



OIHRN 8TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
11 & 12 NOVEMBER 2015
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Te Hui-ā-tau o te Rauara Rangahau Hauora o te Ao ki Ōtago



The Otago International Health Research Network (OIHRN) is hosting the **OIHRN 8th Annual Conference** on 11-12 November at St Margaret's College, Dunedin.

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

- Conference focus: 'Progressing global health through trans-disciplinary partnerships'

- **Online registrations are open.**

This year there is a small registration fee of \$60 (or \$25 for students). Your registration fee contributes to morning tea and lunches on both days, along with afternoon tea on Wednesday. Registrations close on 30 October 2015

- **Call for abstracts are open**

We invite submissions from interested parties on any subject related to global health.

Student submissions are welcome.

- For 2015, we have included the option of a conference dinner, also at St Margaret's College. The cost of this is \$50 and is addition to the registration fee.

- St Margaret's College also offer accommodation for the conference if you are visiting from out of town.

- For further information about the conference, please visit

www.otago.ac.nz/oihrnconference.

To help us improve the content of our newsletter, and the OIHRN please email any suggestions, feedback and comments to Fiona at cih@otago.ac.nz

Your input is greatly appreciated!

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Speakers updates

We are delighted **Professor Sharon Peacock** is our McAuley Orator and keynote speaker for the OIHRN 8th Annual Conference.

Prof Peacock is a global leader in infectious diseases research, Director of the Bloomsbury Research Institute, an Honorary Faculty Member at the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute and a Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences

Prof Peacock will present the McAuley Oration:

"Antibiotic resistance in the genomic era: combating a major threat to global health"

Date: Wednesday 11 November 2015

Time: 4:30pm – 5:30pm

Venue: Hutton Theatre, Otago Museum

All Welcome



We are also delighted to have **Professor Chris Bullen**, Director of The National Institute for Health Innovation (NIHI), University of Auckland join us for the conference

Prof Bullen's research interests focus primarily on tobacco control and innovative smoking cessation interventions research, but he also has wider interests in research on global health, housing and health, and using rigorous methods to evaluate the effectiveness and impact of novel interventions on the leading risks to health. He co-directs the Tobacco Control Research Turanga, a \$5m programme of strategic innovative tobacco research.



Prof Bullen will present: *"Global tobacco control strategies: are they working in developing countries?"*

CIH Graduates—where are they now?

Choolwe Nkwemu-Jacobs

Choolwe graduated with a BSc degree in Nursing (distinction) from the University of Zambia.

In 2012, Choolwe completed her Master's in Public Health (distinction) with the University of Otago, having been a recipient of a NZAID scholarship. Choolwe's MPH research project involved investigating the age-specific seroprevalence of antibodies to Hepatitis E virus in children in an urban-population of Zambia.



On returning to Zambia, Choolwe joined the Ministry of Health as a lecturer at a College of Nursing and more recently, moved to the University of Zambia as a lecturer in the Department of Public Health, School of Medicine. In this role, Choolwe is involved in training activities at the Research Support Center, along with a number of research projects in which she taken the role of project coordinator and/or Co-PI.

Choolwe's research interests include;

- infectious diseases including hepatitis and malaria,
- maternal, neonatal and child health services/interventions among the poorest rural populations,
- community based interventions to strengthen equity in access to health services, and
- interventions in reducing early marriages and teenage pregnancies.

