



Snowvision 2016

The 11th Snowvision Down Under Conference is being held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Queenstown from Wednesday 3rd to Sunday 6th August. This is a prime skiing time in Queenstown so please book early to avoid missing out. There are of course many other attractions for the non-skier in Queenstown.

REGISTRATION

The Snowvision conference registration fee is \$950 + GST. With slight changes to the format, the programme is expected to provide delegates with 16.25 CD points, half of which will be for therapeutics.

Registration is limited to the first 100 delegates and there is no registration fee payable for partners who are not participating in the clinical program.

In keeping with the aims of the Snowvision Charitable Trust, which are to improve the clinical skills of New Zealand optometrists, conference registration and participation in the clinical program is restricted to optometrists and ophthalmologists and registration priority for NZ practitioners will be given for the first three weeks.

To register go to www.registerhere.co.nz/register/snow2016 Upon completion of your online registration, confirmation will be sent via email within 48 hours. Details for payment will be sent approximately two weeks following registration. Payment will only be available via internet banking, using the delegates name as reference.

If you do not receive this confirmation or you have any problems completing the registration contact, snowvision2016@xtra.co.nz

ACCOMMODATION

As the conference sessions start early in the morning, it is strongly advised that you stay at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. By booking your accommodation at the Crowne Plaza through the conference organiser you can take advantage of the heavily discounted room rate of \$245 incl GST per night for a lake view room or \$220 incl GST for a non-lake view room and \$20 off your registration fee. Payment for one nights accommodation is required as deposit. Should you be sharing a room with another delegate this can be specified at the time of registration.

Babysitting can also be arranged directly with the hotel, contact 03 441 0095 for rates and details.

TRANSPORT TO & FROM AIRPORT

A shuttle service can be arranged to and from the airport. By pre-booking, this will eliminate hanging around the airport for the next available shuttle. Contact Super Shuttle to arrange transfers, www.supershuttle.co.nz.

Alternatively Connectabus operates a bus service that departs from the airport every 15 minutes from 6.30am to 9.50pm. Cost is \$12 and there are bus stops on both sides of the road outside the Crowne Plaza - tell the driver your destination and they will advise you when to get off. Reservations are not required and tickets are available from the driver. Visit www.connectabus.com for more information.

Taxis are available from outside the terminal and cost is approximately \$35 with an estimated travel time of 10-15mins.

Major rental car companies also operate from the terminal building and bookings are strongly recommended.

GO-KART CHAMPIONSHIP

On Thursday August 4 the Snowvision Go-Kart Championship sponsored by CR Surfacing will be held at Highland Motorsport Park, Cromwell.

The bus will leave the hotel at 9.45 am and be back by 3.30pm. Cost is approximately \$300pp and will be limited to 20. Everything is included as well as dirt buggy driving and a full lunch at the cafe at the track.

To have a go at the Championship cup, prizes and bragging rights indicate your interest when registering.

GOLF

A golf game is being arranged by Independent Lens Specialists (ILS) for Saturday afternoon. This will be held at The Hills. The cost of \$375 represents exceptional value for this exclusive course which would normally be \$500. Golf carts and lunch are supplied courtesy of ILS.

Please indicate your interest to participate in the ILS golf tournament at time of registration and Glenn Bolton will be in touch regarding details. Fees are paid on the day.

HELI-SKIING

If there is enough interest in heli-skiing, this will be arranged. Please indicate your interest at time of registration.

SPONSORS

Sponsorship plays a big role in events such as this and the organisers are very appreciative of the support they receive from their industry partners.

Sponsors include:

- Corneal Lens Corporation
- CR Surfacing Laboratories
- Hoya
- Independent Lens Specialists
- NZ Optics
- OIC (Ophthalmic Instrument Company)

QUESTIONS?

Queries regarding this conference should be directed to Grant Watters, grant@mortimerhirst.co.nz or 09 379 8950.

