



**WONCA Working Party on Rural Practice (Rural Wonca)  
The Network: Towards Unity for Health (TUFH)**

**PRESENT**

**REMOTE AND RURAL INSTITUTE SERIES**

The joint Rural Wonca and Network: Towards Unity for Health Institute Series is being launched as part of the 17<sup>th</sup> World Rural health Conference over 4 months starting 16<sup>th</sup> October with the opening ceremony.

CHAIRS: Bruce Chater; Roger Strasser; Pratyush Kumar; and Alejandro Avelino

**INTRODUCTION**

We are committed to addressing the needs of the most vulnerable populations by creating communication and knowledge sharing e-learning platforms for global and national interprofessional and intersectoral communities of practice that build each participant's respective capacity.

We are guided by the values that all teach and all learn and we all learn best by doing. Using proven adult learning techniques and interactive video technology, we connect health providers with global thought leaders in regular real-time collaborative sessions. The sessions, designed around case-based learning and mutual coaching, help Global and Regional Participants gain the knowledge and skills required to improve upon existing models and services.

**CONTEXT**

Rural communities are heterogeneous and their needs vary community to community but they have many common issues. Therefore, while it is necessary to study rural communities through a lens that allows differentiation of needs from one location to another due to local population needs, documented disparities, age of the population, and availability of technology and human resources, there are many common themes. Factors important to consider are distances to nearest hospitals, transportation options, availability of community services, and the community's infrastructure including the quality of the roads and availability of communication, especially internet access.

In 2018 Rural Wonca under the theme 'Healing the Heart of Healthcare: Leaving No One Behind', brought together stakeholders of rural health and primary health care, to address current and future challenges in rural health. The conference culminated with the unanimous adoption of the [Delhi Declaration](#), calling for people living in rural and isolated parts of the to be given special priority if nations are to achieve universal health coverage. The Declaration identifies six areas as priorities to achieve "Health For All Rural People": equity and access to care, rural proofing of policy, health system development, developing and educating a workforce fit for purpose, realigning the research and people and communities.

Rural Wonca has also developed A Checklist for implementing rural pathways to train and support health workers in low and middle income countries <https://ruralwonca.org/articles/health-workforce/?s=pathway>. This recognizes the distinct and continuing workforce needs particular to rural areas. Rural Wonca advocates for policies that support the recruitment of family physicians to rural areas by increasing student choice of family medicine while also increasing family medicine training



programs and specifically, the support of programs preparing physicians to remain in rural areas by training in rural areas.

### **SERIES CONTENT**

The joint Rural Wonca and Network: Toward Unity for Health Institute Series discusses the delivery of care in rural areas in a sustainable manner and how rural health care may change in the future ensuring that it is accessible, high quality, and economically value-based.

The 17<sup>th</sup> World Rural health Conference held over 4 months starts with an opening ceremony the 16<sup>th</sup> October followed by the Bangladesh virtual fora on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> October.



**REGISTRATION IS FREE**

**JOIN HERE: <https://zoom.us/j/97990026863>**

**PASSCODE: WONCARural**

### **REMOTE and RURAL INSTITUTE CONTENT**

These sessions will be held from 10:00 – 11:00 am UTC Time Zone via Zoom.

The Sessions include 3 components:

1. **Knowledge Sharing:** Global Thought Leaders share their knowledge and expertise through curated 10-15minute lecture videos.
2. **Case Based Learning:** Practitioners will share their experience through 5-minute case study videos.
3. **Communities of Practice:** Global Thought Leaders and Practitioners convene weekly (see schedule below) to mutually learn resulting in improved global and country policies and health services delivered from local people they know and trust.

**The Expert Lectures are recorded and available through the links below. Case studies recordings will be added. If interested in submitting a case study please email Nicholas Torres, Executive Director, TUFH at [nicktorres@thenetworktufh.org](mailto:nicktorres@thenetworktufh.org).**



## SCHEDULE

### 24<sup>th</sup> October

#### **TITLE: RURAL TRAINING PATHWAYS AND PIPELINES**

**Lecture:** Bruce Chater: Link: <https://youtu.be/APQmD-Zcpbo>

**Contact:** [Bruce.Chater@theodoremedical.com.au](mailto:Bruce.Chater@theodoremedical.com.au)

Australia: WONCA Working Party on Rural Practice

#### **Case Studies**

- Dr. James Rourke: Canada: [jrourke@mun.ca](mailto:jrourke@mun.ca)
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- Farah Noya: Indonesia: [farah.christina.noya@gmail.com](mailto:farah.christina.noya@gmail.com)

### 31<sup>st</sup> October

#### **TITLE: LEARNING IN RURAL SETTINGS**

**Lecture:** Ian Couper and Jana Muller: Link: <https://youtu.be/eEheQjV73-U>

**Contact:** [icouper@sun.ac.za](mailto:icouper@sun.ac.za); [janamuller@sun.ac.za](mailto:janamuller@sun.ac.za)

South Africa: Stellenbosch University and Ukwanda Centre for Rural Health

### 7<sup>th</sup> November

#### **TITLE: RURAL WORKFORCE RETENTION STRATEGIES**

**Lecture:** Roger Strasser: Link: <https://youtu.be/IWAijg5v8FI>

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Canada/New Zealand University of Waikato

