

ANNUAL REPORT 2013

INTERNATIONAL LABORATORY FOR AIR QUALITY and HEALTH (ILAQH)

WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION
COLLABORATING CENTRE FOR AIR QUALITY
AND HEALTH

1. Introduction

The International Laboratory for Air Quality and Health (ILAQH) is part of the Institute for Health and Biomedical Innovation (IHBI) and the Institute for Future Environments (IFE), at the Queensland University of Technology (QUT). ILAQH undertakes research, postgraduate training and consultancy in the complex, interdisciplinary field of air quality and its impact on human health, with a specific focus on ultrafine and nanoparticles. The three main aspects of ILAQH research activities are:

- Comprehensive characterisation of indoor and outdoor air, including emission sources;
- Integrated health and environmental risk assessments; and
- Strategies for controlling and managing air pollutants.

To address the challenge related to the interdisciplinary nature of air pollution and its impact on human health, academics from a number of Faculties within QUT are involved with the programs undertaken by the ILAQH, including discipline areas such as: physics, chemistry, microbiology, mathematics, public health and engineering. The expertise of the ILAQH personnel is strengthened by close collaboration with a number of government and non-government organizations. Through joint research, lecturing and postgraduate student supervision, the ILAQH collaborates closely with a number of North American, European and Asian research and tertiary organizations.

The facility is equipped with state of the art instrumentation for aerosol generation, mass and number size classification; monitoring of atmospheric gases; real time biological studies; vehicle emission testing, filter testing, lung deposition studies, and computer modelling. Access to electron microscopy and analytical chemistry facilities is available through the links existing within the Science and Engineering Faculty.

ILAQH has built up a scientific program, which is recognised internationally through a high publication rate in reputable international journals, visits by scholars from around the world to the facility, and invitations to the ILAQH key researchers to address international conferences and participate in international initiatives. In Australia both the Queensland State and the Federal government and non-government organizations regularly seek the expertise of this facility.

ILAQH is a Collaborating Centre of the World Health Organization on Research and Training in the field of Air Quality and Health, since 2004.

2. ILAQH Researchers in 2013

Director

Professor Lidia Morawska, PhD (School of Chemistry, Physics & Mechanical Engineering)

Academic Staff

Professor Godwin Ayoko (School of Chemistry, Physics & Mechanical Engineering) Professor Zoran Ristovski (School of Chemistry, Physics & Mechanical Engineering) Dr Branka Miljevic (School of Chemistry, Physics & Mechanical Engineering)

Research Fellows / Associates

Dr Congrong He
Dr Graham Johnson
Dr Hao Wang
Dr Mandana Mazaheri
Dr Rohan Jayaratne
Dr Sam Clifford

Research Fellowships

Dr Heidi Salonen Dr Nurun Nabi

Associated QUT Academic Staff

A/Professor Flavia Huygens (School of Biomedical Sciences)
Professor Kerrie Mengersen (School of Mathematical Sciences)
Adjunct A/Professor Megan Hargreaves (School of Biomedical Sciences)
Adjunct A/Professor Riaz Akber (School of Chemistry, Physics and Mechanical Engineering)
A/Professor Richard Brown (School of Chemistry, Physics and Mechanical Engineering)
A/Professor Rosemary Kennedy (School of Design Office, Architecture)
Dr Samantha Low Choy (School of Mathematical Sciences)
Professor Shilu Tong (School of Public Health and Social Work)
Dr Thor Bostrom (School of Chemistry, Physics and Mechanical Engineering)
Professor Steven Bottle (School of Chemistry, Physics and Mechanical Engineering)

Associated Academic Adjunct Staff

Adjunct Prof Giorgio Buonanno (University of Cassino, Italy) Adjunct Prof Tunga Salthammer (Fraunhofer WKI, Germany) Adjunct Prof Werner Hoffman (University of Salzburg, Austria)

Associated Academic Staff Other Universities

Dr David Katoshevski (Ben Gurion University, Israel)
Prof Erik Uhde (Fraunhofer WKI, Germany)
A/Professor Hai Guo (Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong)

