

The
Surfers Medical
Association Australia

Presents the 13th Annual

Indian Ocean Medical Symposium Crazy for Sport

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Dhonveli Beach And Spa Resort, Maldives


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Introduction

The 13th Annual Scientific Meeting of the SMA will feature presentations and debate from a diverse group of speakers united by a common passion. Talks will cover a broad range of topics primarily examining the physiological, physical and psychological aspects of sport.

- What powers the athlete, both physically and mentally?
- Is there a difference between the recreational and the elite sportsperson?
- How have they adapted to become the performers that they are?
- And what physical toll does their passion for sport impose on them?
- Are their mental health and substance abuse issues a reflection of the problems affecting young people in the prime of their life?
- Or are the pressures of fame and the stress of being a role model simply too much for some to handle? Can sport be used as a model for learning and development?

A combination of the latest evidence and personal experience will promote lively discussion in these aspects of sports medicine. The relaxed setting and informal nature of the conference will encourage interactive debate and audience participation to fully utilise the expertise present.

30 Category 2 RACGP Points Pending

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Speakers

Mr Andrew Dix

Registrar/CEO, NSW Medical Board.

Andrew Dix graduated from Sydney University with an Arts/Law degree in 1977, and worked in a large city law firm for three years before leaving to travel in South America. Returning several years later, he moved into the relatively uncharted waters of medical law as the NSW AMA's in house legal counsel. While there he co-authored a Butterworths publication, Law for the Medical Profession, which was one of the earliest attempts to comprehensively set out and explain the law as it related to the day to day practice of medicine for Australian doctors.

Following major change to the NSW Medical Practitioners Act which laid the foundations for a completely new model of professional regulation for doctors, Andrew took up the position of Registrar/CEO of the NSW Medical Board, responsible for the implementation of the new legislation. While in this position, he has been responsible for the development and introduction of national regulatory innovations such as the impairment program for doctors whose physical or mental health is having an adverse affect on their ability to practice safely, and the performance program for those who are neither unwell or 'bad', but whose practice standards have slipped below an acceptable level. One of his major current focuses at the Board is to achieve some sort of meaningful national registration, and uniformity of regulatory requirements and standards.

Dr Cameron Hunt

Dr Cameron Hunt trained in anaesthesia at Liverpool Hospital in southwest Sydney and now lives and works in the Sutherland Shire of south Sydney. After the hustle of Liverpool he enjoys working principally at the Sutherland District Hospital which is far less busy and far less resourced. Regular sessions at the various local private hospitals account for how he occupies most of his working time.

Areas of interest and subspeciality have become obstetric anaesthesia, ENT, orthopaedic and maxillofacial anaesthesia. However, in complete agreement with the philosophy that life is the time you spend awake and not working he has dedicated himself to three activities - his family first; surfing second and everything else third.

The surfing is only something that he has taken up in the last two years and is only significant life-regret is that he didn't miss more lectures in medical school to learn surfing when he was at the UNSW (west Coogee).

Professor Patrick McGorry

MD PhD FRCP FRANZCP

Professor of Youth Mental Health, University of Melbourne

Executive Director, ORYGEN Research Centre

Director of Clinical Services, ORYGEN Youth Health.

Professor Patrick McGorry is a world-leading researcher in the area of early psychosis and youth mental health. His work has played an integral role in the development of safe, effective treatments and innovative research involving the needs of young people with emerging mental disorders, notably psychotic and severe mood disorders.

He is currently Professor of Youth Mental Health at the University of Melbourne and Director of ORYGEN Youth Health and ORYGEN Research Centre. ORYGEN's 240 clinical and research staff provide leading expertise in early psychosis, mood, substance use, and personality disorders.

ORYGEN's early psychosis service, known as EPPIC, was founded by Professor McGorry in 1992, and has been hugely influential internationally. Its evidence-based model has been exported to many countries, and early intervention in psychosis has become one of the major growth points in international mental health reform.

