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Rural Health

The Wonca Working
Party on Rural Practice



WONCA World Rural Health Conference

Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA

Albuquerque Convention Center

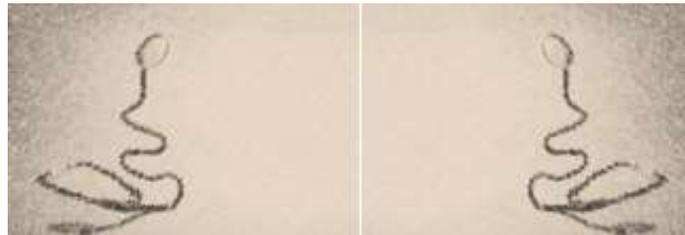
October 12-15, 2019

Some exciting opportunities at **Rural Wonca Assembly 2019**

This year the Rural Wonca World Rural Health conference is in Albuquerque USA. The National Rural Health Association (NRHA) and University of New Mexico (UNM) are organizing the event on behalf of Rural Wonca.

The first day of the conference is a showcase of rural initiatives – **Rural Wonca Assembly** - and we would like to highlight some opportunities for those attending the conference.

Rattlesnake Pit



Rural Wonca is committed to local multidisciplinary solutions to the provision of rural health care. Many of these solutions remain celebrated only in their local community, but some of them are eminently transferrable to other rural areas.

To give these ideas a chance to be aired and critiqued and hopefully adopted, we are giving 10 people opportunities to present their idea in 5 minutes and then for it to be subjected to scrutiny in the *Rattlesnake Pit*.

The "rattlesnakes" can circle and appraise. The hopefuls can stare them back with a short sharp 5-minute pitch.

If you have something to present – please fill in the *Rattlesnake Pit* presenter application form. Your idea might be as simple as a bicycle blood centrifuge or as grand as a major workforce innovation. It must be targeted at rural issues, be based significantly in rural areas and directly assist rural people.

We are also looking for **organizations** who might like to provide some opportunities for our hopefuls and even be a "rattlesnake" judge. Please contact us at bruce.chater@theodoremedical.com.au if you would like to assist.

Rural health Forum

The second major event of the day is the Forum.

We are pleased this year to be highlighting our work with the World Health Organization (WHO) around retention of the rural workforce.

The WHO have recently commissioned a review of the Guidelines on *Increasing Access to Health Workers in Remote and Rural Areas Through Improved Retention* and a review, by Rural Wonca, of the factors that ensure a viable pathway to increase the number of health professionals in rural areas.

We will also be highlighting the ongoing work of WHO in Primary Health Care (PHC) - following the Astana declaration - and Universal Health Coverage (UHC) – both of which are key issues for Rural health.

If you have or know of an inspiring initiatives or exemplars to present on these issues in Rural Health, contact us at bruce.chater@theodoremedical.com.au

Following this we would like to extend to you an invitation to join with us in workshop sessions which will highlight key issues in rural health:

Rural Pathways, Island Medicine, Rural Nursing, Universal Health Coverage, Improving Access to Rural Health Care in Canada, Undergraduate Rural Curricula, Plan, Recruit, Retain project in the Artic, Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine, Rural Generalism, Disaster Medicine, Primary Health Care and Defining Rural

Rural Café

The day will finish with our legendary Rural Café where rural health students will be able to discuss their aspirations and question policy makers and presenters on how the current and proposed rural health initiatives meet their needs, their aspirations for a career in rural communities and the needs of those communities.

If you require further details, please contact

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Saturday, October 12, 2019, DAY 1, Conference Begins Venue: Albuquerque Convention Center												
7:30 – 8:30 am	Registration (open all day) and Breakfast (provided) Exhibit Hall											
8:30 – 9:30 am	Opening Ceremony/New Mexico Peace Choir/Welcome Addresses from Tim Keller, Mayor of Albuquerque; Jane Wishner, Exec. Policy Advisor for Health and Human Services; David Scrase, Human Services Dept Cabinet Secretary; Julie Woods, Senior VP, AAFP Ballroom A & B											
9:30 – 10:00 am	Keynote: John Wynn Jones B Ballroom A&B											
10:00 – 10:30 am	Wonca President Elect: Anna Stavdal Ballroom A&B											
10:30 – 10:45 am	Break											
10:45 am – 12:00 pm	Rattlesnake pit (Shark Tank type session) 10 X 5min presentations on FRONTLINE LEVEL innovations Ballroom A & B											
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Networking Lunch (provided) Themed Tables [location?]											
1:00 – 1:50 pm	Keynote: Erik Antonsen MD, Rural Doctor for Mars: Medicine in the Final Frontier Ballroom A&B											
1:50-2:00	Break											
2:00-3:00	Rural WONCA/WHO Ballroom A & B	Accepted conference abstracts Navajo	Accepted conference abstracts Santa Ana	Accepted conference abstracts Nambe	Accepted conference abstracts Cochiti	Accepted conference abstracts Acoma	Accepted conference abstracts Laguna	Accepted conference abstracts Tesuque	Accepted conference abstracts Sandia	Accepted conference abstracts Zuni	Accepted conference abstracts Santo Domingo	Accepted conference abstracts San Juan
3:00-3:10	con											
3:10 – 4:10 pm	WS (1): Rural Pathways LMIC Part 1 Ballroom A & B	WS (2): Island Med Part 1 Navajo	WS (3): Nurses/Univ. Health Coverage Part 1 Santa Ana	WS (4): Canadian Systematic /Social Account. Nambe	WS (5): UG Rural Curriculum Part 1 Cochiti	WS (6): Plan, Recruit, Retain Acoma	WS (7): Fellowship Australian College Laguna	WS (8): Rural Generalism Tesuque	WS (9): TBC Sandia	WS (10): Disaster Med Part 1 Zuni	WS (11): Astana Santo Domingo	WS (12): Defining Rural San Juan
4:10 – 4:20 pm	Break											
4:20 – 5:20 pm	Rural Café [WS] Panel discussion Led by students Ballroom A & B											
5:20 – 6:30 pm	Networking Reception—Cash Bar (with Vendors/Sponsors/Exhibitors) Exhibit Hall											