Dr Marcelo Pereira (University of São Paulo, Brazil) Prof Markku Kulmala (University of Helsinki Finland)

A/Prof Richard De Dear (University of Sydney, Australia)

Prof Urs Baltensperger (Paul Scherer Institute, Switzerland)

Dr Rob Modini (SCRIPS Institute)

Dr Nicholas Meyer (Paul Scherer Institute, Switzerland)

Postgraduate & Research Co-ordinator

Mrs Rachael Appleby Ms Chantal Labbe

Doctoral Students

Alamsyah Juwono (Supervisor: Lidia Morawska)
Ali Pourkhesalian (Supervisor: Zoran Ristovski)
Andjelija Milic (Supervisor: Zoran Ristovski)
Colette King (Supervisor: Megan Hargreaves)
Ehsan Faghihi (Supervisor: Lidia Morawska)
Farhad Salimi (Supervisor: Lidia Morawska)
Farzaneh Hedayat (Supervisor: Zoran Ristovski)
Jana Adamovska (Supervisor: Zoran Ristovski)
Jayan Karunasinghe (Supervisor: Lidia Morawska)

Lingli Guo (Supervisor: Lidia Morawska) Marc Mallet (Supervisor: Zoran Ristovski)

Md Mahmudur Rahman (Supervisor: Lidia Morawska)

Megat Mokhtar (Supervisor: Lidia Morawska)
Mostafizur Rahman (Supervisor: Zoran Ristovski)
Nitika Mishra (Supervisor: Lidia Morawska)
Peter McGarry (Supervisor: Lidia Morawska)
Rachel Thomson (Supervisor: Megan Hargreaves)
Rusdin Laiman (Supervisor: Lidia Morawska)
Tenzin Wangchuk (Supervisor: Lidia Morawska)

Doctoral Students (enrolled in other QUT Schools and other Universities)

Madhumita Iyengar (Urban Development, Supervisor: Luis Ferreira)

Meisam Babaie (Engineering, Supervisor: Richard Brown) Md Animul Islam (Engineering, Supervisor: Richard Brown) Md Jahirul Islam (Engineering, Supervisor: Richard Brown)

Sarah Lawson (CSIRO, (Supervisor: Zoran Ristovski)

Timothy Bodisco (Engineering Systems, Supervisor: Zoran Ristovski)

Masters Students

Jeremy Stamkos (Supervisor: Lidia Morawska) Luke Cravigan (Supervisor: Zoran Ristovski)

Praveen Vijaysegaran (Supervisor: Lidia Morawska)

Soon-Che Chan (Supervisor: Godwin Ayoko)

Post Graduate Completions

Leigh Crilley (Supervisor: Godwin Ayoko, Co-Supervisor: Lidia Morawska)

Sam Clifford (Supervisor: Lidia Morawska)

Svetlana Stevanovic (Supervisor: Zoran Ristovski) Tom Cole-Hunter (Supervisor: Lidia Morawska) Tran Ngoc Quang (Supervisor: Lidia Morawska)