ORYGEN provides clinical services to more than 700 young people at any one time. The ORYGEN Research Centre is currently running 44 psychiatry research projects across a broad range of issues.

Professor McGorry is a Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia and has been the recipient of numerous awards including the Australian Government Centenary Medal in 2003, and the Founders' Medal of the Australian Society for Psychiatric Research in 2001.

Dr Mark Gillett

Specialist Emergency Physician (FACEM, 1993) Board Certified in Family Practice (FRACGP, 1993)

Director Emergency Medicine Training, Royal North Shore Hospital, Sydney

Chair Fellowship Examination Committee ACEM.

Mark Gillett has been practicing as a Specialist Emergency Physician at Royal North Shore Hospital, Sydney since 1993. Mark is also the Director of Emergency Medicine Training at Royal North Shore.

Mark's other responsibilities of note include, Consultant to the Emergency Dept, Shoalhaven District Memorial Hospital, Nowra, Medical Director, Immediate Assistants P/L providing pre-hospital care to major sporting venues through Sydney and overseas and Chair Fellowship Examination Committee ACEM.

Speakers

Dr Heidi Webster

MBBS, MPH, FRACP

Staff Specialist, Royal Children's Hospital Community Child Health Service

Developmental and Behavioural Paediatrician, Child Development Network Private Practice.

Heidi Webster attended the University of Queensland and completed her undergraduate education in 1994. After internship at the Mater Hospital, she commenced basic training in Paediatric Medicine at the Mater Children's Hospital in Brisbane. After the Part I FRACP was obtained, she undertook paediatric sub-speciality training in Community Paediatrics at the Royal Children's then Mater Children's Hospital, Brisbane in the Community Child Health Training Fellowship Program. Heidi completed FRACP training for the paediatric subspecialty of Community Child Health and was one of the foundation trainees. The FRACP was awarded in 2002.

During community child health fellowship training for her FRACP Heidi also completed subjects for the Masters of Public Health program and completed her dissertation on the Systematic Review of Home Visiting programs for premature and low birth weight infants. The MPH was awarded in 2003.

Heidi has worked in a consultant capacity at both the Mater Children's and Royal Children's hospitals Brisbane in Child Development diagnostic clinics and also in the Child Protection Unit. Following her training Heidi joined a small private developmental paediatric team and has continued to build her private practice. This team combines medical and allied health staff in order to provide a comprehensive diagnosis and management service for children with behavioural and developmental difficulties.

Heidi has developed skills in the interest areas of childhood anxiety disorders, autism and school learning difficulties, and conducts multidisciplinary meetings within schools in the Brisbane area in order to support children in their school environments. Her current appointment at the Royal Children's Hospital is at the Riverton Early Parenting Centre which is a family residential program addressing infant and early childhood behavioural feeding and sleeping issues and the impacts of maternal psychosocial stress on the family.

Mr Tony Giurissevich

Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales since 1976

Statutory Appointee to a number of Statutory Tribunals including the Guardianship Tribunal, Social Security Appeals Tribunal and Veterans' Review Board.

Tony Giurissevich was admitted as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales in July of 1976 and now has 29 years post admission experience in a broad range of legal practice.

As well as practising as a solicitor he has been a Statutory Appointee to a number of Statutory Tribunals including the Guardianship Tribunal, Social Security Appeals Tribunal and Veterans' Review Board. That experience has enhanced his knowledge of medico legal issues and the delivery of services in the Public Health system and in the disability field.

Tony has regularly presented on behalf of Keddies at training sessions for Social Workers and other Health Professionals (Brain Injury Units) on a number of issues including guardianship, advanced care directives, powers of attorney and wills. These are all examples of planning for substitute decision-making in anticipation of loss of cognitive competence and death.

