

Taking Aim at Non-communicable Diseases in Asia/Pacific

The 2011 S. T. Lee Lecture* will be delivered by:

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Non-communicable diseases (NCDs), principally cardiovascular diseases, cancer, diabetes and chronic respiratory diseases, are the leading causes of death in the Asia/Pacific region. The region includes countries such as Australia which have had major successes in reducing NCD death rates with a comprehensive approach. By contrast, in China where 80% of deaths are due to NCDs, the response to NCDs is at a very early stage. Smaller island countries of the Pacific have declared a "state of health emergency" because of the toll of NCDs.

Professor Beaglehole will speak to the momentum generated by the UN Declaration in September 2011 that recognises the enormous health and economic burdens imposed by NCDs on all countries and firmly positions NCDs as a development, and not just a health, issue.

Robert Beaglehole trained in medicine, epidemiology and public health in New Zealand, England and the USA before becoming a Public Health Physician. He was Professor of Community Health at the University of Auckland, New Zealand (1988-1999). He joined the staff of the World Health Organization in 2000 and between 2004 and 2007 he directed the Department of Chronic Disease and Health Promotion. He developed an integrated and stepwise approach to the prevention and control of chronic diseases and led the development of the Bangkok Charter on Health Promotion in a Globalized World. He left WHO in February 2007 having reached the UN retirement age and returned to live in New Zealand. He is now co-director of International Public Health Consultants and Professor Emeritus of the University of Auckland. He practices public health in New Zealand and globally with a focus on the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases. He chairs the Lancet NCD Action Group and played a strong and influential role in New York and for months before through his writing and advocacy at the September UN High-Level Meeting about NCDs.



Date: Monday, 7 November 2011.

Time: 5.30pm (refreshments will be available from 5pm and at the conclusion of the lecture).

Venue: New Law School Lecture Theatre 101, Eastern Avenue, University of Sydney.
(map reference K5 on http://www.facilities.usyd.edu.au/maps/docs/guide_campdarl_a4map.pdf).

RSVP: Email mchp@sydney.edu.au by Wednesday, 2 November 2011.

Cost: This lecture is free of charge.

Further Information:

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