Dear Colleague,

On behalf of the organising committee I warmly welcome you to the Australian and New Zealand Society for Geriatric Medicine (ANZSGM) Annual Scientific Meeting 2011, ‘Pathways to Learning’. We all gain knowledge in a variety of ways but a highlight of every year is our annual conference. The networking, camaraderie, informal discussions, peer reviews and debate are as integral to the success of the meeting as the content. Many of you will have travelled long distances to be here. We thank you for the time and effort taken to be here. The path here has not been smooth for some and I acknowledge those who have suffered in earthquakes and floods this year.

Our keynote speakers will present pathways to learning that you will find stimulating and innovative. Professor Stephanie Studenski, an academic and practising geriatrician, will speak on one of our core topics: staying upright and keeping moving. Professor Steve Iliffe will talk on dementia, particularly from a community and primary care perspective. Professor Tim Wilkinson will present directly on pathways to learning: principles of adult learning, how to apply them and how we can teach ‘on the run’.

Of course no conference would be complete without free papers from our trainees and members, so thank you to those who are presenting in Auckland. Good luck to first time presenters!

Auckland is an engaging ‘big little city’ with something of interest for everyone: fine dining, good shopping, nearby wineries, a beautiful harbour, and a wide range of sporting and cultural activities. I hope you all enjoy some traditional Kiwi hospitality.

Haere mai!

Maree Todd
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