



# Lance Jennings

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## **Lance Cordner Jennings QSO**

A man ahead of his time, internationally recognised virologist Clinical Associate Professor Lance Jennings initiated the introduction of the world's earliest influenza pandemic control strategies into New Zealand. These included free influenza vaccine for at-risk groups, influenza awareness education and a National Influenza Pandemic Preparedness Plan.

His career in respiratory virology began with the identification of the Influenza A/Port Chalmers/1/73 (H3N2) virus. Lance was seconded to the World Health Organization (WHO) for consultancies on influenza and measles and as an integral member of the WHO Avian Influenza Outbreak Response and Expert Influenza team in 2004. His early research was ground-breaking, defining the aerosol transmission of rhinovirus common colds.

He credited College for providing opportunities to develop his lifelong abilities in leadership, risk assessment and judgement, along with highlighting the need to give back. Lance is a former chairperson of the International Society for Influenza and Other Respiratory Virus Diseases (ISIRV) and the co-founder of the Asia Pacific Alliance for the Control of Influenza (APACI), focusing on relieving the burden and pandemic preparation. He was appointed a Companion of the Queen's Service Order in 2006 for service to virology globally.



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