

Keynote speaker biographies

Keynote 1 - Prof Peter von Dadelszen: Mobile health-supported task-shifting to improve pregnancy outcomes

Peter is Professor and Academic Head of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, St George's University of London, and Honorary Consultant Obstetrician & Gynaecologist, St George's University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (since 1 August 2015). Peter is married to Laura Magee, with whom he shares leadership of their global pregnancy hypertension research group focussed on disease mechanisms, outcome prediction, and the impact of standardised community-based care, the latter as PI of the Gates Foundation-funded PRE-EMPT programme.

Keynote 2 - Professor Address Malata: Midwifery innovations to accelerate saving lives at birth

Professor Address Malata is currently Vice president of the International Confederation of Midwives (ICM) and Deputy Vice Chancellor of Malawi University of Science and Technology. An inspiring midwife and researcher, Professor Malata is a leading researcher and voice for women in Malawi and internationally. She has authored a vast number of papers, with interests in care for women in childbirth, stillbirth education and HIV. Professor Malata completed her Bachelor of Science in Nursing at the University of Malawi and later pursued a Master of Science in Nursing at Edith Cowan University, in Australia, where her work focused on labour and birth information needs of first time mothers in Malawi. She received her doctorate from Edith Cowan University in 2004, where her doctoral research focused on development and evaluation of a child-birth education programme for Malawian women.

Keynote 3 - Prof Anthony Costello: UN Sustainable Development Goals: Mobilising Women's, Children's and Adolescent's Health

Anthony Costello is Director of Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health at the World Health Organisation and is formerly the Director of the UCL Institute for Global Health and Centre for International Health and Development. His areas of scientific expertise include the evaluation of community interventions to reduce maternal and newborn mortality, neonatal paediatrics, women's groups, the cost-effectiveness of interventions, nutritional supplementation and international aid for maternal and child health. He has also contributed to papers on health economics, health systems, child development, nutrition and infectious disease, and managing the health effects of climate change. He has directed programme and project grants funded by the UK Department for International Development, the Wellcome Trust, Saving Newborn Lives Initiative, UBS Foundation, WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA, the Big Lottery Fund and the Health Foundation. He has also provided consultancy for Save the Children Fund, the World Bank, WHO, DFID, USAID, UNDP and Saving Newborn Lives. He is a founding board member of Women and Children First, a UK based NGO which implements maternal and child health programmes in poor populations. Currently he holds Fellowships of the Academy of Medical Sciences, the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health, and of the Royal College of Physicians, and formerly was a vice-President of the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene.