

# THE INTER-PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY OF AUSTRALASIA

## 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**Hong Kong-Macau-Zhongshan  
25 October – 1 November, 2009**

Dear Colleagues,

You are invited to participate in the second annual conference of IPSA, an organization of like-minded professionals. This year's conference will run on a small, group-learning model in pursuit of self-directed education. We aim to foster a nurturing and balanced learning environment. Each delegate will participate in small group discussion and is invited to prepare a short paper or to present a case for discussion. The topic is of your choosing. Each delegate is invited to take an active part in the proceedings of the meeting. In this way, learning is facilitated. Delegates to this conference will include general practitioners and specialist practitioners from Australia. A number of colleagues from Hong Kong have also been invited to participate.

Costs are kept to a minimum as we do not pay for invited speakers. We aim to set a modest membership and registration fee. Partners of conference delegates are welcome to participate in the proceedings.

The first part of the conference programme will run over three days in Hong Kong. Conference presentations and a conference dinner are scheduled over the first three days of the meeting. The 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the conference will be an optional study tour, including site visits to medical facilities and historical excursions in Zhongshan (Canton) and Macau over the next five days.

### **Why Zhongshan?**

The Pearl River is one of the three major rivers that have nourished China from its infancy. The estuary, or the Pearl River Delta, is the birthplace of new China's modernisation and industrialisation. While Beijing is the heart, the estuary is the pulse of China.

Most of us are familiar with the story of Marco Polo's adventure in China through the Silk Road that linked China to the rest of the world in ancient times. But the real impact in modernising China is through the Pearl River Delta, beginning with the Opium Wars of the 1800s when the superior fleets of the British Empire sailed up the Pearl River. And the rest is history.

Your Conference co-organiser Dr Andrew Kwong has the good fortune of being born in Zhongshan and grew up in the River Delta. He has watched with great interest and fascination the transformation of Zhongshan from a small town of 60,000 in his early childhood to a vibrant city of a million or more, and is a modern and model city for the rest of China. It is this energy and vigour that he would like to share with you in Part II of the Conference. He spent his teenage years in Hong Kong and has close contacts there. He will be an invaluable resource person to assist your adventure in the Pearl River Delta, to experience those many secret and hidden treasures unknown to the ordinary overseas tourists of the region.

When visiting Hong, Kong, delegates are expected to make their own bookings for accommodation and travel. When considering the vast range of alternative accommodation available, your conference convenors thought it best to leave the choice to you. When visiting Zhongshan, the fee includes accommodation, all meals, transport and entrance fees to various excursions. When visiting Macau, your fee includes accommodation and the hydrofoil which will return you either to Hong Kong or to the International Airport, depending upon your preference. Meals in Macau are not included, again, because of the variety of choices .

Places for the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the conference in Zhongshan and Macau are limited and so your early finalisation of your conference fees is strongly advised.

We look forward to your joining us for this interesting and challenging, professional development programme.

### **Andrew Kwong (GP) and Robert Lewin (Psychiatrist)**



# Program

## Conference Part 1

**Sunday 25th October - Tuesday 27 October: 9.00am to 1.00pm**

**Venue:** YMCA of Hong Kong, 41 Salisbury Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong

**Registration:** 8.30am on Sunday 25 October

**Conference Banquet:** Sunday evening (venue to be advised)

**Address:** "Bird flu – Managing a pandemic at first hand"

**Speaker:** *Dr Wilina LIM, Head of Public Health Laboratory Services Branch, Centre for Health Protection, Department of Health, Hong Kong.*

*Dr Lim graduated MB,BS from University of New South Wales and obtained her pathology qualification from the Royal College of Pathologists in the UK specializing in Medical Microbiology. She took up the post of Consultant Medical Microbiologist in charge of Government Virus Unit in 1989. Over the last 20 years, her work involved diagnosis, surveillance, outbreak investigation and management of viral diseases. Her laboratory collaborated with local and international partners in hospitals, academia and institutions in the management of various viral diseases of public health importance. Dr Lim has also been actively involved in promoting and disseminating good laboratory practice in the region.*

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## Optional Part 2 Conference (limited places)

**Wednesday 28 October – Sunday 1 November**

**Wednesday 28th:** Travel to Zhongshan by Jetfoil up the Pearl River, 1.5 hours. Lunch. Free afternoon or go visit a typical village in its transition to become a modern suburb, something most interesting to me, may be to you as well. Welcoming Dinner Meeting.

**Thursday 29th:** A visit to a hospital, a nursing home, a factory and maybe a courthouse. Dinner meeting in the evening.

**Friday 30th:** Travel to Macau by A/C coach, about an hour. En route, visit Dr Sun Yatsun's home/museum. Lunch on the way. Settle into Hotel. Free evening.

