

# CONCURRENT SPEAKER



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**Bio:** James Vickers (PhD, DSc) holds the Chair of Pathology at the University of Tasmania and is Co-Director of the Wicking Dementia Research and Education Centre. He is also the current President of the Australasian Neuroscience Society and is Chair of the Scientific Panel of the Alzheimer’s Australia Dementia Research Foundation.

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**Title:** New frontiers in dementia education

**Abstract:** The growing impact of dementia across health care systems and society demands an elevation in the understanding of dementia and evidence-based quality care. The Wicking Dementia Research and Education Centre draws on the latest research to deliver ‘massive open online courses’, or MOOCs, on ‘Understanding Dementia’ and well as ‘Preventing Dementia’. The Wicking Centre has also developed an online degree program in dementia care, with over 1500 students nationally. It is hoped that these education offerings will engage interested learners across multiple levels nationally and internationally to address this major public health and societal issue.