He has a particular interest in End of Life Decision Making having experienced on many occasions the dynamic between emotional family expectations and the medical reality in terms of prognosis. That dynamic is sometimes ruled upon by legal decisions made in the Supreme Court and the Guardianship Tribunals of the respective States of Australia. Proper education and planning around those issues would go a long way to alleviate the pressure on both health care infrastructure and the legal framework which ultimately rules on those disputes and which ultimately simply look to Best Medical Practice to be applied.

Tony has also been a strong advocate and legal representative for people with disabilities including mental illness, acquired brain injury and intellectual disability and has brought their claims to successful completion in many jurisdictions.

Speakers

Dr Bill Jones (USA)

Matriculation Counselor and Professor -
Monterey Peninsula College

Adjunct Professor -
California State University, Monterey Bay.

William H "Bill" Jones, PhD is a counselor and educator at Monterey Peninsula College and California State University in Monterey, California. He has a BA in History and Art, an MA in Special Education/Counseling and a M.Ed. in Educational Leadership/Administration. His PhD is in Education with emphasis on handicapped individuals. Bill started as an elementary school teacher and has taught kindergarten to graduate school.

Bill is dyslexic and has done many presentations and consulting in regards to dyslexia, learning styles, computer education for the disabled, staff development, community education and service learning. Bill has written numerous articles on learning and has worked as a consultant for Houghton-Mifflin, College Survival, Wadsworth, Teaching Resources, DLM and Hewlett-Packard. As an educational diagnostician, he has done over 3,000 individual assessments for learning disabilities, Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD), Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI) and other mild to moderate learning differences.

Since 1987, Bill has worked as a volunteer doing Third World Optometry for Los Medicos Voladores (Flying Doctors), Rotary International Clinics and the Surfer's Medical Association. As an early member of the SMA, he coordinated and directed clinic/conferences at Tavarua, in Panama, Costa Rica and the Mentawai Islands. He has traveled extensively in Mexico and Central America, Indonesia and several Pacific Islands working in clinics and searching for the perfect wave.

Since 1998, Bill has done his share of personal medical research with a fusion of C-5, 6 & 7, which kept him out of the water for about 3 months. He has had a Talus allograft on his left ankle as well as three major debridements and reconstructions. Finally, in the area of cardiac adventures he has had 3 ablations.

His presentation "ADD, Learning Differences and Surfing" focuses on over 100 surfers he has done assessments on and the results he has compiled. Most of the surfers assessed had learning difficulties, ADD and several had other neuro/sensory issues with Asperger's Syndrome and mild Autism.

Mr Tony Hussein-Hinde

In 1973, Sydney surfer and traveller Tony Hinde was crewing on a private yacht sailing from Sri Lanka to Africa.

The yacht was shipwrecked on a Maldivian reef and, following the salvage work, Tony travelled the atolls and discovered the great surf potential.

Tony spent 15 years living with the locals, assimilated into the culture and explored the country at the same time as the first tourist resorts were opened.

He discovered, surfed and named all the main breaks, including the outer atolls breaks that are only accessible to visitors on live-aboard boats. He also introduced young Maldivians to surfing, married a Maldivian lady and added the traditional 'Hussein' to his name.

In the 1980s Tony began to arrange private surf tours for those in the know. As Maldives tourism expanded he recognised that the development of commercial surf travel was inevitable, and should be done in a responsible manner.

In 1989 he established Atoll Adventures Pvt Ltd (Maldives) as a registered tour operator and the first specialist surfing operator in the Maldives.

With the benefit of word of mouth advertising and a growing reputation for the professional operation of its tours, Atoll Adventures catered to an ever increasing demand for both resort-based surfing at Pasta Point and boat-based surfaris.

Atoll Adventures remains the most established operator of surfing holidays in the Maldives. All tours are planned and operated to the highest standards, with an in-depth understanding of the specific needs of international travelling surfers.

Speakers

Miss Danielle Loveless

BBiomedSc, BExSc (Hons), PhD Candidate

High Performance Sports Scientist,

Surfing Australia, Casuarina NSW

Exercise Science PhD Candidate (surfing physiology),

Griffith University, Gold Coast QLD.