Programme

Wednesday 3 August

- 4.30pm Registration (Crowne Plaza Hotel)
- 7:00pm Hoya Welcome Cocktail Party (Crowne Plaza Hotel)
- 8:30pm Cocktail party Concludes

Thursday 4 August

- 6.25am Announcements
- 6.30am Ocular motility (Pat Modica)
- 7.15am Beating blepharitis (Simon Dean and Jennifer Craig)
- 8.00am Scholarship reports
- 8.10am Ski report
- 8.15am What's new in AMD (Erica Fletcher)
- 9:00am Ocular side effects of systemic meds (Shanu Subbiah)
- 9:30am Session ends
- 9.45am CR Surfacing Go-Kart Championship
- 4.30pm (2hrs) **Hands-On Workshop***
Slit-lamp workshop
Gonioscopy/3 mirror examination of fundus (Shanu Subbiah)
- OR**
- 4.30pm (2hrs) **Clinical Seminar**
Clinical case histories - The Weird and Wonderful (Richard Johnson)
- OR**
- 4.30pm (2hrs) **Clinical Seminar**
Soft & rigid toric CL troubleshooting (Richard Lindsay)
- 6:30pm Sessions conclude
- 7.00pm Social function
Prime Restaurant

* Workshops are limited to 25 persons each. If there are only two choices and your first choice is not available you'll be placed in the alternative session.

Friday 5 August

- 6.25am Announcements
- 6.30am The facial nerve (Pat Modica)
- 7.15am Paediatric CL fitting (Richard Lindsay)
- 8.00am Scholarship reports
- 8.10am Ski report
- 8.15am Theory of metabolic disease (Grant Schofield)
- 9:00am Pathology quiz (Richard Johnson)
- 9:30am Session ends
- Lunch Ski race & CLC BBQ Lunch at Coronet Peak
- 3.45pm (1.5hrs) **Hands-On Workshop***
The Latest in Dry Eye (Simon Dean/Jennifer Craig)
- OR**
- 3.45pm (1.5hrs) **Clinical Seminar**
Glaucoma Case Histories - The Good Bad & The Ugly (Shanu Subbiah)
- Clinical Seminar**
Ocular Motility (Pat Modica)
- 6:45pm Sessions conclude
- Free night

Saturday 6 August

- 6.25am Announcements
- 6.30am Glaucoma management - a pragmatic view (Shanu Subbiah)
- 7.15am Innovations in Third World Eyecare (Hong Sheng Chiong)
- 8.00am Scholarship reports
- 8.10am Ski report
- 8.15am Vascular supply to the eye (Erica Fletcher)
- 9:00am Nutrition and the eye (Grant Schofield)
- 9:30am Session ends
- 10:30am ILS Golf at The Hills
- 3.45pm (1.5hrs) **BIO Workshop***
(Shanu Subbiah and Richard Johnson)
- OR**
- 3.45pm (1.5hrs) **Clinical Seminar**
OCT interpretation of retinal disease (Erica Fletcher)
- Clinical Seminar**
Neuro Screening (Pat Modica)
- 6:45pm Sessions conclude
- 7.00pm Conference finale - cruise on Earnslaw and dinner at Walter Peak

Speakers Bios

PATRICIA MODICA

Patricia is a graduate of the Pennsylvania College of Optometry. She completed a Residency in Primary Care at The Eye Institute of The Pennsylvania College of Optometry. This was followed by a two year fellowship in neuro-ophthalmic disease at the same facility. She is currently a faculty member at The State University of New York College of Optometry where she directs care in the Neuro-Ocular Disease Service and teaches didactic coursework in Neuro-Ophthalmic Disease. Patricia has lectured nationally and internationally on topics related to her clinical emphasis in neuro-ophthalmic disorders and has published 'Neuro-Ophthalmic System: Clinical Procedures'. She is an active fellow of the American Academy of Optometry and currently serves as the sub chair for recruitment for the Special Interest Group in Neuro-Ophthalmic Disease in Optometry.



PROFESSOR ERICA FLETCHER

Erica is Professor in the Department of Anatomy and Neuroscience at The University of Melbourne where she heads the Visual Neuroscience Laboratory. She is a clinically trained optometrist who holds both MSc and PhD degrees. She completed her PhD at The University of Melbourne and undertook postdoctoral training at the Max Planck Institute for Brain Research in Germany. Erica was appointed to an academic position in 2000 at The University of Melbourne. In 2006 she was awarded the Irvin M and Beatrice Borish Award from the American Academy of Optometry for her contribution to vision research. Her research interests lie in understanding the pathogenesis of Age Related Macular Degeneration. She is also heavily involved in teaching undergraduate and graduate students and coordinates the neuroscience teaching programme for medical students at The University of Melbourne.



