

Welcome to the New Zealand Rural General Practice Network e-zine for 3 January 2020

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The Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners, New Zealand Rural General Practice Network and Te Ohu Rata o Aotearoa – Māori Medical Practitioners Association (Te ORA) are proud to be hosting the [WONCA Asia Pacific Regional Conference 2020](#) in Auckland from April 23-26.

This major primary healthcare event will see up to 1500 GPs and primary care practitioners from New Zealand and the Asia Pacific region gather in Auckland for four days of learning, debate, inspiration and celebration.

It has been 20 years since a WONCA conference was hosted in New Zealand – the last WONCA conference on New Zealand shores was held in Christchurch in 2000. WONCA 2020 marks the first time the conference has been held in Auckland.

With equity at the heart of the conference, WONCA 2020 promises to deliver an inspiring and diverse programme of plenary sessions, panel discussions, skills workshops and debates which explore the theme of: **Family Medicine - leading the way towards an advanced world of equity, quality and compassion.**

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See WONCA welcome message from Network Chairperson Dr Fiona Bolden and College President Dr Sam Murton. Click on the photo and see the video!

WONCA Keynote speakers confirmed to date

Professor Papaarangi Reid joins the ranks of confirmed WONCA 2020 Keynote speakers, who include Ian Couper (Stellenbosch University – rural health issues); Trish Greenhalgh (Nuffield department of primary care – quality in primary care); Alexander Ng (Tencent.com – digital technology); James Renwick (Victoria University of Wellington – climate change); Elizabeth Iro (WHO chief nursing officer and member of WHO leadership team - nursing) and Gilbert Enoka (mental skills coach).

Plenary speakers include Professor Paul Glasziou (Professor of Evidence-Based Medicine at Bond University).

[Click here](#) to view the bios and [here](#) to view the programme.

Does your Rural General Practice Team go 'above and beyond?'

The search is on again for New Zealand's best Rural General Practice Team of the Year as judged by the community. Rural practices should have received packs containing award information and entry forms for patients/members of community to fill in. Now in its sixth year, the award will be announced at the WONCA 2020 Asia Pacific Regional Conference at the Aotea Centre, Auckland on April 25 at the Gala Dinner. The inaugural award was won by Raglan's West Coast Health Clinic in 2015, followed by Martinborough Medical Centre in 2016, Ngunguru Medical Centre in 2017, Aotea Health (Great Barrier Island) in 2018 and Matamata Medical Centre in 2019.

Entries can be submitted online or posted. However, to make collation and judging easier we would prefer as many entries as possible are completed [online](#). Patients can complete their postcard and post direct to P O Box 547, Wellington, 6140 or hand it to the practice receptionist who can then forward the entries in bulk.

Postcards can be downloaded from www.rgpn.org.nz or further hardcopies can be ordered from rob@rgpn.org.nz

Otago institutions work to create virtual centre for rural health education

Three Otago institutions are teaming up to improve the future of rural health care. The University of Otago, Otago Polytechnic and Central Otago Health Services have signed a memorandum of understanding on rural health care practice, service, education and research. (RNZ) The organisations want to create a virtual centre for rural health education.

[Read more](#)

Not a member? Join the Network!

The Network is the only nationwide membership-based organisation in New Zealand representing the interests of rural general practice.

Visit our [website](#) for additional information and an online application form or contact Rob Olsen on 021 472 556.



Testimonial

"NZLocums has been instrumental in allowing me to fulfill my dream of relocating to New Zealand and working as a GP here. They offered me guidance from the earliest stages till the Orientation before starting work. I had a specific contact in NZLocums who helped at every stage and was very responsive to any queries I had. The Orientation material and programme were invaluable in getting me familiar with the workings of the NZ health system. I cannot thank them enough."

Dr Nicole Yuen, Singapore



Links

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Leaning on Fence Posts, Otago University rural research blog, click [here](#).

Health Workforce New Zealand stakeholder bulletin, click [here](#).

Mobile Health news, click [here](#).

Medline (USA rural health) click [here](#).

Death Documents Project (Ministry of Health), click [here](#).

Health Promotion Agency (HPA) SunSmart campaign, [Click here](#)

Health Quality & Safety Commission Implicit Bias (resource video), [click here](#).

TELL US YOUR STORY

We are looking for health sector-related stories from around rural New Zealand. People, places, achievements and challenges. If you have a good yarn to tell contact Network communications manager Rob Olsen, email rob@rgpn.org.nz or 021 472 556.