3. Awards and Achievements

- ▶ In January 2013: Chao, C., Wan, M.P., Morawska, L., Johnson, G.R.R., Ristovski, Z.D.D., Hargreaves, M., Mengersen, K., Corbett, S., Li, Y., Xie, X. and Katoshevski, D. Characterization of expiration air jets and droplet size distributions immediately at the mouth opening. *Journal of Aerosol Science*, 40: 122 133, 2009. One of *JAS'* most cited journal articles since 2008, with the majority of citations in 2011-2012 21 times in 2011 and 17 times in 2012.
- In March 2013: Buonanno, G., Morawska, L., Stabile, L. and Viola, A. Exposure to particle number, surface area and PM concentrations in pizzerias. *Atmospheric Environment*, 44: 3963-3969, 2010. **Top-50 most cited articles**" published in *Atmospheric Environment* for 2010-2011.
- ➢ In April 2013: PhD student Nick Surawski was awarded the 2012 Outstanding Doctoral Thesis Award. Nick has done an exceptional job during his PhD. His thesis consisted of 7 papers out of which he was the first author on 5 (4 of those where published in the top journal in our field Environmental Science and Technology).
- ▶ In May 2013: PhD student Quang Tran was the recipient of the Physics Higher Degree Research Student Publication Prize for the 2012 academic year in the faculty (SEF), awarded to the Physics HDR student with the Best First Author Publication record.
- In June 2013: Masters student Praveen Vijaysegaran, won the Don Tuffley Award for Best Registrar Paper award titled **Space Suits An Unrecognised source of Infection?** presented at the Australian Orthopaedic Association Queensland Branch Annual Scientific Meeting 2013 (22-23 June 2013).
- ➢ In August 2013: article Veillette, M., Knibbs, L.D., Pelletier, A., Charlebois, R., Lecours, P.B., He, C., Morawska, L. and Duchaine, C. The microbial content of vacuum cleaner bag dust and emitted bioaerosols: Implications for human exposures indoors. Applied and Environmental Microbiology, Accepted 2 August 2013, In Press. has been selected by the editors of Applied and Environmental Microbiology for inclusion in "Spotlight", a feature in the Journal highlighting research articles in the upcoming issue that have been deemed of significant interest. This section follows the table of contents and includes short descriptions of four to six especially meritorious articles.

4. Peer Reviewed Publications

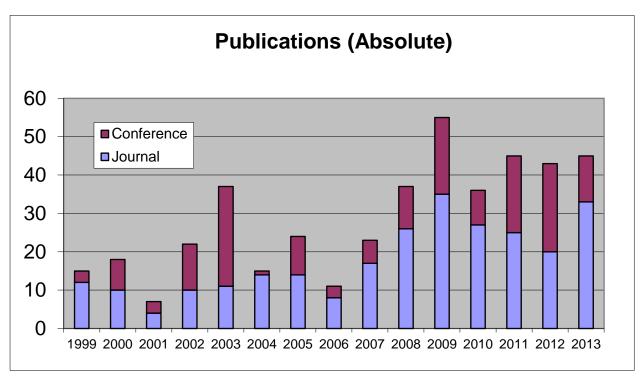


Figure 1. ILAQH Refereed Publications from 1998 – 2013.

5. Competitive Grants (Granted and Applied)

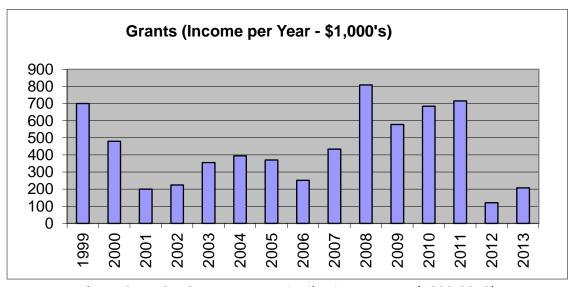


Figure 2. ILAQH Grant Income Distribution per Year (1999-2013)

GRANTED

Grant Title: NHMRC Centre of Air quality and health Research and evaluation (CAR)

Seed Funding

Project Title: Estimating the Australian burden of disease due to air pollution **Chief Investigators:** Lidia Morawska, Luke Knibbs, Adrian Barnett, Sam Clifford

Awarded: \$19,993

Grant Title: NHMRC Centre of Air quality and health Research and evaluation (CAR)

Postdoctoral Fellowship

Project Title: CAR Postdoctoral Fellowship

Chief Investigators: Sam Clifford

Awarded: \$52,418

Grant Title: IHBI Collaborative Research Development

Project Title: How transmissible is influenza by the airborne route?

