



Symposium Invitation

VIETNAM-AUSTRALIAN ORAL HEALTH COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVES: WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED AND WHERE TO FROM HERE?

Oral health problems impose significant social and economic costs in developed and emerging economies. Dental caries is the most common childhood disease in the world. Oral disease is associated not only with pain and poor nutrition, but a range of conditions such as diabetes, cardiovascular disease and adverse pregnancy outcomes. In both Vietnam and Australia there are significant inequalities in oral health with much unmet need. What has been achieved and where to for Vietnam-Australian collaboration in oral health?

This one-day symposium, sponsored by the Oral Health Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) at the University of Melbourne in association with the Nossal Institute for Global Health, will highlight the achievements of existing Australian-Vietnam health collaborations and develop a plan for future initiatives in oral health.

Key note speakers from Vietnam and Australia will present their experience of collaboration. There will be a focus on -

- Key health issues in Vietnam
- The burden of oral disease in Vietnam and Australia
- Vietnam-Australian general and oral health collaborative initiatives
- Lessons learnt and future directions.

Speakers from Vietnam will be –

- Dr Trinh Dinh Hai, Director National Institute of Odonto-Stomatology and Vice Dean University of Odonto-Stomatology, Hanoi and
- Dr Ngo Dong Khanh, Vice Director National Institute of Odonto-Stomatology, Ho Chi Minh City.

Chairs and speakers from Australia will include -

- Prof Rob Moodie, Professor Global Health, Nossal Institute for Global Health
- Prof Brian Oldenburg, Professor International Public Health, Monash University
- Prof Eric Reynolds, CEO CRC for Oral Health Science
- Prof Clive Wright, Chief Dental Officer NSW Health
- Dr Martha Morrow, Senior Research Fellow, Nossal Institute.

When: Friday 23 April 2010 from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm
Where: Jean Falkner Tahija Lecture Theatre, Melbourne Dental School, Royal Dental Hospital, 720 Swanston Street, Carlton, Victoria
Cost: \$50

The day will be of interest to oral health, development, community and public health professionals, educators, students and to all interested in oral health and development issues.

The Melbourne Dental School is an approved Educational Activity Provider under the Dental Practice Board of Victoria's Code of Practice on Continuing Professional Development (CDP). This symposium is credited for 4.5 hours CDP.

For a copy of the program and to register go to News and Events at: <http://www.crcoralhealthscience.org.au/> For more information please contact Jenny Sifonios on (03) 9341 1544 or email: sifonios@unimelb.edu.au