

Asia Pacific Clinical Nutrition Society

Award for 2012

Professor Colin Binns

John Curtin Distinguished Professor of Public Health, Curtin University
MBBS (University of Western Australia) MPH (Harvard) PhD (Hon, Inje)
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Prof Binns graduated in Medicine from the University of Western Australia and worked for several years in hospitals in Perth before going to work as a medical doctor in Papua New Guinea for eight years. In PNG he became very interested in nutrition and received a scholarship to complete a MPH degree at Harvard. He returned to Perth and was appointed foundation Head of the School of Public Health at Curtin University, a position he held for 21 years. He continues at Curtin University as John Curtin Distinguished Professor of Public Health. Other positions held at Curtin University included foundation head of the National Drug Research Institute and foundation medical director of the Curtin Health Service. He holds Visiting Professorial positions at Kagawa Nutrition University, Tokyo and University of Ryukus, Okinawa in Japan, Tonji Medical College Wuhan and Changsha Children's Hospital, PR China, University of Malaya and Inje University, Korea.

In Australia, he has served on 17 committees of the National Health and Medical Research Council, including Chair of the Dietary Guidelines Committees for infants, children, adults and elderly Australians. Other Committees included Folic Acid Fortification, Iodine Working Group, Health Claims panel and the Advisory Panel on the Marketing of Infant Formula in Australia. He continues as Deputy Chair of the Australian Dietary Guidelines Committee. He was Vice-President of the Asia Pacific Academic Consortium for Public Health for five years and is now Deputy Editor in Chief of the Asia Pacific Journal of Public Health. He was secretary of the Nutrition Society of Australia for 5 years.

He has had a major interest in public health nutrition in Australia, particularly in the development of Dietary Guidelines and in breastfeeding policy. He is a member of numerous government advisory and research committees and has published 400 articles in scientific journals and book chapters. Publications relate to infant nutrition and breastfeeding, nutrition and cancer and public health.

In 2004 he was given the award of Senior Australian of the Year (WA) and was awarded an honorary PhD from Inje University, Korea for public health research in Asia. Other honours include:

Lifetime Achievement Award of Research Australia 2010

Fellow of the Nutrition Society of Australia 2010

Fellow of the Dietitians Association of Australia 2010

Curtin University Lifetime Achievement Award for Research 2009

Faculty of Health Sciences, Curtin University, most publications 2007, 2008

Current research interests include breastfeeding, international health and nutrition and cancer. Major current research projects include the Perth Infant Feeding Study and projects on infant feeding, nutrition and cancer in China (3 locations), Japan, Vietnam, Malaysia, Tanzania, the Maldives, Malaysia and Kenya. He has completed consultancies on nutrition and public health services in the Maldives, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Kenya, Malaysia, Singapore, Mauritius, New Zealand and China.

The Asia Pacific Society for Clinical Nutrition makes its Award for 2012 to Colin Binns on account of his outstanding contributions to the nutritionally-related health and well-being of the peoples of the Asia Pacific region.

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