Chief Investigators: Graham Johnson, Ian Mackay, Scott Bell, Lidia Morawska,

Congrong He

Requested: \$29,922

Grant Title: IHBI Collaborative Research Development

Project Title: Airborne Infection Mechanisms in Paediatric Intensive Care and High

Dependency Units – A Pilot Study

Chief Investigators: Lidia Morawska, Congrong He, Graham Johnson, Claire

Wainwright, Ian Mackay, Scott Bell, Mark Coulthard, Luke Knibbs, Timothy Kidd

Requested: \$29,968

Grant Title: IHBI Collaborative Research Development

Project Title: Comparative risk assessment analysis of personal exposure to ultrafine

particles (UFP) over four continents

Chief Investigators: Mandana Mazaheri, Sam Clifford, Lidia Morawska, Giorgio

Buonanno

Requested: \$29,000

Grant Title: ATN-DAAD

Project Title: Children exposure to airborne nanoparticles at school: application of Multivariate and Bayesian statistics towards assessment of spatial and temporal

trends, and exposure mitigation.

Chief Investigators: Lidia Morawska, Mandana Mazaheri, Sam Clifford, Tunga

Salthammer, Erik Uhde, Tobias Schripp

Requested: \$24,600

Grant Title: QUT Early Career Academic Recruitment and Development (ECARD) Grant

Chief Investigators: Branka Miljevic

Requested: \$15,000

Grant Title: QUT Vice Chancellor's Travel Grant

Chief Investigators: Branka Miljevic

Requested: \$7,000

APPLIED (Outcome Still Pending)

Grant Title: ARC Linkage

Project Title: Evolution of Fuel and Transport Technology and its Impact on Urban

Atmosphere

Chief Investigators: Lidia Morawska, Zoran Ristovski, Sam Clifford, Mandana

Mazaheri, Robin Smit, Martin Cope

Requested: \$180,000

Grant Title: ARC Linkage

Project Title: Coal-Dust from Haulage Trains: quantitative assessment of its

characteristics and impacts of the exposure at the receptor sites

Chief Investigators: Lidia Morawska, Zoran Ristovski, Rohan Jayaratne, Robin Smit,

Nicole Garland

Requested: \$411,000

Grant Title: ARC Linkage

Project Title: Development of a non-intrusive, robust diesel engine monitoring system

to identify the onset of faults affecting the engine performance

Chief Investigators: Tan, Lin, Gu, Ristovski, Brown, Davey

Requested: \$450,000

Grant Title: ACARP

Project Title: Assessment of the DPM health risk impact of diesel exhaust filters

Chief Investigators: Zoran Ristovski

Requested: \$220,000

Grant Title: Marine National Facility, RV Investigator

Project Title: The Great Barrier Reef as a significant source of climatically relevant

aerosol particles.

Chief Investigators: Zoran Ristovski, Melita Keywood, Graham Jones, Sarah Lawson, Branka Miljevic, Hilton Swan, Annele Virtanen, Petri Vaattovaara, Hiroshi Tanimoto,

Alain Protat, Mike Harvey, Robyn Schofield, Robin Modini, Justin Seymour, Jean-

Baptiste Raina

Requested: Application for Sea Time.

APPLIED (Not Successful)

Grant Title: ARC Centre of Excellence

Project Title: ARC Centre of Excellence in Future Urban Systems (FUS)

Chief Investigators: Lidia Morawska, Richard de Dear, Zoran Ristovski, Peter Sly, Nicole Gurran, Adrian Barnett, Assaad Masri, YT Gu, Godwin Ayoko, Luke Knibbs, Peter Phibbs, Laurie Buys, Richard Brown, John Bell, Edward Chung, Flavia Huygens, Cheryl Desha, Shilu Tong, Keith Hampson, Gail Williams, Jochen Mueller, Randall Fletcher, Melita Keywood, Martin Cope, Tunga Salthammer, Nino Kuenzli, Urs

Baltensperger, Jiang Yi, Aaron Cohen, Warren Friedman

Requested: \$24,625,983

Grant Title: ARC Discovery

Project Title: Urbanisation and Atmospheric Nanoparticle Organic Matter: Role of Anthropogenic Processes on its Formation and Consequences for Human Exposure **Chief Investigators:** Lidia Morawska, Zoran Ristovski, Godwin Ayoko, Luke Knibbs,

Rohan Jayaratne, Giorgio Buonanno, Samantha Low Choy

Requested: \$737,900

Grant Title: ARC Linkage Infrastructure, Equipment and Facilities (LIEF)

