

RuReSA Welcome Note

We are excited to welcome you to the 7th multi-disciplinary rural health conference, and the 7th year of RuReSA! Every year the programme reflects pressing and relevant issues faced by rural health care professions across South Africa, and this year is no different.

With widespread austerity measures being implemented, health care professionals are increasingly being asked to do more with less. Whilst this is never a pleasant task, it does force us to examine how we can work more efficiently and effectively in order to meet the desired outcomes. Health systems strengthening, improved multi-disciplinary undergraduate training and clinical practice approaches - as well as the integration of innovative health technology - all have the potential to drive effective outcomes in rural and under-resourced areas. This conference creates a much-needed platform for sharing examples of good practice amongst the most passionate rural health professionals, policy and decision makers, budget holders, activists and higher education professionals.

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