



Health Professionals Teaching & Learning Conference 2009

Keynote Speakers



Dr Lilon Bandler MB BS, FRACGP, GradDipHPol

Teaching in an Indigenous Context, Supporting Indigenous Students

Dr Lilon Bandler is Senior Lecturer in Indigenous Health Education, Faculty of Medicine, University of Sydney. She is responsible for the development, integration and implementation of comprehensive Indigenous health teaching and learning resources. She is also responsible for the personal and academic support for Indigenous medical students, and for increasing the recruitment of Indigenous students to the University of Sydney's Health Faculties.

Dr Bandler has extensive teaching experience, as clinical tutor and lecturer. She has had many years experience in organising and delivering continuing medical education to junior medical staff working in hospitals. Dr Bandler has worked in general practice for 15 years, and currently works in practice in Sydney, Australia.



Scott Wagner BSc., Grad. Dip. Nutr. & Diet., Grad. Cert. Paed. Diet, APD

Clinical Supervision in Practice

Mr Scott Wagner has a 20+ year career as an Allied Health professional, having worked as a private practice dietitian and nutrition consultant in Mackay, North Queensland for well over a decade.

He also worked as a manager of nutrition and dietetics at Lismore Base Hospital in Northern NSW, specialising clinically in paediatrics and eating disorders. As Rural Allied Health Officer for NSW, Scott became involved in a number of key projects of national importance, such as the Rural Allied Health Workforce Survey, and a Rural Allied Health Assistant Model. In 2008 he completed a major literature review and report on Clinical Supervision for Rural Health Professionals.

Scott is currently national president of SARRAH (Services for Australian Rural and Remote Allied Health), the organisation behind the new SARRAH Education and Training website which provides education resources and interactive training modules for Allied Health Professionals.

He is currently Project Manager in Allied Health Workforce Development in Brisbane, working on a Social Work Assistant project, and continues to work clinically as a dietitian. Scott lives on the NSW North Coast next to a patch of rainforest.

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Dr Alan Ruben MBBS, M.Appl.Epid FRACP FAFPHM
Medical Education in the Northern Territory

Dr Alan Ruben was brought up in Kenya, studied undergraduate medicine in London, postgraduate medicine in Sydney, completing specialist training in paediatrics and public health in Darwin where he has lived since 1990, except for a three year spell at the Fiji School of Medicine from 1998-2001. He has held a variety of posts in the NT including working as a specialist paediatrician, the community paediatrician for the Top End, International Medical Graduate (IMG) training coordinator for the Department of Health Families and teaching students at the Northern Territory Clinical School. In addition he has undertaken numerous regional consultancies for international agencies including the WHO, UNICEF and AusAID. His current positions include Principal Medical Adviser for the Department of Health Families, specialist paediatrician at Royal Darwin Hospital and Associate Professor with the Northern Territory Clinical School.



Dr Terry Poulton
Virtual Patients

Dr Terry Poulton is Associate Dean for e-Learning, Reader in Medical Education in the Dept of Medical Education, and Head of the e-Learning Unit at St George's University, London.

Originally an immunologist, he switched fields six years ago, to begin building a large research and development elearning group, focussed on virtual patients (VPs). He is Programme Director for the eViP project, the European Union-funded project to create a bank of VPs adapted for multicultural, multi-lingual use and has been project director for more than a dozen grants over the last four years, totalling more than £3 million. Dr Poulton founded the European healthcare standards group, Medbiquitous Europe, and is director of the Medbiq standards involvement in the EC-funded mEducator multi-type content repurposing programme.

His interests and research programmes include the embedding of interactive virtual patients (VPs) in the core curriculum as a replacement for Problem-Based Learning, the use of VPs in assessment, and the development of interactive virtual patient mannequins in virtual worlds.



Professor John Wakerman MB, BS, MTH
Inter Professional Health Education and Rural and Remote Clinical Education

Professor John Wakerman is the Inaugural Director of the Centre for Remote Health, a Joint Centre of Flinders University and Charles Darwin University, in Alice Springs. He is a Public Health Medicine specialist and general practitioner, with a long background in remote primary health care services as a medical practitioner, senior manager, researcher and active advocate for rural and remote health issues. He has specific academic interests in remote health services research and health management education.