Danielle Loveless is an exercise physiologist who is currently undertaking the second year of her Doctorate at Griffith University, Gold Coast. Having completed her bachelors in Biomedical Science at Griffith University in Brisbane in 2002, she then transferred to the Griffith University Gold Coast campus to complete her honours in Exercise Science.

Danielle's PhD is based in surfing physiology looking at the physiological characteristics of professional and recreational surfers. Her thesis investigates fatigue developed during paddling and how this may impact surf specific measures of leg strength and the prone to stand manoeuvre performed during surfing. The PhD research is supported by Surfing Australia. During the period of her PhD Danielle has also been working as a sports scientist at the Surfing Australia High Performance Centre, Casuarina Beach, NSW.

In addition to her own PhD research, Danielle is also involved in other surfing research as a Masters Co-supervisor, Honours Co-supervisor and collaborative researcher of other projects including underway throughout Australia. Topics being researched include; The assessment of joint range of movement in professional and recreational surfers; Efficacy of a surf specific injury prevention training program and The effects of recreational surfing on the control and force of posture in older surfers.

She is also the chief investigator of various research projects assessing the benefits of surfing equipment, surf training aids and surf training programs including Real Wiiings, Freeform Board, Skins Wetsuit Technology and Breath Enhancement Training. Danielle is a member of various sports science and medical associations including; American College of Sports Medicine and Exercise Science (ACSM), European Congress of Sports and Exercise Science (ECSS), Australian Association of Sports and Exercise Science (AAESS) and Sports Medicine Australia (SMA). She attends and presents her research at annual conferences around the world.

She is a regular contributor in print and electronic media where she publishes monthly surf health and fitness articles and runs her own surf exercise science web page. She is also a member of the academic community at Griffith University Gold Coast where since completing her Honours in 2003 she has worked as a lab demonstrator and course tutor for various Exercise Science and Health Science subjects. Danielle is a keen surfer who enjoys the opportunity catch some waves in her down time.

Mr Peter Chapman

Senior Resources Analyst, Southern Cross Equities (SCE).

Peter Chapman has worked in the finance and investment area of the Australian mining industry for the past 25 years. Currently employed at Sydney based stockbroker, Southern Cross Equities (SCE) as a Senior Resources Analyst, Peter advises institutional fund managers on resource equities. Previous positions have been in stock broking and funds management.

After obtaining a Masters of Business Administration from the AGSM in 1981, Peter turned from a civil engineering career (BE, UNSW, 1974) to mining investments. He has Fellow membership status of the Finsia Financial Services Institute of Australia and is active in its educational program. Peter has written extensively on investment aspects of most sub-sectors of the mining industry for his clients and currently focuses on gold and energy companies.

Peter firmly believes the equity market is an efficient platform for the allocation and use of capital. Companies that SCE has recently raised money for include Fortescue Metals, Sino Gold and Kagara Zinc. Companies such as these use the equity market to raise capital for growth at the same time as providing strong returns for shareholders. Peter argues that global resource market conditions, driven largely by the urbanization of China, continue to create opportunities for Australian resource companies and their shareholders.

Dr Michael Hayes

MBBS FRACP

Consultant Respiratory Physician

Visiting Medical Officer at Gosford Hospital

Clinical Lecturer, Newcastle.

Dr Michael Hayes is a consultant respiratory physician. Currently appointed as a Visiting Medical Officer at Gosford Hospital and Clinical Lecturer, Newcastle University. He has a busy private practice in general respiratory, and sleep, medicine. He supervises both a lung function and sleep laboratory.

Dr Hayes trained at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital in Sydney. This was followed by two years in London at The Royal Postgraduate Medical School as a research fellow investigating pulmonary beta-receptors using positron emission tomography.

Current interests are clinical and include the development of Australia's first home diagnostic and treatment service for patients with obstructive sleep apnoea.

