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CONFERENCE 2017

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HILTON BRISBANE
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1 JULY

Day one
9AM – 9.20AM
OPENING ADDRESS
President, AMA Queensland

9.20AM – 9.50AM
WALKING THE UNCONVENTIONAL PATH IN MEDICINE

John Collee, Former Emergency Doctor and Screenwriter

John Collee is a screenwriter and novelist whose diverse swag of film credits includes the Oscar winning *Happy Feet*, Oscar nominated *Master and Commander*, the Charles Darwin biopic *Creation*, and the $80 million animated feature *Walking with Dinosaurs*.

John studied Medicine in Edinburgh, Scotland, and subsequently worked as a doctor in the UK, Sri Lanka, Madagascar, and the Solomon Islands. He turned down a GP traineeship to write BBC radio sketches which lead to his first novel being published. From then on he was a writer who doctored, rather than the other way around. He took medical jobs here and there, did a lot of accident and emergency work and then tropical medicine - in Gabon, Madagascar and Sri Lanka - but he was no longer on any sort of career path. John states he never had a career but he had a life. John's novels have been inspired by his work as a doctor and he believes that a doctors' true worth depends on, not how much they know, but how much they care about others. Join John for his inspiring account of a life and career 'well lived.'
Professor Karen Dwyer studied medicine at University of Melbourne. She did her basic and advanced physician training in nephrology at St Vincent’s Hospital, Melbourne. She completed her PhD in 2004 and then two years’ post-doctoral study in Boston, MA, USA. She returned to Melbourne in 2006. Meanwhile in that same year Peter Walsh developed overwhelming streptococcal sepsis and gangrene of his hands and feet. He ended up as a quadrimembral amputee and approached the plastic surgical team at St.Vincent’s in 2009 to perform a hand transplant.

During a weekend ward round, a fortuitous discussion with a vascular surgeon colleague brought this scenario to Karen’s attention. She had been involved in renal transplantation for over 10 years and wrote to the plastic surgical team with the offer to provide the transplantation expertise and the rest is history.

On 22 March 2011, Peter Walsh became Australia’s first and only hand transplant recipient. Now five years on, he is able to write, feed himself, tend to self-care, put on prosthetic legs, drive, and play bowls. He has had the complications of transplant rejection and skin cancer on his scalp. Karen will detail Peter’s progress following transplantation and the future for hand transplantation as a therapy in Australia.
11 AM – 12.40 PM

Session two

11 AM – 11.30 AM

EMERGENCY MEDICINE IN THE ICE AGE: CHALLENGES AND ADVICE FOR JUNIOR DOCTORS

Professor Gordian Fulde, Senior Staff Specialist, Director of Emergency Department, St Vincent’s Hospital Sydney; Senior Australian of the Year 2016

Professor Gordian Fulde is amongst the longest serving Directors of Emergency Medicine, holding the position at St Vincent’s Hospital Sydney since 1983. From midnight to dawn, Professor Gordian Fulde presides over one of Australia’s busiest emergency departments. He has seen it all and is passionately outspoken about the scourge of ‘ice’ and alcohol-fuelled violence which is overwhelmingly the main cause of injury in Australia’s emergency departments. While you will occasionally see him appear on Kings Cross ER, Gordian is also actively involved in an extensive program of emergency specialist training. A member of the Board of the Thomas Kelly Youth Foundation, Gordian also supports many schools and community organisations, sharing his stories of working in an urban warzone, and warning of the dangers of a binge drinking culture. In 2016, he was awarded Senior Australian of the Year.

Gordian will outline the challenges for delivery of emergency medicine in the ice and alcohol fuelled epidemic, and the advice he provides to his own junior doctors on staying resilient in an increasingly challenging work environment.

11.30 AM – 12 PM

LEADERSHIP AND TEAM WORK FROM THE FRONT LINE OF CHAOS

Dr Kathleen Thomas, Advanced Intensive Care Trainee, St George Hospital, Sydney; and Médecins Sans Frontières volunteer

Hospitals are meant to be our safest places, even in wars zones. Drawing on her experience of caring for patients and colleagues during the Kunduz Hospital attack in Afghanistan whilst volunteering in 2015, Dr Kathleen Thomas, ICU trainee and volunteer, Médecins Sans Frontières, will share her moving story and insights into leadership and team work in an unimaginable situation of chaos. Kathleen will also discuss her important work on developing the Stop Bombing Hospitals campaign and how junior doctors can get involved.
12PM – 12.40PM

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE OF PATIENT-CENTRED CARE AND COMMUNICATION

Dr Renee Lim, Chief Medical Officer and Director of Program Development, Pam McLean Centre, Sydney

Dr Renee Lim balances medicine with her love of performance, which has seen her work in theatre, film and television as an actor and a presenter. Her great ability for acting is based on her knack of delving into someone else’s mind and sharing their experiences and her empathetic approach to stepping into the shoes of others.

