

## Biographical information about key speakers at the ASMS Anniversary Conference



### **Professor Martin McKee, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine**

Professor McKee (CBE MD DSc MSc FRCP (Lond) FRCP (Edin) FRCPI FFPH FmedSci) is one of the world's leading researchers on the operation of health care systems in times of economic austerity.

He qualified in medicine in Belfast, Northern Ireland, with subsequent training in internal medicine and public health. He is Professor of European Public Health at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, where he founded the European Centre on Health of Societies in Transition, a WHO Collaborating Centre.

He is also research director of the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies, and Past President of the European Public Health Association. He has published more than 1060 academic papers and 44 books, and his contributions to European health policy have been recognised by, among others, election to the UK Academy of Medical Sciences and the US National Academy of Medicine, by the award of honorary doctorates from Hungary, The Netherlands and Sweden, and visiting professorships at universities in Europe and Asia, the 2003 Andrija Stampar medal for contributions to European public health. He has also received the Alwyn Smith Prize for outstanding contributions to the health of the population in 2014, and in 2015 the Donabedian International Award for contributions to quality of care. In 2005 he was made a Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE).

He can be followed on Twitter: @martinmckee



### **Dr Otmar Kloiber, Secretary General of the World Medical Association**

Dr Kloiber has been an international medical relations and collaboration leader for more than 20 years, with expertise in medical ethics, health policy, government affairs and management of relationships with patients, other health professionals, manufacturers and other medical stakeholders. He has been the chief executive of the WMA since 2005.

Prior to his move to the WMA, between 1997 and 2005, he served as Deputy Secretary General and Secretary of the German Medical Association. During his tenure there, he was selected as a member of the Study Commission on the Law and Ethics of Modern Medicine of the German Bundestag (Parliament), 14th electoral term.

Between 1991 and 2005, he was also a key liaison to the Standing Committee of European Doctors, the WMA, the International Conference of Medical Chambers, the European Forum of the World Health Organization and individual national medical associations. In addition, for six years he was the foreign relations advisor to the German Medical Association, focusing on international health and social policy reforms and construction of the German Health Network.

Dr Kloiber holds an MD (1984) and PhD (1986) from the University of Cologne, was a post-doctoral fellow in the Department of Biochemistry at the University of Minnesota and was a researcher at the Max Planck Institute for Neurological Research, engaged in pathophysiological studies on brain energy metabolism and cerebral blood flow.

In 2006, he was awarded an honorary doctorate by the Victor Babes University for Medicine and Pharmaceutics, Timisoara, Romania. He was appointed Clinical Professor in Health Administration at the Brooks College of Health, University of North Florida 2009 to 2013.



**Dr Samantha Murton, President, Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners**

Dr Samantha Murton was voted President of The Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners in 2018. She is the third female to hold this position in the College's 45 year history.

Dr Murton works as a GP in Wellington, having entered general practice after spending some time working as a surgical registrar. She was awarded Distinguished Fellowship of the College in 2016.

Dr Murton provided guidance for the College's General Practice Education Programme as National Clinical Lead Medical Director in 2009, and later became the organisation's first Medical Director in 2013.

In addition to her work with the College, Dr Murton has roles in a number of GP representative groups and research projects. Her more recent commitments have included being the South Pacific representative on the World Organisation of Family Doctors (WONCA) Working Party for Women In Medicine, and investigating bullying behaviour in general practice, and the use of art in medicine.

Dr Murton has been involved with medical education for many years in the General Practice Education Programme and as a Senior Lecturer at the University of Otago. Dr Murton is the Trainee Intern (TI) Convenor for medical students at the Wellington campus of the University, a role which involves liaising with practices and more than 110 students annually to coordinate six-week general practice placements.



**Minister of Health: Hon Dr David Clark**

David Clark was first elected as the labour Member of Parliament for Dunedin North in 2011. He came to Parliament via a circuitous route – having run a University of Otago residential College, worked as a Presbyterian Minister, and worked as a Treasury analyst.

He says that one of the key reasons he stood for Parliament was because he was concerned about the growing gap between rich and poor, which he sees as limiting New Zealand's social and economic potential. Inequality featured strongly in his maiden address to the House of Representatives in 2012. He believes we can, and must, achieve a fairer society where everyone has an opportunity to succeed.

Dr Clark has twice lived in Germany and is a former competitive cyclist and Ironman. He is married with three children.

