



## Newsletter - October 2020

Dear friends and colleagues,

Plenty of news to report post-lockdown! From our hugely successful COVID-19 Masterclass, to our monthly Global Health Bytes, the pandemic has presented us with opportunities to contribute, innovate, and excel. We are also pleased to confirm that our annual conference will go ahead this year.

### COVID-19 Masterclass

We hosted a very successful *COVID-19 Masterclass* webinar series 22 June - 3 July, which was well-attended and featured a host of experts from a wide range of fields. If you missed it, the webinar recordings are available on our [website](#) and on [YouTube](#)

### 13th Annual OGI Conference

#### ***Registration and the Call for Papers are now open!***

The conference will be held 11-12 November 2020 in Dunedin, and will be centred around the theme of ***Shared Humanity and Global Health***. We are hosting a pre-conference workshop exploring how Māori values and tikanga can inform best practice for global health engagement. In addition, the 2020 McKinlay Oration will be delivered by [Dr Bob Huish](#) on Wednesday 11 November from 5.30PM NZ time. The conference is an opportunity for all OGI members to present their research to each other and to share in multidisciplinary discussion and debate. We especially encourage postgraduate students to present their research findings.

To submit a conference abstract and register to attend, please visit the [OGI Conference website](#).

### ***Global Health Bytes***

We have hosted three more *Global Health Bytes* monthly webinars in 2020, and if you missed them, you can watch here:

- 20 May: [Colonizing Madness: Asylum and Community in Fiji](#) (Associate Professor Jacqui Leckie):
- 19 August: [Smokeless tobacco and areca nut control – integral part of Covid-19 management strategy](#) (Dr Priya Mohan)
- 16 September: [Does nutrient insufficiency in low-middle income settings affect COVID-19 susceptibility and outcomes?](#) (Associate Professor Anitra Carr)

The next webinar is scheduled for **21 October 4.00-4.30pm NZ time** (Dr Jemma Geoghegan, Dept of Microbiology and Immunology) For more information, or if you would like to present one of the webinars, please get in touch with [Jacqui Hadingham](#).

### OGHI Leadership Group

We recently welcomed two new members to the Leadership Group: [Professor Katrina Sharples](#) and [Professor Phil Bremer](#), and bade farewell to Professor Russell Frew and Professor Ruth Fitzgerald, who stepped aside from the Leadership Group earlier this year.

With best wishes,



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