July 2015 Newsletter

Last days to get your abstracts in!
Abstracts for oral or poster presentations must be in by the end of August.

FORMAT FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION – Title and author(s); abstract body – maximum 250 words; this section to be justified, Arial font, size 10 point font. We recommend that the format for an abstract follows one of the two outlines below.
OUTLINE 1: Background; Aims; Methods; Results; Conclusion.
OUTLINE 2: Context; Objectives; Key messages; Conclusion.

Present a paper or a poster
Papers or posters may address any aspect of renal care, although high priority will be given to those that relate to the conference theme “Facing the Future”. This is your opportunity to share your special interests, projects, and achievements with your colleagues. These may include the technical, cultural, socio-economic, clinical, or educational aspects of your work.

Conference Program and Registration/Accommodation information
Now available on the website at:
http://www.renalsociety.org/education/2015-nz-annual-conference

Speaker Profile – Dr Frank Brennan
This month we profile a speaker you may remember from the 2008 RSA NZ Conference, a man whose message is even more relevant now than it was then and even more so as we face the future. His presence at the 2008 conference was profoundly affecting, it changed the way many of us saw our patients and what their needs were. We feel very privileged to have him return to New Zealand and share with us his experience and knowledge.

Dr Frank Brennan is a Palliative Care Physician based at St George and Calvary Hospitals in Sydney whose gift is caring for the dying and their families. He has a particular interest in caring for those living and dying with renal failure. Frank worked for the Aboriginal Medical Service in Redfern, as a paediatrician in South Africa, and for the Sacred Heart Hospice before specializing in palliative care.

He has worked both in Australia and Ireland and inspired by his time in Ireland and the story telling tradition there he began to write narratives of encounters with patients and their families that had moved, challenged or humbled him. These have been broadcast on national radio in Australia and he has published a series of articles exploring illness, death and bereavement as depicted in poetry, biographies and fiction. He participated in the extraordinary 2013 Australian documentary “Love in our Time” directed by Dr Tom Murray, a powerful storytelling of what it is to be human, seen through life’s most profound experiences, birth and death. He has an interest in all aspects of Palliative Care including its interface with the humanities and the law. He is also a lawyer and has written widely on the human rights perspective of pain management and Palliative Care.

Conference Venue
Our venue for the 2015 conference is the James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor. At the heart of Wellington’s commercial and retail districts the James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor offers first class conference facilities, including air conditioned rooms with natural daylight and stunning harbour views, state-of-the-art audiovisual equipment, and refreshments. If you choose to stay at the Hotel, its 260 rooms all have high speed internet access, Sky TV, in house movie system, iron and board, full minibar and tea/coffee making facilities. The Hotel also offers the Bodyhaven Spa Style Boutique and a complimentary in-house gymnasium. Delegates are responsible for booking their own accommodation. If you wish to stay at the conference venue, a self-booking accommodation form is available upon request, or visit
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