Renee has been working as a locum doctor in the NSW Hospital system in the areas of emergency medicine, palliative care, and geriatrics for many years, visiting almost every major hospital in the Greater Sydney area. Her passion for treating the whole patient and not just a disease and her interest in developing the team dynamics in our often overwhelmed hospital system have led her to join the Pam McLean Centre. Pam McLean Centre is a leading innovative organisation working with Sydney University and NSW Health to develop professional engagement in health professionals, including communication skills and dealing with conflict. Today Renee will explore the future of medical communication and its importance to patient centred care, along with practical techniques doctors in training can implement to improve patient communication.
Session three

1.40PM – 2.40PM

JUNIOR DOCTOR LIVE ISSUES PANEL

Chair:  Dr Matthew Cheng, Surgical Principal House Officer, RBWH; and Chair, AMA Queensland Council of Doctors in Training

Panel:  Dr Tony Bartone, General Practitioner, Lalor Medical Centre and Vice President, AMA

Dr Kate Kearney, Cardiology Advanced Trainee, St Vincent’s Hospital, Sydney; and Deputy Chair, AMA Council of Doctors in Training

Dr Ruth Mitchell, Registrar, Royal Melbourne Hospital and AMA Junior Doctor of the Year 2016

Members of AMA Queensland’s Council of Doctors in Training

2.40PM – 3.10PM

MDA NATIONAL SESSION - INNOVATIONS IN MEDICAL THINKING AND TURNING YOUR RESEARCH DREAM INTO A COMMERCIAL REALITY

Dr James Fielding, Former Doctor; Chief Executive Officer, Audeara; Chief Operating Officer, Field Orthopaedics; and founder, Robotics Engineering Research Laboratories

Dr James Fielding stepped away from full time clinical medicine to focus on his innovation companies as Chief Executive Officer of Audeara, Chief Operating Officer of Field Orthopaedics and founder of Robotics Engineering Research Laboratories.

Before starting medicine, James completed a business management and science degree and spent time working in the Planet Hollywood Casino, Las Vegas, a New York hedge fund and a movie production company, The Weinstein Company. During medicine he received a scholarship for the Medical Leadership Program to graduate with a Graduate Certificate of Executive Leadership.

During his intern year James got involved in a project to develop an automated audiogram with medical and engineering colleagues. This blossomed into the creation of a medical device and engineering company called RERLabs which has spawned audio-logical, orthopaedic and voice recognition camera technology. James is also a drummer and avid music fan.

He will explore this journey, the ups and downs of start-up life and the amazing opportunities available to anyone with an idea who’s willing to take the plunge.
3.40PM – 4.40PM

**Session four**

**PANEL DISCUSSION: BUILDING YOUR CAREER THROUGH VOLUNTEERING OVERSEAS: EXPERIENCES FROM THE FRONT LINE**

**Chair:** Dr Vinesh Appadurai, Advanced Cardiology Registrar, PA Hospital; and Deputy Chair, AMA Queensland Council of Doctors in Training

**Panel:**
- Dr Stewart Condon, Rural Medical Generalist and President, Médecins Sans Frontières Australia, who will outline current opportunities available through Médecins Sans Frontières
- Dr Nicole Graves, Rural Generalist Trainee, Mackay Base Hospital, who will discuss her work on the Manali Medical Aid Project
- Dr Kathleen Thomas, Advanced Intensive Care Trainee, St George Hospital, Sydney and Médecins Sans Frontières volunteer, who will discuss her experiences of volunteering, following on from her inspiring morning keynote presentation
- Dr Nikki Blackwell, Senior Staff Intensivist, The Prince Charles Hospital, who will talk about her work in humanitarian emergencies in countries such as Haiti, Pakistan, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Bandah Aceh, Niger, Mali, Burkina Faso, Guinea, Iraq, Iran and Jordan

