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2020 Program

Influenza Specialist Group

Annual Scientific Meeting

2 & 3 February 2020

**Parkroyal Hotel – Melbourne Airport
Melbourne, Australia**

Day One: Sunday 2 February 2020

- 4.30pm Arrival drinks
- 5.00pm **Welcome and introduction**
A/Prof Lou Irving – Meeting Chair
Director of Respiratory Medicine, Melbourne Health; IC Member
- 5.10pm **Review of 2019 influenza season in Australia and what to expect in 2020**
Prof Ian Barr
Deputy Director, WHO Collaborating Centre for Reference & Research on Influenza;
IC Member
- 5.30pm **Review the use of enhanced vaccines in Australia**
Prof Allen Cheng
Director, Infection Prevention and Healthcare Epidemiology, Alfred Health, Monash
University.
- 5.55pm **Review international and comparative enhanced vaccine data**
Prof Paul Van Buynder
- 6.15pm -----**Entrée served**-----
- 6.30pm **Australian Paediatric Influenza Programs**
Prof Kristine Macartney
Director of NCIRS
- 6.50pm -----**Main course served**-----
- 7.20pm **Update on VE of currently available vaccines (virtual presentation)**
Prof Richard Pebody
- 8.00pm -----**Dessert served**-----
- 8.15pm **The 1918-19 pandemic and effects on western art**
Prof Dominic Dwyer
IC member and Director, Institute of Clinical Pathology and Medical Research
- 8.45pm **Summary & overview**
A/Prof Lou Irving
- 9.00pm **Close**

Day Two: Monday 3 February 2020

- 8.30am Coffee
- 8.50am **Welcome & introduction**
A/Prof Lou Irving – Meeting Chair
Director of Respiratory Medicine, Melbourne Health; IC Member
- Session 1: Influenza Immunity**
- 9.00am **Flu immunity for dummies**
Dr Patrick Reading
- 9.30am **Immune Imprinting**
Prof Ben Cowling
- 10.00am **Influenza immunity**
Sheena Sullivan
- Session 2: Public Health Aspects of Influenza & Pneumonia**
Chair:
- 10.25am **Obesity as a risk factor**
Dr Kirsty Short
Australian Research Fellow
School of Chemistry and Molecular Biosciences
Faculty of Science, University of Queensland
- 11.00am -----Morning Tea-----
- 11.40am **GP Perspective of 2019 SA Influenza Season**
Dr Rod Pearce
- 12.05pm **Strategies for flu outbreak control**
Prof Robert Booy
- 12.30pm **Recent advances in rapid detection of influenza**
Prof Dominic Dwyer
- 12.55pm -----Lunch-----
- 2.00pm **Respiratory viral infections with Pneumococcal and other bacterial complications**
Dr Luregn Schlapbach
Paediatric Intensive Care Unit, Senior Staff Specialist FCICM
- 2.20pm **Pneumococcal disease – immunisation strategies to improve those at greatest risk**
Prof Chris Blyth
- 2.40pm **Pneumococcal disease – International data comparisons**
TBA
- Session 3: Research updates**
Chair:
- 3.05pm **Progress to universal vaccines**
Prof Kanta Subbarao

Director, WHO Collaborating Centre for Reference and Research on Influenza

3.30pm

Monoclonal antibody treatments

Dr Paul Griffin

Senior Lecturer, Medicine; Director of Infectious Diseases, the University of Queensland and Mater Hospitals; IC Director

3.55pm

RSV vaccines and epidemiology

Dr Nigel Crawford

4.30pm

Summary & overview

A/Prof Lou Irving

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