ABOUT

World Summit on Rural Generalist Medicine

Friday 28 April 2017, Cairns, Australia

In 2013, over 200 delegates from around the globe visited Cairns for the first World Summit on Rural Generalist Medicine.

This year, the Summit returns to Australia once again. We're so glad you've chosen to join us in creating the conversation around rural generalist medicine, as we develop key action items for the specialities international recognition.

The World Summit on Rural Generalist Medicine (RGM) follows the success of the first summit held in Cairns in 2013, the outcome of which was the 'Cairns Consensus Statement on Rural Generalist Medicine' and the second Summit hosted by the Society of Rural Physicians of Canada in Montreal 2015, which agreed the need for practical action to advance the RGM agenda internationally.

The action areas include:

- Achieving recognition: strategic alliances and partnerships to take recognition of RGM forward internationally, linked to the international agenda for universal access to healthcare;
- 2. Gathering and generating the evidence: further development of the strategic research agenda and international research collaborations on priority topics;
- Rural Generalist Medicine Toolkit: development of practical guidance on key issues such as: clinical credentialing and privileging; 'rural proofing' of health policy, programs and services; clinical governance systems that enable generalism; and for the design of RGM training programs;
- 4. Rural Generalist Engagement: strategies to promote RGM and its value to rural communities and health systems, to facilitate networks and



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Time	Session	Speakers
8.30 - 10.30am	Summit opening Welcome from co-chairs	Prof Richard Murray and Dr Braam de Klerk
	Overview Summary of progress to date and the purpose/proposed outcomes of the summit	Prof Richard Murray
	Panel Overview of political/policy progress to date and the potential impacts on healthcare and workforce	Mr James Campbell Director Workforce Planning, WHO Dr Jillann Farmer
		Medical Director, UN Prof Ian Couper South Africa, WONCA Working Party on Rural Practice representative
		Dr David Mills President, Papua New Guinea Society for Rural and Remote Health
		AProf Ruth Stewart President, Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine
10.30 - 11am	Morning tea	
11am - 1pm	Portfolio presentation and discussions	
	 Recognition 	Prof Roger Strasser and Prof Jill Konkin
	Evidence	Dr Lachlan McIver and Prof Stefan Grzybowski
	Tool Kit	Dr Denis Lennox and AProf Bruce Chater
	Rural Generalist - Engagement	AProf Ruth Stewart, Dr John Wynn-Jones, Dr James Reid and Ms Mayara Floss
1 - 1.45pm	Lunch	
1.45 - 2pm	Launch of the Rural Generalist Program: Japan	Dr Manabu Saito Director Rural Generalist Program, Japan
2 - 3.30pm	First rotation of workshops: 45 minutes each session	
	Objectives are to gain agreement from delegates for actions proposed by portfolio leaders.	
	Delegates will be broken up into four groups and will rotate around each workshop.	
3.30 - 3.45pm	Afternoon tea	
3.45 - 5.15pm	Second rotation of workshops: 45 minutes each session	
5.15 – 6pm	Plenary Objective is to set up activities required of the four workshops included in the conference program, to refine the action plan, and prepare the presentation to the final plenary of the conference.	
6 - 9.30pm	Drinks and dinner (additional charge)	
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