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Dear friends and colleagues,

OGHI Newsletter

As we near the middle of 2020, we can reflect on the enormous changes we have had to make under various stages of lockdown and social isolation. The spectre of Covid-19 is challenging all of us as individuals, organisations and countries. These are indeed interesting times to work in global health.

We are "soldiering on" remotely, with many of our members heavily involved in the Covid-19 response, hosting monthly Global Health Bytes webinars and planning for our 2020 conference. More details in this newsletter...

Covid-19 Response

We would like to thank all our OGHI members who continue to play their part in responding to the pandemic. Individuals in our network, which includes health experts, researchers, biomedical and social scientists, development specialists, economists, advisors, policy makers, and support staff, are making great contributions in their respective disciplines, highlighting the benefits of interdisciplinary collaboration and partnership when addressing global health issues.

13th Annual OGHI Conference

The 13th annual OGHI Conference will be held 11-12 November 2020, and will be a humanities-focused conference centred around the theme of *Shared Humanity and Global Health*. We will be hosting a pre-conference workshop looking at global health engagement as well, and the 2020 McKinlay Oration is planned for Wednesday 11 November. Although we are hoping to be able to hold the conference in Dunedin, we are also looking at the possibility of holding some or all of the event virtually, if this becomes necessary. Keep an eye on the [OGHI Conference website](#) for updates.

Global Health Bytes

We have hosted two *Global Health Bytes* monthly webinars so far, and if you weren't able to attend, you can watch them here:

- 19 February: Preventive TB treatment in people with Diabetes (Prof Philip Hill) <https://www.otago.ac.nz/global-health/otago732814.mp4>
- 18 March: Maternal and child health, women's empowerment and ethnic diversity (Prof David Fielding) <https://www.otago.ac.nz/global-health/otago734077.mp4>

The next webinar is scheduled for **20 May 4.00-4.30pm NZST**. Associate Professor Jacqui Leckie (Victoria University of Wellington) will present her book *Colonizing Madness: Asylum and Community in Fiji* (PDF 799KB). More details are available on the [OGHI website](#). For more information, or if you would like to present one of the webinars, please get in touch with [Jacqui Haddingham](#).

Hopefully the second half of 2020 will bring more calm, clarity and the beginning of a return to normality. We look forward to continue working with you all in the post Covid-19 months and years to come.

With best wishes,



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