

# Conference tackles challenge of wellbeing in rural society

MORE than 60 presenters will attend the inaugural National Centre for Farmer Health conference in Victoria next month.

It is an important part of rural health and wellbeing, according to NCFH director Sue Brumby.

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

Speakers from the US, UK and Sweden are all attending the event to discuss issues such as mental health, climate variability, allied health, the challenges of social interaction, farming families and agricultural health and safety.

Professor Brumby said the conference is making a strong effort to cover every aspect of life in rural and farming Australia.

"Its theme of celebrating rural life has already attracted a lot of interest. and entries. from

around the country," she said.

Speakers include University of Iowa's Professor Kelley Donham, speaking on agricultural medicine, UK public health consultant Linda Syson-Nibbs speaking on the UK experience of health and social inequalities experienced by farming communities and Peter Lundqvist and Catharina Alwall Svennefelt from the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences will speak on injury prevention in agriculture.

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Experts gather in Victoria next month to discuss the special challenges to wellbeing in rural Australia