

## AMREP World Health Day Conference 2011

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2011

Ormond Hall, 557 St Kilda Road  
(Enter via Moubay Street)

### GLOBAL HEALTH CHALLENGES: A FOCUS ON INFECTIOUS DISEASE

#### Program

- 8.30 am**      **Registration**
- 9.00 am**      **Opening and Welcome Address**  
Professor Steve Wesselingh
- 9.20 am**      **Drug Resistance: An Economic Perspective**  
Professor Ajay Mahal  
Monash University
- 9.50 am**      **History and Trends in Antimalarial Drug Resistance**  
Dr Ric Price  
Menzies School of Health Research
- 10.10 am**     **Global Health Gateway**  
<http://www.globalhealthgateway.org.au/>
- 10:30 am**     **Morning Tea**
- 11:00 am**     **Concurrent Sessions**

#### STREAM 1

##### **ANTIMICROBIAL DRUG RESISTANCE**

*Chair: Associate Professor Allen Cheng  
Monash University*

##### **Current challenges in antibiotic resistance**

Dr Anton Peleg  
The Alfred Hospital

##### **Hospital Infection Prevention and Control in Low Resource Countries**

Ms. Sharon Salmon  
University of New South Wales

#### STREAM 2

##### **MALARIA CONTROL AND CHALLENGES**

*Chair: Professor John Reeder  
Burnet Institute*

##### **Introductory Overview: Problems and Prospects**

Professor John Reeder  
Burnet Institute

##### **Vaccine Research**

Dr James Beeson  
Burnet Institute

**State of the art knowledge and interventions for hospital-acquired infections**

Professor Nick Graves  
Queensland University of Technology

**Elimination experiences and controversies**

Professor Mike Toole  
Burnet Institute

**Need for second line drugs in HIV treatment in Low and Middle Income Countries**

Professor Geoffrey Setswe  
Monash University, South Africa.

**Malaria, research and MDG-4: is there a connection?**

Professor Trevor Duke  
Centre for International Child Health

**Drug Resistant Tuberculosis: Global Update**

Dr. Christina M Drummond

**Malaria in pregnancy: new choices for treatment and prevention**

Dr Stephen Rogerson  
Royal Melbourne Hospital

**1:00 pm**

**Lunch**

**2:00 pm**

**Tackling the Health MDGs and Beyond: AusAIDs Approach to Health in the Developing World**

Mr. Benedict David  
AusAID

**2:30 pm**

**Panel Discussion: HIV, TB, and MALARIA: Vertical approach or Health system strengthening?**

*Chair: Professor Brian Oldenburg*

**Professor Ajay Mahal, Dr. Ric Price, Mr. Benedict David, Professor Graham Brown.**

**3:30pm**

**Student of the Year**

Presented by Professor Mike Toole

**3:40pm**

**Ignite prize giving**

Presented by Professor Brian Oldenburg

**3:50pm**

**Closing : Professor Brendan Crabb**



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# SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS

## **Professor Ajay Mahal**

Ajay Mahal is the Finkel Chair of Global Health and Professor at Monash University, Melbourne, Australia and an Adjunct Associate Professor of International Health Economics at Harvard University, Boston, USA. Dr. Mahal completed his Master of Economics at the University of Delhi, India and his PhD in Economics from Columbia University, New York, USA. He was previously an Associate Professor of International Health Economics at Harvard School of Public Health and a Principal Economist at the National Council for Applied Economic Research (NCAER), based in New Delhi. He has many years of experience working in health economics and policy research projects in Bangladesh, Botswana, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, India, Jamaica, Nigeria, Sri Lanka and Ukraine.

## **Professor Nick Graves**

Nick Graves is Professor in Health Economics with a joint appointment in the Institute of Biomedical and Health Innovation, School of Public Health, Queensland University of Technology and the Centre for Healthcare Related Infection Control and Surveillance, Queensland Health, Australia. His current research programme includes the economics of healthcare acquired infection, the economics of screening for chronic and infectious diseases, cost-effectiveness and health related behaviour for chronic conditions and modelling the relationship between depression and workplace productivity.

## **Professor Ric Price**

Professor Ric Price is an Infectious Disease Physician, Principal Research Fellow at the Menzies School of Health Research in Darwin and Wellcome Trust Senior Fellow in Clinical Science at the Centre of Tropical Medicine, Oxford University, UK. He has established an international reputation on the diagnosis, consequences and management of multidrug resistant malaria. Ric chairs the clinical module of the World Wide Antimalarial Resistance Network (WWARN) and the Vivax Working Group of the Asia Pacific Malaria Elimination Network (APMEN).

## **Professor Geoffrey Setswe**

Professor Geoffrey Setswe is a Professor of Public Health at Monash University, Australia and is the Head of the School of Health Sciences at Monash South Africa campus in Johannesburg. He was Research Director in the Social and Behavioural Aspects of HIV/AIDS (BSAHA) Unit at the Human Sciences Research Council. He served as Regional Director for Social Aspects of HIV/AIDS Research Alliance (SAHARA) in Southern Africa and was also adjunct Professor of public health at the University of Limpopo. He was the founding Director of the AIDS Research Institute at Wits University where he coordinated HIV/AIDS research between 2003 and 2005. He has previously worked at the Medical University of Southern Africa (MEDUNSA) as lecturer, senior lecturer and professor of public health.

## **Ms. Sharon Salmon**

Sharon is currently a research candidate with the University of New South Wales. She is the principle investigator for a national hand hygiene project in Viet Nam. Previously she served as the Technical Officer- Infection Control for the World Health Organisation, Viet Nam office for 2.5 years where she worked closely with the Viet Nam Ministry of Health and supported the revision of their national infection control policy and related documents. Sharon continues to provide extensive infection control consultation to the WHO Western Pacific Region and currently operates as an independent international consultant for Infection Prevention and Control.

## **Mr. Benedict David**

Ben is the Principal Health Adviser for the Australia Agency for Development leading in Policy and Strategy Development as well as the quality of the bilateral and multilateral investments. Previously, he has been working as the Senior Health Adviser for South Asia Region at the UK Department for International Development (DFID) covering India, Bangladesh, Afghanistan, Pakistan and Nepal. His previous DFID positions include Africa Region, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, China and HIV/AIDS policy teams, as well as work on improving DFID corporate systems to deliver results.

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