A lifelong interest in climbing was partly responsible for his choice of respiratory medicine as a subspeciality.

Speakers

Mr John Mahoney

John Mahoney is currently UK National Counterpart for mental Health to the World Health Organization, HQ, Geneva and presently based in Sri Lanka. He is a senior National Health Service manager on secondment from the UK.

Following the President of Sri Lanka's request for assistance he was asked to help develop the psychiatric and psychosocial response to the tsunami. He has been there continuously since January, 2005. On behalf of WHO he has also developed a new mental health policy for the Palestinian Ministry for Health and has been involved with its implementation since 2003. He has worked in numerous countries.

He was previously Joint Head of Mental Health for the UK Government and wrote the first National Review of services (the NHS Plan) since 1973. He was able to secure over \$600 million of new investment, primarily in new services in the community. It was agreed all people with mental health problems would have access to crisis resolution teams round the clock, all people with complex needs would be in receipt of intensive (assertive outreach) services, and all young people with a first episode of psychosis would receive intensive support for three years. This latter model was based on the pioneering work of Professor Patrick McGorry, University of Melbourne.

Dr James Linklater

MB BS (Hons), B Med Sci, DDU(I), FRANZCR.

James is a musculoskeletal radiologist with Castlereagh Imaging in Sydney, working at the North Sydney Orthopaedic and Sports Medicine Centre. He trained at Concord, Royal North Shore and Royal Prince Alfred Hospitals before undertaking a musculoskeletal radiology fellowship at the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York. He has particular skills in all aspects of musculoskeletal imaging and interventions and is experienced in neuro MRI. He was a member of the imaging team at the Sydney Olympics.

He has 20 publications in peer reviewed journals, has made numerous presentations at scientific meetings and has acted as a reviewer for Australasian Radiology and the British Journal of Sports Medicine and guest editor for Techniques in Foot and Ankle Surgery. He has ongoing research interests in imaging of articular cartilage and foot and ankle imaging.

He is a member of the Australasian Musculoskeletal Imaging Group, Sports Medicine Australia, the Radiology Society of North America and the International Cartilage Research Society.

Associate Professor Paul Woodgate

MBBS, MMed Sci (Clin Epid), FRACP

Senior Staff Specialist Mater Mothers Hospital Brisbane

Paul Woodgate is currently Associate Professor, Griffith Medical School

Senior Staff Specialist, Mater Mothers Hospital

Paul Woodgate attended the University of Queensland and completed his undergraduate education in 1984. After internship at the Royal Brisbane Hospital, he commenced basic training in Paediatric Medicine at the Royal Children's Hospital in Brisbane. After the Part I FRACP was obtained, he undertook paediatric sub-speciality training in Neonatology at the Royal Women's Hospital, Brisbane and subsequently at the Queen Victoria Hospital in Adelaide.

In 1992, Paul travelled to Canada where he undertook a clinical fellowship in Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine at the McMaster University Medical Centre in Hamilton, Ontario. Upon his return to Australia, he was awarded his FRACP in Paediatrics and was also admitted to the Australian College of Paediatrics. Further to initial studies undertaken whilst at McMaster University, Paul enrolled in a Masters programme at the University of Newcastle and obtained a Masters of Medical Science in Clinical Epidemiology in 1999.

He has worked as Staff Specialist in the Neonatal Intensive Care Units at the Royal Women's Hospital, Brisbane and the Kirwan Hospital for Women in Townsville. His current appointment is as Senior Staff Specialist in the Department of Neonatology at the Mater Mothers Hospital in Brisbane. Paul has undertaken various teaching duties for the Indigenous Primary Health Care Program (Univ. of Qld.) and has recently become involved with the new Griffith Medical School at the Gold Coast. Apart from the clinical care of high-risk neonates, his interests include the epidemiology of peri natal and infant mortality, and the neonatal effects of maternal drug usage

Dr Robert Speers (USA) Retired

Former Program Director

Brain Injury Rehabilitation Centre Hawaii.