Project Title: Proton Transfer Reaction Mass Spectrometer - a new tool for real-time

trace gas measurements

Chief Investigators: Zoran Ristovski, Branka Miljevic, Godwin Ayoko, Lidia Morawska,

Richard Brown

Requested: \$215,000

Grant Title: ARC Australian Laureate Fellowship

Project Title: Predicting Changes in the Urban Atmosphere: Evolution of fuel and

transport technology and its impact on air quality and human health

Chief Investigators: Lidia Morawska, Graham Johnson, Scott Bell, Claire Wainwright,

Keith Grimwood

Requested: \$3,149,891

Grant Title: ARC Future Fellowship

Project Title: Organic aerosols in the troposphere of Australia: Their precursors,

formation mechanisms and connection with climate change

Chief Investigators: Hai Guo

Requested: \$989,114

Grant Title: NHMRC Project Grants

Project Title: Understanding the mechanisms and risk factors associated with

infectious cough aerosol production

Chief Investigators: Scott Bell, Lidia Morawska, Claire Wainwright, Graham Johnson,

Tim Kidd, Luke Knibbs **Requested:** \$258,820

Grant Title: ACARP

Project Title: Effectiveness of Techniques for Coal Dust Suppression During Railway

Transport

Chief Investigators: Lidia Morawska

Requested: \$240,000

Grant Title: 2013 Foundation for Children Grants Scheme

Project Title: The impact of school-based teacher-student interactions on school

children's exposure to air quality and their academic performance. **Chief Investigators:** Lidia Morawska, Mandana Mazaheri, Sam Clifford

Requested: \$150,000 over two years

Grant Title: 2013 Foundation for Children Grants Scheme

Project Title: Is there a link between childhood leukaemia and ions from power lines?

Chief Investigators: Rohan Jayaratne, Lidia Morawska, Congrong He

Requested: \$160,000 over two years

Grant Title: 2013 Foundation for Children Grants Scheme

Project Title: Impact of ultrafine particle exposure on the health of children with

Cystic Fibrosis

Chief Investigators: Lidia Morawska, Graham Johnson, Claire Wainwright

Requested: \$120,000 over two years

Grant Title: BUPA Health Foundation

Project Title: Preventative measures to minimise elderly population's exposure to air

pollution

Chief Investigators: Lidia Morawska, Mandana Mazaheri, Samuel Clifford, Matthew

Dunbadin

Requested: \$235,360.23

6. New Consultancy Rese	earch Projects Commenced
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None.

7. Collaboration with WHO

<u>Lidia Morawska</u>

- Member of the Development Group for the WHO's Housing and Health Guidelines, which took place in Washington, D.C., USA from 9-11 April 2013.
- Took part in revising the draft of document for EC-WHO REVIHAAP Project at the end of 2012 and beginning of 2013.
- Part of the WHO IAQ Guidelines chapter revisions in April-June 2013.
- Part of the WHO IAQ Guidelines: Household Fuel Combustion chapter revisions in June 2013.
- Part of the WHO Position Papers (IAQ and Ventilation) revisions in June-July 2013.

8. Conference Presentations

Lidia Morawska

Invited Plenary Presentation at the **10th Annual Air Quality and Health Workshop on Ultrafine Particles**, Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre Hotel, Vancouver, B.C., Canada, 20th February 2013. <u>Title</u>: *Ultrafine particles: Emission Sources and Ambient Levels*.

Invited Plenary Presentation at the **Coupling of Modeling and Experiment for Dynamic Processes in Fine Particle Technology (CME-FPT) Sino-German Workshop**,
China Jiliang University, Hangzhou, China, 3-6th April 2013. <u>Title</u>: The relationship between indoor and outdoor airborne particles in the residential environment.

Invited Plenary Speaker at the **3rd Annual Basic Science International Conference 2013 (BaSIC2013)**, Brawijaya University, Malang, Indonesia, 16-17th April 2013. <u>Title</u>: *Emissions to the Air: from Multidisciplinary Science to Applications*.

