

Keynote Speakers

The Conference Committee are delighted to announce the keynote speakers for the conference are Mr John Windsor (The University of Auckland) and Dr Sean MacKay (St Vincent's and Box Hill Hospitals).



Prof. John Windsor

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Professor John Windsor is a Professor of Surgery and Head of the Department of Surgery, Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences, at The University of Auckland, New Zealand. He founded the Pancreas Research Group in 1992, established the Surgical Skills Training Centre in 1993 and set-up New Zealand's first HPB/Upper GI Unit at Auckland Hospital in 1994. The University of Auckland awarded him the Butland Distinguished Medical Science Award in 1997 and the Distinguished Teaching Award in 1998. Professor Windsor was awarded a personal chair in Surgery in 2003. He has a busy clinical practice including pancreatic and oesophageal surgery and he has pioneered a number of laparoscopic procedures in New Zealand. He has an active research programme with a primary interest in investigating aspects of the pathophysiology of acute necrotizing pancreatitis. Other research interests include simulation and surgical skills training. Go Virtual Medical Ltd, of which he is a Director, won a Kiwi Start Up award in 2005 for the development of the Integrated Simulator. He has received numerous grants and has contributed significantly to the peer reviewed literature. In addition, he serves on the Editorial Boards of several scientific journals. He was appointed as the Secretary General of the IHPBA in 2008.



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Dr Mackay is an upper GIT and HPB surgeon working at St Vincent's Hospital and Box Hill Hospital in Melbourne as well as in private practice. He is a senior lecturer in the newly established Eastern Health Clinical School, which is allied to Monash and Deakin Universities. After gaining his general surgical fellowship in 1998, he worked as a clinical fellow in 1999 (St Vincent's) and 2001 (Royal Infirmary Edinburgh), and as a research fellow in 2000 (Imperial College London). He is a member of the Victorian State Committee of the RACS, and is the deputy director of the General Surgery and Gastroenterology Clinical Institute for the Epworth Private Hospital Group.