



OTAGO GLOBAL HEALTH INSTITUTE
9TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
2-3 NOVEMBER 2016
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Otago Global Health Institute (OGHI)

Dear members

As many of you know we did not apply for renewal of the Otago International Health Research Network theme last year. This was because we feel strongly that, after 8 years, we are ready to challenge for flagship status. Proposals for University Research flagships should be called for some time this year. We have also decided, with some financial help from the Department of Preventive and Social Medicine, to have our conference again this year. As part of all of this, we realised that, to keep pace with international trends, we needed to change the name of our entity. We are pleased to let you know that the VC has approved a name change to the Otago Global Health Institute. For the flagship application we are forming a new Steering Group and hope to increase the profile of this group, including an aim for rotating directorship of the institute. The annual conference will dove-tail with the Australasian Society of Infectious Diseases annual meeting in November, but we will start with a major focus-day on non-communicable diseases. Indeed, we aim, in 2017 to have a speaker who specialises in one of the many other Global Health disciplines other than infectious diseases.

Philip Hill and John Crump, co-Directors of the Otago Global Health Institute

The Centre for International Health is hosting the **OGHI 9th Annual Conference** on 2-3 November at the Dunedin Public Art Gallery, Dunedin.

OGHI aims to provide opportunities for members and researchers to meet, present, discuss projects, and to foster new collaborative efforts in global health.

- Online registrations are due to open in July. This year, there will be a small registration fee (with a discounted rate for students); this will contribute to catering costs.
- We will be inviting submissions from interested parties on any subject related to global health. Student submissions are welcome. More details regarding this will be available on the conference website closer to the time.
- An optional conference dinner will be held on Wednesday 2 November with more details to follow.
- For further information about the conference, please visit www.otago.ac.nz/oghiconference.

• Immediately following our conference, ASID NZ are holding their 40th annual meeting in Dunedin. Professor Paul Newton, Director, Lao-Oxford-Mahosot Hospital-Wellcome Trust Research Unit, Lao, is the keynote speaker. OGHI members are invited to attend the ASID meeting at their members rate.

To help us improve the content of our newsletter, and the OGHI please email any suggestions, feedback and comments to Fiona at cih@otago.ac.nz
Your input will be greatly appreciated!

2016 McKinlay Oration

We are delighted Sarah Cleaveland OBE BSc BA VetMB MRCVS FRSE from will join us at the OGHI conference as our keynote speaker and present the McKinlay Oration.



Prof Sarah Cleaveland is a veterinary epidemiologist based at the University of Glasgow, U.K. After qualifying as a veterinarian from Cambridge University in 1988, she worked in mixed rural practice before embarking on a research career, gaining her PhD from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in 1996.

Prof Cleaveland's research on the epidemiology of zoonotic and livestock diseases has a focus in East Africa. Her research aims to quantify disease burden, identify animal reservoirs of infection, understand risk factors for zoonotic diseases, and investigate infection dynamics in natural ecosystems. In addition to her work on rabies, her research interests include bacterial zoonoses, such as brucellosis and leptospirosis, and transboundary livestock diseases, such as foot-and-mouth disease. Prof Cleaveland is also involved in several graduate training and capacity-strengthening initiatives with African partner institutions.

Prof Cleaveland is a founding Director of the Alliance for Rabies Control, which spearheads the World Rabies Day campaigns. She is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, a member of the U.S. National Academy of Medicine and in 2014 was awarded an OBE for services to veterinary epidemiology.



2015 Conference Artwork by Macandrew Bay School Pupils