#### **Case Studies**

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- Jeshni Amblum-Almer: United Kingdom: [jeshni@belmatt.co.uk](mailto:jeshni@belmatt.co.uk)

### 14<sup>th</sup> November

#### **TITLE: SUPPORTING YOUNG HEALTH PROFESSIONALS IN RURAL SETTINGS**

**Lecture:** Amber Wheatley; Mayara Floss; Veronika Rasic: Link: <https://youtu.be/QTtS32R4yy0>

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United Kingdom

#### **Case Study**

- Saad Uakkas: Morocco: [saaduakkas@gmail.com](mailto:saaduakkas@gmail.com)



**21<sup>st</sup> November**

**TITLE: RURAL MEDICAL EDUCATION GUIDEBOOK LAUNCH**

**PANELISTS**

<p><b>Gender and Rural Culture</b>  <b>Resourcing rural health</b>  <b>Rural seeds</b>  <b>Teaching Mental Health</b>  <b>Agricultural Health</b>  <b>Training in place</b>  <b>Mentor Mentee</b>  <b>Teaching Rural Determinants</b>  <b>The Socio-Economic Benefits of Rural Medical Education</b></p>	<p><b>Susan Brumby</b>  <b>Couper and De Villiers</b>  <b>Mayara Floss</b>  <b>Michael Jong</b>  <b>Scott Kitchener</b>  <b>Ewen McPhee</b>  <b>Karine Puls</b>  <b>Steve Reid</b>  <b>Roger Strasser</b></p>
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**5<sup>th</sup> December**

**TITLE: HIGH PERFORMING RURAL TEAMS and RURAL WORKFORCE: GETTING THE BALANCE RIGHT**

**Lecture:** Bikash Gauchan: Link: [https://youtu.be/jt\\_YUN4TgmA](https://youtu.be/jt_YUN4TgmA)

**Contact:** [bikash@possiblehealth.org](mailto:bikash@possiblehealth.org)

**Nepal:** Bayalpata Hospital: Nyaya Health Nepal

**12<sup>th</sup> December**

**TITLE: DIGITAL HEALTH AI AND TELEHEALTH: IMPROVING NOT WORSENING ACCESS**

**Shannon Nott:** Link: <https://youtu.be/ycClAovgFCE>

**Contact:** [Shannon.nott@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Shannon.nott@health.nsw.gov.au)

**Australia:** Western NSW Local Health District

**Case Study**

- Dr. Iffat Zafar: Pakistan: [iffatzaga@gmail.com](mailto:iffatzaga@gmail.com)

**19<sup>th</sup> December**

**TITLE: RURAL EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE**

**Lecture:** Pratyush Kumar: Link: <https://youtu.be/ycClAovgFCE>

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**India:** WONCA RURAL: SE Asia

**9<sup>th</sup> January**

**TITLE: RURAL CAFÉ**

**16<sup>th</sup> January**

**TITLE: ROLE OF FAMILY MEDICINE IN RURAL HEALTH**

**Lecture:** James Rourke: Link: <https://youtu.be/mVPJzTAI2Zk>



Contact: [jrouke@mun.ca](mailto:jrouke@mun.ca)

Canada: Society of Rural Physicians of Canada; Former Dean of Medicine: Memorial University of Newfoundland

### **23<sup>rd</sup> January**

**TITLE: RURAL GENERALIST FAMILY CARE**

**Lecture: Paul Worley:** Link: <https://youtu.be/PnZqxQ7vsXY>

Contact: [nrhc@health.gov.au](mailto:nrhc@health.gov.au)

**Australia: National Rural Health Commissioner**

### **30<sup>th</sup> January**

**TITLE: ESTABLISHING FAMILY MEDICINE IN LOW AND MIDDLE INCOME COUNTRIES**

**Lecture: Raman Kumar:** Link: <https://youtu.be/mL5BQvfRXw>

Contact: [dr\\_faman@hotmail.com](mailto:dr_faman@hotmail.com)

### **6<sup>th</sup> February**

**TITLE: EPIDEMIOLOGY AND PUBLIC HEALTH: REMOTE AND RURAL HEALTH: LATIN AMERICA**

**Lecture: Alejandro Avelino:** Link: [https://youtu.be/\\_gvst5YGA\\_U](https://youtu.be/_gvst5YGA_U)

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### **21<sup>st</sup> February**

**Closing ceremony:** During series our Global experts will reflect the discussion that you have had with them and bring this to our policy summary at the conference Closing Ceremony.

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Dr Zakiur Raman  
Chair 17<sup>th</sup> WRHC organizing committee

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