

Speakers queue for conference

NATIONAL and international speakers are queuing up to speak at the inaugural National Centre for Farmer Health conference.

More than 60 presenters will speak at the event being held from October 11-13.

The conference will cover a variety of topics including mental health, men's health, climate variability, chronic disease, allied health, diet and disease, the challenges of social interaction, farming families, agricultural health and safety, animal health and human health.

National Centre for Farmer Health (NCFH) director, associate clinical professor Sue Brumby, said she was overwhelmed by the presentations received by organisers and sponsors.

"We have selected speakers we feel will deliver the most relevant and varied messages to conference participants, arming them with knowledge and positive information they can take back to their farming communities and workplaces, to make a difference," Ms Brumby said.

"Which has seen us invite speakers and delegates coming from the US, UK and Sweden."

International speakers will include UK public health consultant Linda Syson-Nibbs speaking on the UK experience of the health and social inequalities experienced by farming communities.

Peter Lundqvist and Catharina Alwall Svennefelt from the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences will also give a presentation on injury prevention in agriculture from a Swedish research perspective.

A national photography competition will also be run in tandem with the conference.

Entries close on September 24 and will be judged by a panel of award winning photographers.

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