Dr. Speers is a neuropsychologist specialising in the rehabilitation of CNS-trauma patients. After completing his doctorate at the University of Victoria, he served as the Director of Brain-Injury Programs for American Medical International. For the past 15 years he has directed an inpatient neuro-rehabilitation facility in Hawaii which he founded. He is interested in post-acute treatment of surfers with chronic injuries. He also continues this special interest through his outpatient physical rehabilitation clinic.

Speakers

Dr Matt Davis

FACEM 2003

Specialist Emergency Physician, Central Coast NSW.

Matt has been practicing in critical care medicine for the last 12 years. He is a lecturer for the Australian Ski Patrol Association, the Australian Rugby League First Aid Officer Course and the Emergency Life Support Course. His roles on the Central Coast include developing and supervising the education program of junior medical officers. His professional interests include medical education, medical decision making, sports medicine and evidence-based critical care medicine.

Mr Robert Pinzone

Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Law, University of Sydney.

Admitted to practice in NSW in 1976. Accredited Specialist in Personal Injury law. Robert has been acknowledged by peers as an expert in Motor Traffic / Personal Injury law for 20 years, and as having expertise in medico-legal practice. Robert is a member of the Advisory Committee to the Accredited Specialist Board, NSW Law Society; as well as a member of the Advisory Panel for the Motor Accidents Authority for Paediatric Brain and Spinal Cord Injuries. Robert regularly participates in advisory workshops with the Motor Accidents Authority. New South Wales committee member Australian Lawyers Alliance.

Dr Andrew Hedges

(Gynaecologist) B Med, FRANZO&G, M Rep Med.

Dr Hedges graduated from Newcastle university 1987 and completed his postgraduate training at Royal North Shore Hospital Sydney and John Hunter Hospital Newcastle with a year in Salisbury United Kingdom. Andrew also completed a Masters of Reproductive Medicine in 2005.

Current area of practice Gynaecology and Male and female Fertility. He is Medical Director Hunter IVF and Visiting Medical officer John Hunter Hospital and Newcastle Private Hospital. Dr Hedges is also a Member of the Monash IVF medical advisory committee.

Dr Jim Kerr

BSc Honours in Zoology UNTAS 1975

MBSUNTAS 1986

DIP Paediatrics UNSW 1992

FRACP(Paediatrics)1998

VMO Paediatrician - Port Macquarie Base Hospital & Lecturer in Paediatrics UNSW.

Dr Garry Wells

Graduated University of Sydney 1978

General Practice Dentist, Eastern Suburbs of Sydney.

Dr Shane Moloney

Family physician (30 years)

Masters of Medicine (musculo-skeletal)

University of Sydney

Secretary Australian College Physical Medicine.

Dr Richard 'Al' Stephens

Graduate of Sydney University.

Consultant Psychiatrist in private practice Newcastle, NSW.

Dr Peter Hunt

Is a General Practitioner who has a practice on the far South Coast of NSW.

Dr Glenn Fuller

Graduate University of NSW.

Consultant Psychiatrist in public and private practice Byron Bay and Lismore.

Dr Peter Cooke

MB BS (NSW) Dip DRACOG. M. Pain Med. FRACGP.

Dr Peter Cooke is a General Practitioner operating from Charlestown, Newcastle NSW Australia. Peter's special interest is in Sports and Musculoskeletal medicine.

Conference Program

Friday March 07

22.00 Arrive Malé Airport, Transfer to Dhonveli Beach and Spa Resort

Saturday March 08

07.30 Breakfast

09.00 – 12.00 Mr Harry Gatt Conference Registration and Introduction
Ms Danielle Loveless 'The role of an Exercise Scientist in the sport of Surfing'

12.30 Lunch

14.00 – 17.00 Professor Patrick McGorry 'Mental Health in Sport'
Mr Tony Hussein-Hinde A thirty year recollection of surfing related injuries in the Maldives.

Panel Discussion

20.00 Dinner

Sunday March 09

07.30 Breakfast

09.00 – 12.00 Dr Mark Gillett 'Assessing Clinical Performance'

Mr Tony Giurissevich &

Mr Robert Pinzone

'A practical guide to medical negligence'

Panel Discussion

12.30 Lunch

14.00 – 17.00 Dr Bill Jones (USA) 'ADD, Learning Differences and Surfing. Is there a Connection?'

Dr Michael Hayes

'Cardiopulmonary exercise testing and the training effect'

Panel Discussion

20.00 Dinner

Monday March 10

07.30 Breakfast

09.00 – 12.00 Dr Cameron Hunt 'Anaesthetic issues for athletes'

Mr Peter Chapman

'Investing your hard-earned dollars in the share market – the best way'

12.30 Lunch

14.00 – 17.00 Mr Andrew Dix 'Doctors, Drugs and Sport'

Dr James Linklater

'Imaging Of Musculoskeletal Surfing Injuries'

Panel Discussion

20.00 Dinner

Conference Program

Tuesday March 11

07.30	Breakfast	
09.00 – 12.00	Visit Indira Gandhi Memorial Hospital, Malé Meeting with Health Ministry Representatives	
12.30	Lunch	
14.00 – 17.00	Miss Danielle Loveless Dr Shane Moloney Panel Discussion	'Physiological Characterization of junior professional and recreational surfers' 'Core strength is it the key of lower back stability?'
20.00	Dinner	

Wednesday March 12

07.30	Breakfast	
09.00 – 12.00	Dr Robert Speers (USA Retired) Dr Heidi Webster Panel Discussion	'Surfer's Myelopathy, A journal article discussion session' 'Childhood obesity and the challenge of getting fat kids to play sport'
12.30	Lunch	
14.00 – 17.00	Dr Matt Davis Mr Peter Chapman Panel Discussion	'The efficient management of sport related presentations in the ED' 'Mining companies aren't all bad. You can still benefit from the resources boom by investing in environmentally and socially friendly resource companies.'
20.00	Dinner	

Thursday March 13

07.30	Breakfast	
09.00 – 12.00	Associate Professor Paul Woodgate Dr Peter Cooke Panel Discussion	'Update on Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome' 'Recognising head injuries in the sporting arena'
12.30	Lunch	
14.00 – 17.00	Dr Michael Hayes Dr Peter Hunt Panel Discussion	'Climbing and altitude medicine' 'How do regional GP's cope with serious sporting injuries?'
20.00	Dinner	

Conference Program

Friday March 14

07.30	Breakfast	
09.00 – 12.00	Dr Mark Gillett & Dr Matt Davis Dr Andrew Hedges Panel Discussion	Forum on – Emergency Medicine, what's new on the horizon? 'IVF, sport or science, a historical perspective'
12.30	Lunch	
14.00 – 17.00	Mr Tony Giurissevich & Mr Robert Pinzone Dr Jim Kerr Panel Discussion	'Introduction to Life care and support scheme in NSW' 'Paediatrics- Difficulties and differences encountered when treating a significant sporting injury'
20.00	Dinner	

Saturday March 15

07.30	Breakfast	
09.00 – 12.00	Dr Glenn Fuller & Dr Richard 'Al' Stephens Dr Garry Wells Panel Discussion	'Update on the Treatment of Bipolar Disorder' 'Sport related emergency dentistry skills'
12.30	Lunch	
14.00 – 17.00	Professor Patrick McGorry & Mr John Mahoney Mr Andrew Dix Panel Discussion	'Progress in Mental Health Reform in the Maldives' 'An insight into what's new and where are we heading'
20.00	Dinner	

Sunday March 16

07.30	Breakfast	
09.00 – 12.00	October 2008 Conference: Assessment and planning of current and future projects.	
12.30	Lunch	
19.30	Dinner	
20.30	Depart Dhonveli for Malé Airport	