of the statistical training programme.

For more information on the New Zealand Health Survey sample design, see the (Clark and Gerritsen Symposium Proceedings Submission.pdf) attached paper which was presented at the Statistics Canada Symposium in November 2006.

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