Professor Robert Webster visiting New Zealand

Auckland

Public lecture Tuesday, 13 September 2016, Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences, Grafton Campus, 85 Park Road, Auckland University at 6.00 pm

Wellington

SHIVERS meeting 21 – 22 September 2016 Public lecture Thursday, 22 September 2016, Nordmeyer Lecture Theatre, Otago Medical School, 23A Mein Street, Newtown at 5.30pm

Christchurch

Academic lecture Monday, 26 September 2016, Beaven Lecture Theatre, University of Otago, Christchurch Campus at 12.30pm

Public lecture Tuesday, 27 September 2016, Rolleston Lecture Theatre, Ground Floor, 2 Riccarton Avenue, Christchurch School of Medicine at 6.30pm

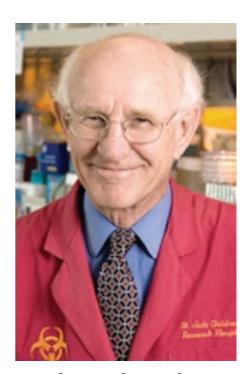
Dunedin

Academic lecture Monday, 3 October 2016, Room 208, Department of Microbiology & Immunology, University of Otago Dunedin Campus at 4pm Public lecture Wednesday, 5 October 2016, Archway 1, University of Otago Dunedin Campus at 5.30 pm

Public Lectures "What New Zealanders need to know about bird flu: from the mutton bird to a cure for influenza"

New Zealand born Professor Robert Webster is a world-renowned virologist and leading infuenza expert. His team identified the avian strain of influenza known as H5N1, the causative agent of avian influenza or "bird flu" that emerged in Hong Kong in 1997. The main focus of his research is the reservoir of influenza viruses in wild birds, their role in the evolution of new human pandemic strains and the development of a universal vaccine that can protect against all strains of flu.

Born in Balclutha, Professor Webster studied microbiology at the University of Otago leading to a job with the New Zealand Department of Agriculture as a virologist. After receiving his PhD he moved to the USA where he established one of the world's leading centres of influenza research at St Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis. He is a member of the US National Academy of Sciences, a Fellow of the Royal Society (London) and Fellow of the Royal Society of New Zealand.



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