**Saturday 31st:** Free day to explore the over 30 World Heritage Listed sites in the first and oldest colony of the World. Closing Dinner/meeting (Portuguese)

**Sunday 1st November:** Travel back to Hong Kong or directly to HK Airport by Jetfoil, around 70 minutes.

The Sunday is a free day; delegates wishing to return to Hong Kong will be able to take a ferry that leaves every 15 minutes; for those wishing to take a ferry from Macau to the Hong Kong International Airport, departures are at 8.15, 9.30, 10.00, 12.30, 13.45, 15.00, 16.45 and 20.15. The trip will take about 70 minutes.

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# GENERAL INFORMATION

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## Venue – Hong Kong component

The first part of the meeting will be held in the conference rooms of the YMCA, close to the Star Ferry in Kowloon.

## Conference Fees - Hong Kong component

The cost of the conference including arrival coffee and morning teas for the three days, the banquet on Sunday evening (cash bar) and an administrative fee is \$495 per person for those registering by 10 September. After this date, the fee will be \$595 per person. These fees do not include GST as this is an off-shore activity.

Partners are welcome to participate in the conference and/or attend the banquet at a per person cost of \$150 (conference and banquet) or \$85 (banquet only) per person.

## Flights and Conference Accommodation

It is the responsibility of the delegate to organize their flights and accommodation in Hong Kong.

The conference venue, The YMCA of Hong Kong, is located on the harbour and offers a range of accommodation (go to [www.ymcahk.org](http://www.ymcahk.org) for further information and on-line booking, or you can email [room@ymcahk.org.hk](mailto:room@ymcahk.org.hk) or phone 0011 852 2268 7888).

There are numerous other hotels nearby....if you Google "Hong Kong accommodation", you will find many options.

## Optional Part 2 Conference

As noted earlier, the fee includes accommodation, all meals and transport as well as entrance fees to various excursions. When visiting Macau, your fee includes accommodation and the hydrofoil which will return you either to Hong Kong or to the International Airport, depending upon your preference. Meals in Macau are not included, again, because of the variety of choices you may prefer.

The cost of the optional tour for a couple is \$1,600 (this rate also applies to 2 single delegates who are willing to share accommodation).

The cost for a single delegate requiring single occupancy for their accommodation is \$975.

Please note that the tour will not proceed without a minimum of 20 delegates.

- ***Deadline for bookings: 10 September (after this date, please contact us as we may still be able to take bookings)***

## Visas

If you are travelling on an Australian passport, you will not need a visa for Hong Kong or Macau but you will need a single entry visa (AU\$40) for mainland China....you can download the application form from <http://au.china-embassy.org/eng/ls/>

## Insurance

Delegates are encouraged to take out personal travel and medical insurance which includes loss or damage of personal possessions, including loss of travel and accommodation expenses and registration fees through cancellation.

## Cancellations

Conference cancellations must be advised in writing by 10 September 2009; there is a \$200 cancellation fee per registration.

## For further details regarding the conference, please contact:

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Carlton, VICTORIA 3053, AUSTRALIA

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## Registration Form

## TAX INVOICE

ABN: 22 099 354 060 (The Conference Organiser Pty Ltd)

**Please Note:** This form is a tax invoice when completed. Fees do **not** include GST.

### Section A: Personal Details

Prof / Dr / Mrs / Ms / Mr: .....  
(First Name) (Last Name)

Organisation: .....

Address: .....

..... Postcode: .....

Phone: (.....) ..... Mobile: .....

Email: .....

Special requirements (dietary, disability etc.): .....

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### Section B: Hong Kong Conference (Part 1) / Banquet Registration

Please register me for the conference @ \$495 (early bird rate, paid by 10 September) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please register me for the conference @ \$595 (for registrations paid after 10 September) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please register my partner for the conference and banquet @ \$150 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please register my partner for the banquet only @ \$85 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of partner:**

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(First Name) (Last Name)

Partner's special requirements (dietary, disability etc.): .....

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## Section C: Macau-Zhongshan Optional Conference (Part 2)

Please book one place for me @ \$975 (single occupancy for accommodation).

Please book two places for me @ \$1,600 (double or twin occupancy)

## Section D: Payment Summary

Conference Part 1	\$ .....
Conference Part 2	\$ .....
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ .....</b>

I enclose my cheque made payable to: "The Conference Organiser P/L"

### OR

Please debit my credit card AUD \$ .....

Mastercard       Visa      **(Please note: We cannot take AmEx or Diners)**

Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry: ..... / .....      Name on card: .....

Signature: .....

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**PLEASE NOTE:      Your receipt will be emailed to you when payment is received.**