Invited Plenary Speaker at the European Union's Advanced Training Course ATC1 Techniques for Monitoring air pollutants including aerosols indoors/outdoors for the Human Exposure to Aerosol Contaminants in Modern Microenvironments (HEXACOMM) Project, Institute of Environmental Assessment and Water Research (IDAEA), Barcelona, Spain, 15-16th July 2013. Two presentations, titled: Indoor Aerosol and Urban Aerosol.

Invited Plenary Speaker at the **European Aerosol Conference 2013 (EAC2013)**, Clarion Congress Hotel, Prague, Czech Republic, 1-6th September 2013. <u>Title</u>: *The Dynamics of Indoor Aerosol: what is important, where, when and why?*

Invited Plenary Speaker at the **8**th **Asian Aerosol Conference 2013 (AAC2013)**, Australia Technology Park, Sydney, NSW, 2-5 December 2013. <u>Title</u>: *Urban Air Pollution*: *trends and challenges in Asia*.

Invited Plenary Speaker at the **Australian Institute of Occupational Hygienists 2013 (AIOH2013)** conference, Hilton Hotel, Sydney, NSW, 2-4 December 2013. <u>Title</u>: *Approaches to Evaluation of Nano Exposures*.

Zoran Ristovski

Invited Plenary Speaker at the **9**th **Asia-Pacific Conference on Combustion**, Gyeongju, Korea 19-22 May 2013. <u>Title</u>: Particle Emissions from Diesel Engines - Looking beyond Carbon Soot Emissions.

Invited Plenary Speaker at the **Australian & New Zealand Society of Occupational Medicine, QLD Branch Annual meeting**, Brisbane, Australia, August 2013. <u>Title</u>: *Understanding Diesel Particle Emissions: The Health Aspects of DPM*.

Invited Plenary Speaker at the **4th International WeBIOPATR Workshop & Conference**, Belgrade, Serbia, 2 October 2013. <u>Title</u>: Particle Emissions from Diesel Engines - Looking beyond Carbon Soot Emissions.

Godwin Ayoko

Presentation at the **Clean Air Society of Australia and New Zealand Conference**, 7-11 September 2013, Sydney, Australia. <u>Title</u>: *Multivariate analysis of airborne pollutants at a site located inside a high school*.

Presentation at the **Clean Air Society of Australia and New Zealand Conference**, 7-11 September 2013, Sydney, Australia. <u>Title</u>: *Multi-criteria ranking and source identification of Gaseous species at an urban site in Brisbane, Australia*.

Presentation at the **European Aerosol Conference 2013** in Prague, Czech Republic, 1-6 September, 2013. <u>Title</u>: *Elemental composition and potential toxicity of airborne particles at some urban schools*.

Presentation at the **European Aerosol Conference 2013** in Prague, Czech Republic, 1-6 September, 2013. <u>Title</u>: *Multi-criteria ranking and source apportionment of airborne particles*.

Branka Miljevic

Presentation at the **Air Protection 2013 Conference** in Sibenik, Croatia, September 2013. <u>Title</u>: The role of organic fraction in the toxicity of combustion-generated particulate matter.

Presentation at the **4th WeBIOPATR Workshop & Conference** in Belgrade, Serbia, October 2013. <u>Title</u>: To Sonicate of not to sonicate: The influence of sonication on chemical composition of particulate matter.

Congrong He

Presentation at the **European Aerosol Conference 2013** in Prague, Czech Republic, 1-6 September, 2013. Title: *Spatial variation of air pollutants in multilevel office buildings*.

Mandana Mazaheri

Presentation at the **European Aerosol Conference 2013** in Prague, Czech Republic, 1-6 September, 2013. Title: *Alveolar dose of ultrafine particles for children in urban environments.*

9. Presentations - Other

Lidia Morawska

- Managing Feedback (within Research Student Centre Seminar: Exam Process/Write up Scholarship) Be informed IHBI, Brisbane, 6 June 2013.
- Global Burden of Disease and Secondary Organic Aerosols, DISITIA, Brisbane 26 June 2013.