As a young doctor, volunteering overseas can be a fantastic way to gain experience and confidence and help vulnerable communities. This session will explore front line experiences of volunteering, including how to go about it, different ways of getting involved with projects, dealing with the challenges associated with volunteering in crisis situations and individual experiences.
JDC After Dark

6.30PM - 10PM
COCKTAIL PARTY AND AWARDS PRESENTATION ON THE HILTON POOL DECK

Join colleagues for a relaxing evening on the Hilton pool deck, with a fabulous view of the Brisbane CBD skyline. The AMA Queensland Annual Student Awards and the Doctors in Training Awards will be presented, with delicious canapés and drinks served. Inclusive for two-day registrants. Additional tickets are available for purchase.

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9.30 AM – 11.10 AM

Session one

9AM – 9.30AM

REGISTRATION

Especially for those who played up a little late at the cocktail party, tea and coffee is available on arrival.

9.30AM – 10AM

THE HEALTH MINISTER’S ANNUAL ADDRESS

The Hon Cameron Dick MP, Minister for Health and Ambulance Services, Queensland Health

10AM – 10.40AM

SHOW CASE OF THE QUEENSLAND HEALTH RESEARCH RECIPIENTS

The Hon Cameron Dick MP, Minister for Health and Ambulance Services, Queensland Health
10.40AM – 11.10AM

AMA QUEENSLAND JDC RESEARCH FINALIST PRESENTATIONS

We invite students and doctors in training to submit an abstract for a 10-minute research-based presentation that will form part of the conference program. The abstract guidelines and submission form are available in the JDC 2017 listing in the event calendar at www.amaq.com.au. Our judging panel of AMA Queensland’s Council of Doctors in Training representatives will review and consider the best applications. Applicants will be notified by May 2017. For more information on submitting a research abstract, see page 3.
11.40AM – 12.30PM

Session two

11.40AM – 12.30PM

Clinical Skills Development Service presents Simulympics

Brush up on your emergency clinical skills, with the Clinical Skills Development Service (CSDS) Simulympics.

Simulympics is a competition between two teams of doctors in training; they race against each other and against the clock through simulated clinical skills stations and scenarios. Not only are these clinical athletes pitting their skills against each other, but our judges are also assessing teamwork, speed and clinical accuracy. Judged by a panel of simulation and clinical experts, only one team will be victorious!

An expert judging panel from CSDS will put them through their paces. The session will be played up on the big screen and a final assessment provided at the end.

12.30PM – 1.30PM

Lunch with sponsors and exhibitors

Research poster presentations

Junior doctor poster presentation judging and scoring by our esteemed organising committee and selected panellists.
1.30PM – 3.10PM

Session three

1.30PM – 2.30PM

BUILDING YOUR PERSONAL BRAND IN MEDICINE AND PREPARING FOR INTERVIEWS

Jane Anderson, Careers Coach, Jane Anderson Consulting

With training positions becoming increasingly competitive, how do you differentiate yourself from the competition? This practical session will consider:

- awareness of how much preparation is actually required;
- how you can use your de-identified experiences of patient situations as examples in the interview setting;
- how to build your confidence level for interviews and presentations;
- the essentials for your CV that provides you with the additional edge over the competition;
- your online profile – the do’s and don’ts to get yourself noticed in the right way; and
- how to develop and use networking skills to your advantage in medicine.

2.30PM – 3PM

JANE ANDERSON - Q&A WITH RECENT SUCCESSFUL COLLEGE APPLICANTS

Jane Anderson, Careers Coach, Jane Anderson Consulting

Following on from Jane’s presentation, she will undertake a question and answer session with a panel of recent successful college applicants to garner further practical hints and tips to help with your successful college application.

3PM – 3.10PM

ORAL RESEARCH PRESENTATION AND RESEARCH POSTER PRIZES AWARDED

Dr Matthew Cheng, Surgical Principal House Officer, RBWH; and Chair, AMA Queensland Council of Doctors in Training

Closing remarks
Wine and Cheese Tasting

3.10PM – 4PM
NETWORKING EVENT AFTER CONFERENCE CONCLUDES

Catch up with colleagues and friends post-conference at the JDC wine and cheese tasting event. You will enjoy a carefully chosen selection of red and white blends and tasty cheeses, after a long weekend of learning.

The tasting will be held in the exhibition area. Come along, relax, network and raise a glass to toast to a successful weekend with your peers.