7th AMREP World Health Day Forum

Thursday 11th April 2013

Alfred Medical Research & Education Precinct (AMREP)
Lecture Theatre
75 Commercial Road, Melbourne, Victoria

Reducing the Global Impact of High Blood Pressure:
Current Status and Future Challenges

Program

8.30 am  Registration

9.00 am  Opening and Welcome Address
Dr Andrew Way, CEO, Alfred Health

9.15 am  Minister of Health and Ageing, The Hon. David Davis (TBC)

9.35 am  Session 1:
Chair: Prof Garry Jennings, Director and CEO, Baker IDI Heart and Diabetes Institute

Hypertension control and management worldwide: Trends and issues
Prof John Chalmers, Head, Professorial Unit, The George Institute and Emeritus Professor of
Medicine, University of Sydney and Flinders University, Australia

10.15 am  Morning Tea

10.45 am  Chair: Prof Brian Oldenburg, Chair, Global Health & Society Unit, School of Public Health & Preventive Medicine, Monash University

Issues and challenges confronting resource constrained countries with rapidly changing
demographic and epidemiologic transitions
Prof Srinath Reddy, President, Public Health Foundation of India and the World Heart Federation
11.25 am  Session 2:
Chair: Prof Brian Oldenburg, Chair, Global Health & Society Unit, School of Public Health & Preventive Medicine, Monash University

Innovative community- and population-based approaches in Kerala, India for hypertension prevention and control
Prof KR Thankappan, Head, Achutha Menon Centre for Health Science Studies, Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology, India

12.00 pm  Community-based approaches to reduce cardiometabolic risks in China
Dr Xuefeng Zhong, NHMRC China-Australia Research Fellow, Director, Institute of Health Education, Anhui CDC, China & Director of China Peers for Progress Network, China

12.20 pm  Lunch – Poster Session

1.00 pm  Ignite Competition: Finalists Presentations
Chair: Adam Peterson, Ignite General Liaison Officer

Global Health Gateway (www.globalhealthgateway.org.au)

Student of the Year
Presented by Prof Mike Toole, Centre for International Health, Burnet Institute

1.30 pm  Making connections to influence global health priorities: the experiences of the Saving Newborn Lives initiative.
Dr Alfred V. Bartlett, Director, Saving Newborn Lives Program, Save the Children, U.S.A.

Chair: Prof Stanley Luchters, Head, Centre for International Health, Burnet Institute

1.50 pm  Session 3:
Chair: Prof Markus Schlaich, Baker IDI Heart & Diabetes Institute

Improving the control of hypertension in rural India: Overcoming barriers to diagnosis and effective treatment
Prof Amanda Thrift, Head, Epidemiology and Prevention Division, Southern Clinical School of Medicine, Monash University, Australia

2.10 pm  CVD prevention and control strategies for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples of Australia
Ms Vicki Wade, Leader, National Aboriginal Health Unit, Heart Foundation

2.30 pm  Prevention in the elderly
Prof Andrew Tonkin, Head, Cardiovascular Research Unit, Department of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine, Monash University, Australia
2:50 pm  **Panel Discussion:**
**Chair:** Prof Helena Teede, Head, Women’s Public Health Research Unit, School of Public Health & Preventative Medicine, Monash University

**Title:** The role of NGOs and partnerships to improve the control of chronic conditions
**Panellists:** Dr Marie Ludlow, Kidney Health Australia, Dr Robert Grenfell, National Heart Foundation, Prof Greg Johnson, Diabetes Australia, Roslyn Johnson, National Stroke Foundation.

3.30 pm  **Afternoon Tea**

3.50 pm  **Interactive Round Table with audience:**
**Chair:** Prof Ajay Mahal, Finkel Chair of Global Health, School of Public Health & Preventive Medicine, Monash University

**Panellists:** Prof John Chalmers, Prof Srinath Reddy, Prof KR Thankappan, Prof Amanda Thrift

4.30 pm  **Closing**
Prof Stephen Jane, Head, Central Clinical School, Monash University

*Every year, World Health Day is celebrated on the 7th of April to mark the anniversary of the founding of the World Health Organisation in 1948. Each year a theme is selected for World Health Day that highlights a priority area of concern for WHO. The topic of World Health Day in 2013 is High Blood Pressure.*