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RACP Future Directions in Health Congress 2014

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The Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP) Future Directions in Health Congress 2014 will be held at the Auckland Convention Centre, New Zealand from 18 – 21 May 2014.

The RACP Congress, the largest annual meeting of multi-disciplinary internal medicine specialists in Australasia, will see more than 700 leading specialist physicians, paediatricians and trainees share the latest advances in medical research and internal medicine, and discuss critical healthcare issues facing New Zealand and Australia.

Policy Sessions at RACP Congress 2014 include:

- Addiction and alcohol policy
  - A ‘big picture’ overview of NZ liquor law reforms
  - Gambling addiction and its comorbidities
  - Fetal alcohol spectrum disorder – an overview of recent research
- Protecting children and child poverty
  - Poverty and the impact on child health
  - Wider issues behind child poverty
- End-of-life care
  - Diagnosing dying and best practice terminal care
  - A Maori perspective on death and dying
- The importance of adolescent and young adult medicine

The Congress will feature prominent national and international speakers including:

- Professor Sir Peter Gluckman (NZ) the founding Director of the Liggins Institute and one of New Zealand’s best known scientists;
- Distinguished Professor Jane E Harding (NZ) Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) of the University of Auckland and a researcher in the Fetal and Neonatal Physiology research group of the Liggins Institute;
- Dr Richard J L Heron (UK), Vice-President Health and Chief Medical Officer at BP;
- Professor Rod Jackson (NZ), Professor of Epidemiology at the University of Auckland;
- Dr Rhys Jones (Ngāti Kahungunu) (NZ), Public Health Physician and Senior Lecturer at Te Kupenga Hauora Māori, University of Auckland; and
- Associate Professor Richard King FRACP (Aus), Head of Medicine at Monash Health in Melbourne.

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Media note: Biographies and abstracts of Congress keynote speakers are attached. For the full Congress program visit the Congress web site: www.racpcongress2014.com To obtain further information or for Congress media passes contact Dan Wheelahan, (+61) 408 639 697 or daniel.wheelahan@racp.edu.au.

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