

THIRTY FIRST ANNUAL NICE WEEKEND

21st – 23rd May 2021

Bayview Wairakei Resort, Taupo

A Transfusion Science Educational Opportunity Organised by the NZIMLS TSSIG



The NICE Weekend (National Immunohaematology Continuing Education) is an educational meeting for all people working in Immunohaematology and/or blood services. As usual it will be held at the Bayview Wairakei Resort Hotel. Registration starts 5pm Friday evening. NICE Weekend finishes approx. 2pm Sunday.

As always, all Scientific Delegates are required to participate. They must present either a poster, or an oral presentation lasting 2 to 5 minutes, on **any topic related to Immunohaematology or blood transfusion**. It can be a case study, a discussion, a question, a problem for others' to solve, etc. This will be followed by questions and discussion of the topics raised. This compulsory participation makes everyone nervous (yes, even the "old hands") but it really is one of the reasons the NICE Weekend is so successful. Poster and Presentation guidelines are available off the NICE21 webpage, off www.nzimls.org.nz – look for the listing under the "Events" banner.

Titles and abstracts must be submitted to raewyn.cameron@pathlab.co.nz by 9th April 2021.

There are awards, supplied by trades companies, for the best presentation and poster. We also like to distribute CDs / USBs with all the weekends' power point presentations and posters to delegates who attend. If you would like to contribute an award, or sponsor CDs, etc. please contact Raewyn Cameron.

This year, the cost of Registration is shown separately to the Accommodation. However this is a live-in weekend, so an accommodation booking is mandatory, and breakfasts are included in those accommodation rates. Your registration fee entitles you to:

- breakfast, morning and afternoon teas, and lunches on Saturday and Sunday
- Dinner & disco on Saturday night. (Dress theme is "Black & White" - generally everyone dresses up)
- Friday night NICE games – a fun night with a few silly (not too strenuous) games. All for fun and a great way to get to know other attendees in a laugh-a-lot, non-professional environment! AND IT'S FREE!
- Registration Costs: \$280.00 NZIMLS Members, \$390.00 Non-Members. And there is a late penalty!

Transport costs will be your own responsibility.

Please plan to arrive at the venue on Friday evening, as we have a full programme planned.

NICE first timers

If this is your first NICE Weekend, we will introduce you to everyone, explain anything you don't understand and make you feel at home. We will try to room you with someone who has been before, to help you along.

Accommodation

This NICE Weekend is a live-in weekend, and as such, accommodation at Wairakei is mandatory. When registering online, you will note that you do need to enter suitable dates in the Search fields and then select an accommodation option, before being allowed to progress further. Do contact Raewyn Cameron (details below) before registering, if you feel you have an exception.

Accommodation is on a twin-share basis. You will be sharing a room with another attending delegate (same sex of course!). You may specify who you would like to share with if you wish to catch up with old friends. If you do not specify anyone, the organising team will endeavour to room you with another delegate from a similar sized site or within your own region. The idea is to meet other blood bankers and maybe make a new blood bank friend.

If you are not comfortable with sharing, you may choose a room by yourself.

PLEASE NOTE: *If this is your choice, it will also be your cost. Employers do not usually pay this unless you have come to some arrangement.*

Accommodation on other nights can be arranged by Raewyn to get the discounted NICE weekend rate at Bayview Wairakei Resort.

Costs:

Economy King Twin-Share (with breakfast):	\$107.50pp, per night
Economy King (single occupant, with breakfast):	\$190.00pp, per night
A limited number of family villa units available – details in online Reg form	

User Groups

User Groups are usually held on the Friday prior to NICE weekend. You may wish to organise your travel and leave days around these. They will all be held on site at Bayview Wairakei. These are organised through the individual companies and not by NICE team. **Please contact them directly** for further information. We, the co-conveners do usually know what's going on though and may be able to help you.

Trade Representatives

Company representatives do attend our NICE weekend (they have to pay just like you!) as they have a vested interest in keeping up with the world of transfusion. They are not required to present but are around for the weekend – so make yourself known to them. They are a vital part of NICE weekend's sponsorship (keeping your prices down) and are also a lot of fun!

Please register on line by 2nd April 2021

All registration is completed online at www.nzimls.org.nz

Registration Notification

You will be notified and sent any further information when your registration has been received.

If you don't hear from us, we have not heard from you.

If you have any questions please contact the NICE convenor:



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