



OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE RESEARCH IN THE MIDDLE EAST

22nd April 2008

Emirates Aviation College, Dubai

The University of Otago, Wellington, New Zealand are hosting a Research Colloquium in Dubai on April 22nd to elicit general interest and informal proposals from interested parties in setting up a Research Agenda for Occupational Medicine in the Middle East. The University of Otago has enrolled research Masters and PhD students in the Middle East region, and wishes to develop a research environment in which these students flourish and enable the University of Otago to promote individual research activities in the region through its Masters and PhD program. Research in occupational medicine provides opportunities for employers in the Middle East to identify their occupational health risks and understand best practice in providing occupational medicine services.

The Research Colloquium will bring together emerging researchers from centers around the Middle East with employers who are potential consumers of research and other funders and promoters of research including government agencies. The purpose of meeting to discuss occupational medicine research in the Middle East is to develop a draft strategy for fostering and guiding the development of occupational medicine research in the region. Presenters at the Colloquium come from major Universities in the region who are responsible for teaching occupational medicine and leading occupational medicine research in the Middle East. A consumer view of the benefits of research to industry will also be presented.

The University of Otago, Wellington is a world leader in distance education in occupational medicine and has students all over the world, but has a special regional occupational medicine teaching and research program in the Middle East through its collaboration with Harvard Medical School Dubai Center.

There is no charge to register - further details and registration details can be found at <http://www.confer.co.nz/middleeastresearch/>.

RESEARCH COLLOQUIUM PROGRAM

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- 9.00 Registration
- 10.00 Keynote Speaker
Professor Tar-Ching Aw
UAE University
Opening Remarks: The Need for Occupational Medicine Research in the Middle East
- 10.30 Dr Robin Griffiths
University of Otago, Wellington
Occupational Health research – who benefits and how?
- 11.00 Coffee
- 11.30 Dr Michael Haney
University of Otago, Sweden
The role of Medical Schools in providing research infrastructure.
- 12.00 Panel Discussion
Does the Middle East need an Occupational Health Research Agenda?
- 12.30 Lunch
- 13.30 Keynote Speaker
Mr Ali Rashid Al Jarwan
General Manager of ADMA-OPCO, Abu Dhabi
Research into Work and Health – Good for Industrialists?
- 14.00 Professor Nick Kendall
University of Otago, London
Building an evidence base for best practice and better outcomes in occupational health
- 14.30 Dr Sarah Dean
University of Otago, Wellington
Collaboration in research – where are the opportunities?
- 15.00 Coffee
- 15.30 Breakout workshops
What research does the Middle East need?
- 16.00 Panel
A Process for Agenda Building
- 16.30 Breakout workshops
Setting a research agenda for Middle East
- 17.00 Panel
The Way Ahead – An Occupational Health Research Agenda for the Middle East
- 17.30 Drinks and discussion