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CEPAR 2013 Annual Report

The 2013 Annual Report from the ARC Centre of Excellence in Population Ageing Research (CEPAR) was released this week detailing CEPAR's activity in 2013.

Centre Director John Piggott said the level of activity in CEPAR's third year of operation was a real achievement.

"This is the year when CEPAR has come of age", he said.

"Our multidisciplinary focus has brought together researchers from demography, economics, psychology, sociology and epidemiology to examine challenges of population ageing from many perspectives. That is the particular contribution of the Centre of Excellence model for funding research."

A prominent feature of CEPAR research across all disciplines is the extensive modelling work undertaken. CEPAR researchers are modelling longevity risk, healthy life expectancy, demographic projections and economic outcomes.

The annual report also provides a comprehensive overview of all of CEPAR's research projects. Several areas of interest emerged in 2013: Risk management modelling around new products for funding retirement, such as reverse mortgages and annuities; an examination of retirement decision making, including the involvement of government policy levers in the household decision making process; longevity modelling and the development of an Australian expertise in healthy life expectancy modelling.

As with all areas of CEPAR research, this work makes a significant contribution to the evidence base required by policy makers and product providers.

Highlights from 2013 include:

- CEPAR's first international conference;
- 117 journal publications;
- 61 research projects underway;
- CEPAR's first Industry Forum on Age Friendly Business;
- John Piggott delivered the Hancock lecture at ANU and UNSW
- Kaarin Anstey delivered a keynote address at the Australian Association of Epidemiology annual meeting
- Robert Cumming appointed to the Board of the Sax Institute
- Hal Kendig delivered the Gary Andrews memorial lecture at the International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics World Congress in Seoul
- Michael Sherris delivered the keynote address at the Colloquium of the International Actuarial Association in Lyon, France.

The full report is available at www.cepar.edu.au

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