Mandana Mazaheri

• Ultrafine Particles from Traffic Emissions and Children's Health - Personal Exposure Assessment — Invited talk at the Department of Civil and Mechanical Engineering, University of Cassino and Southern Lazio, Italy, 20 September 2013.

<u>Student – Peter McGarry</u>

• Determining concentration of nanomaterials in air: techniques and sampling protocols – Working Party on Manufactured Nanomaterials (WPMN meeting).

10. Activities – Other

Lidia Morawska

- Participated and gave evidence at the **Senate Enquiry into the impacts on health** of air quality in Australia, in Brisbane on the 11 June 2013.
- Reviewed a grant proposal for an international granting body, the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC), UK in April – March 2013.
- Reviewed a grant proposal for an international granting body, the Qatar National Research Fund (QNRF), for the 6th Cycle of our flagship program, the National Priorities Research Program (NPRP), USA in February – March 2013.
- Reviewed abstracts for the **8th Asian Aerosol Conference 2013**, conference held in Sydney from the 2-5 December 2013.
- Appointed Coordinator of the new established Task Group TG86 on Building Healthy Cities. The Group is to stimulate and facilitate international corporation on research for building healthy cities, October 2013.
- Co-Chair of the Scientific Steering Committee (SSC) for the 8th Asian Aerosol Conference 2013 (AAC2013), Australia Technology Park, Sydney, NSW, 2-5 December 2013.
- NHMRC Centre of Air quality and health Research and evaluation (CAR) Investigator's Meeting, Woolcock Institute of Medical Research, 31 May 2013, Sydney, NSW.
- New member for the ARC College of Experts. Attended Induction on Friday, 8 November 2013 in Canberra, ACT.

Godwin Ayoko

 Reviewed abstracts and full papers for the Clean Air Society of Australia and New Zealand Conference, 7-11 September 2013, Sydney, Australia.

Branka Miljevic

 Appointed an ECARD Lecturing position in the School of Chemistry, Physics and Mechanical Engineering, Science and Engineering Faculty, 7 March 2013.

11. Media Appearances

Lidia Morawska

Many media appearances / interviews, for example:

- 4ZZZ Community Radio news and current affairs program, Brisbane Line (on the inquiry into the impacts on health of air quality in Australia) on June 12, 2013.
- 2UE's George and Paul Program, (How Vacuuming can aggravate your allergies), on 6 October, 2013.

<u>ILAQH</u>

 QUT News published our story titled with Clearing the air on changing pollution risks on 11 June 2013 (http://www.qut.edu.au/about/news/news?news-id=59407)

12. Visitors

- Dr Antti Rosetedt, Visiting Researcher, Aerosols Physics Group, Tampere University of Technology, Finland, April to June 2013.
 Visiting Research Fellow
- Mr Thomas Clayeux, L'École Nationale Supérieure des Techniques Industrielles et des Mines d'Albi, France. 27 May 2013 to 23 August 2013.
 Visiting Internship (Student)
- Prof Nurun Nabi, RUET, Bangladesh. May 2013 May 2015.
 Visiting Research Fellow
- Ms Natascha Savic, Karlsruhe University of Technology in Karlsruhe, Germany. 10
 October 2013 to 10 October 2014.
 Visiting Internship (Student)
- Mr Nassib Jabbour, QUT, 20 November 2013 17 February 2014.
 VRES Student
- Mr Joel Alroe, QUT, 20 November 2013 17 February 2014.
 VRES Student
- Mr Cassey Roff, QUT, 20 November 2013 17 February 2014.
 VRES Student
- Adjunct Professor Tunga Salthammer, Fraunhofer Wilhelm-Klauditz-Institute (WKI), Germany, 28 November 12 December 2013.
- Prof Hai Guo, Hong Kong Polytechnic University, 6-8 December 2013.
- Dr Xavier Querol, Institute of Environmental Assessment and Water Research (IDÆA), Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC), 6-8 December 2013.
- Dr Andres Alastuey, Institute of Environmental Assessment and Water Research (IDÆA), Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC), 6-8 December 2013.