A/PROF JENNIFER CRAIG

Jennifer is a therapeutically qualified optometrist and an Associate Professor in Ophthalmology at the University of Auckland where she heads the Ocular Surface Laboratory. Her main research interest is in dry eye and tear film dysfunction. She regularly delivers continuing education and research lectures internationally and publishes in both the scientific and clinical press. She is co-author of the book 'The Tear Film' and has contributed to the TFOS International Workshops on Meibomian Gland Dysfunction and Contact Lens Discomfort. Jennifer is currently serving as Vice-Chair for the second Dry Eye Workshop (DEWS II).



RICHARD LINDSAY

Richard obtained his BScOptom degree from the University of Melbourne in 1984 and a MBA from the same institution in 1991. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry and a Diplomate of its Cornea and Contact Lens Section. He is a past president and a founding fellow of the Cornea and Contact Lens Society of Australia. Lindsay was head of Contact Lens Clinics at the Victorian College of Optometry from 1989 to 1998 and a senior fellow in the Department of Optometry and Vision Sciences, University of Melbourne from 1992 to 2007. Presently he manages his own specialist contact lens practice in East Melbourne, Australia.



DR SIMON DEAN

Simon was awarded a RANZCO fellowship in 2007. He completed fellowship training in the UK in ophthalmology and ocular oncology in Glasgow, followed by cataracts and anterior segment in the Bedford branch of Moorfields Eye Hospital. He also holds fellowship of the British Contact Lens Association and completed his MSc in cataract and refractive surgery in 2009. Simon is currently Head of Department at Manukau Superclinic, and also consults privately through Eye Institute in Remuera, South Auckland, and New Lynn. He is on the RANZCO Scientific Program Committee Executive, and also the Subject Leader for the Optics exam team. Active in teaching and research, Simon has also designed and built a number of ophthalmic instruments, including a corneal collagen crosslinking device.



PROFESSOR GRANT SCHOFIELD

Grant is a Professor of Public Health at Auckland University of Technology and Director of the university's Human Potential Centre located at the AUT Millennium in Auckland. Grant's research and teaching interests are in wellbeing and chronic disease prevention especially reducing the risk and eventual mortality and morbidity from obesity, cardiovascular disease, and diabetes. He lives by the motto 'be the best you can be' and he has a strong commitment to peak performance in which he does consulting work. He wants to know how we can be the best we can be. This crosses disciplines such as biology, medicine, public health, and productivity management. The cornerstones are nutrition, exercise, sleep, neuroscience, psychology and wellbeing. Grant and his team are currently undertaking research projects in the low carb high fat arena.



DR SHANU SUBBIAH

Shanu is a Consultant Ophthalmologist working at the Auckland District Health Board and in private at the Eye Institute. He originally qualified in the UK and completed his ophthalmology training in Northern Ireland. This was followed by fellowships in anterior segment, cataract and medical retina in Auckland. Currently Shanu's work is varied with focus on refractive cataract and pterygium in private and medical retina in public. He is involved in training of ophthalmology registrars, fellows and optometrists as well currently continuing his own formal qualifications in laser refractive surgery.



RICHARD JOHNSON

Richard is an optometrist who obtained his degree at The University of Auckland in 1993. After working for a period in NZ, he went to Austria where he worked as a contact lens practitioner for two years. He then worked in the UK for five years, based mainly in Cornwall before returning to NZ in 2003 where he began working at The University of Auckland and Greenlane Hospital. He is a current councillor and previous past president of the Cornea and Contact Lens Society of NZ and is also a trustee of the NZ Eye Bank. In 2006, he obtained his therapeutics post graduate qualification. Richard now works most of his week at Greenlane Clinical Centre in the Emergency Eye Clinic but also is involved in glaucoma, medical retinal and paediatric clinics. He is also a visiting lecturer and examiner in ocular therapeutics at the School of Optometry and Vision Science at the University of Auckland. He has been involved in a number of multinational Phase three drug trials as part of a research team.



DR HONG SHENG CHIONG

Hong Sheng Chiong is an ophthalmology registrar based in Dunedin. He is also the founder of oDocs Eye Care, a social enterprise with the aim of reducing the prevalence of blindness by making eye equipment more affordable and accessible globally. He and his team have created a set of ophthalmic examination tools that would allow clinicians to perform eye examination in various clinical setting. This is the world's first open-source affordable eye equipment. Hong has also won many awards including the New Zealand's People Choice Innovator Award, Clinician Challenge 2015, 3D printing grand prize, and certificate of achievement at the for New Zealand Innovator of the Year 2016. He spoke at a TEDx event in Auckland in 2015. Hong's research interest covers various fields of ophthalmology, telemedicine, and bio-engineering.

