1. **KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Professor Chris Lavy OBE MD MCh FCS FRCS**

Professor of Orthopaedic and Tropical Surgery, University of Oxford

Chris Lavy qualified at St Bartholomew’s Medical College in 1982 and became a consultant in 1992 at The Middlesex Hospital and University College Hospital in London. In 1996 he left to work in Malawi, where he helped to set up two orthopaedic hospitals, national orthopaedic surgical and clinical officer training, and an international clubfoot programme. He also co-founded the College of Surgeons of East Central and Southern Africa (COSECSA).

In 2006 he returned to the UK, where he is Professor of Orthopaedic and Tropical Surgery and Consultant Orthopaedic and Spine Surgeon at the University of Oxford. He holds an honorary chair at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. He is a council member of The Royal College of Surgeons of England and chair of the International Affairs Committee. He is the chair of CURE International UK which supports children’s orthopaedic surgery in resource-poor countries. Professor Lavy was awarded an OBE in the New Year Honours List 2007 for services to orthopaedics.

Currently, he is a Commissioner for The Lancet Commission on Global Surgery and leads two projects linking University of Oxford with COSECSA and other local partners, to develop local training in primary trauma care, clubfoot treatment, and orthopaedic surgery.

2. **ROWAN NICKS LECTURER FOR 2015: Professor Godfrey Ignatius Muguti: M.B.Ch.B.(Zim) MS(Syd) FCS(ECSA) FRCS(Edin) Hon.FRCS(Eng)**

Professor Muguti occupies the Professorial Chair in the Department of Surgery, College of Health Sciences, and University of Zimbabwe. He is also Clinical Professor of Surgery in the Department of Surgery, Stanford University School of Medicine, USA and Honorary Clinical Tutor, Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, UK.

He is a graduate of the University of Zimbabwe. He trained as a surgeon in Zimbabwe, Edinburgh in the United Kingdom and Sydney, Australia. He did a Fellowship in Hepato-Biliary Surgery and Research at Westmead Hospital, University of Sydney, under the mentorship of Professor Miles Little. He has worked as a consultant surgeon in Zimbabwe and the United Kingdom. Before joining the University of Zimbabwe he worked as Head of department and Consultant Surgeon at Mpilo Central Hospital and the United Bulawayo Hospitals, Zimbabwe. He is a past recipient of a number of Scholarships including the Inaugural International Rowan Nicks Scholarship (1990). In 1997 the Royal College of Surgeons of England awarded him the honorary FRCS(Eng). Among other responsibilities he has served as Foundation President of the Surgical Society of Zimbabwe and Commissioner on the Zimbabwe Health Review Commission. He is past Editor-in-Chief of the Central African Journal of Medicine and a member of the World Association of Medical Editors (WAME) and foundation member of the Forum of African Medical Editors (FAME). He is a member of the Medical Research Council of Zimbabwe and is also a member of the EXCO of the Surgical Research Society of South Africa. He is a member of Council of the College of Surgeons of East Central and Southern Africa (COSECSA) and a Co-Director on the COSECSA - University of Oxford Orthopaedic Link (COOL)
programme. In 1996 he received the President’s prize for the best scientific paper at the AGM and Scientific Conference of the Association of Surgeons of East Africa (ASEA) and the Surgical Society of Zimbabwe held in Harare.

His research and clinical interests are in general surgery and plastic and reconstructive surgery. He has published widely in both general surgery and plastic and reconstructive surgery. Professor Muguti is a member of several national and international professional bodies.

3. **INVITED SPEAKER: Prof Pankaj Jani**

Professor of Surgery, University of Nairobi, Kenya; Vice President of the College of Surgeons of East, Central and Southern Africa (COSECSA); Vice President of the G4 Alliance for Surgery, Obstetric, Trauma and Anaesthesia Care. Prof Jani has been in practice for 30 years and holds an MBChB and M.Med from the University of Nairobi, and FRCS from the Royal College of Surgeons of England. He has formerly worked in several hospitals in Kenya and at the Glasgow Royal Infirmary. He has also served as the Chair of the Gastro Society of Kenya.

COSECSA partners with more than 40 organizations and today trains 50% of all surgical trainees, with performance of 20% of all surgery in the region.

4. **INVITED SPEAKER: Dr Patrick Coghlan**

A self-professed technophile, medical practitioner and entrepreneur, Patrick has presented to companies such as Oracle, IBM and Apple on healthcare projects. He has also worked as a volunteer on multiple medical projects in the developing world, and would like to provide an overview of how technology could benefit projects in low and middle income countries.

5. **INVITED SPEAKER: Prof Declan Magee, President of the Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland**

Prof Declan Magee is a graduate of the University of Dublin and trained in Surgery in Ireland and at Guys Hospital, London and Harvard Medical School, Boston. He has been an RCSI Councillor since 1993 and has chaired most of its major committees. He has been closely involved in the collaboration between the RCSI and COSECSA. This initiative is also supported by Irish Aid and has helped COSECSA to enhance and expand surgical training and ultimately the delivery of essential surgical services across the vast region.

6. **CONVENOR: Dr Neil Wetzig**

Neil Wetzig is a General Surgeon and Emeritus Senior Breast and Endocrine Surgeon at Princess Alexandra Hospital. He is also the Director of the AusHEAL Congo Project J730N.

He first visited Goma in eastern DR Congo in 2003 and has been leading multi-disciplinary medical teams to the HEAL Africa Hospital since 2006. This development work was formalised with the establishment of AusHEAL, an Australian not-for-profit charity, of which Neil is a founding Director.
AusHEAL believes health issues in the developing world are more effectively dealt with by empowering a strategic hospital and builds its ongoing hospital relationship through four core areas of Health; Education; Advocacy; Logistics.

After treating Breast Cancer and Endocrine Surgical conditions for 25 years, in early 2015 Neil completed his appointment as a Senior Visiting Surgeon at Princess Alexandra Hospital, and his private surgical practice to devote more time to his role as the Director of the Congo Project. He and his wife, Gwen, now spend up to 6 months per year teaching, training and operating at HEAL Africa Hospital in Goma, an area known for its insecurity.

Neil holds the title of Consultant and Advisor of Surgical Training Programs at HEAL Africa Hospital. He is also the African Representative on the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons Global Health Committee, an RACS Examiner in General Surgery, and Board Member of the G4 Alliance advocating for greater access to surgical care for the world’s poor and marginalised.