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### Leading Academic in law and health ethics to speak at Joint Congress

One of the world's leading academics in the area of the law and ethics of health, Professor Sir Ian Kennedy, will be a guest speaker at the 2016 ACHSM - ACHS Joint Congress.

As a high profile and highly engaging intellectual in UK public life, and an effective change manager in the area of public policy, he will take part in this year's peak Australasian healthcare gathering in Brisbane on 26-28 October.

With the theme of **The Health Leadership Challenge – Making Things Happen**, Professor Kennedy will be a champion to encourage Australasian health managers from around the country and overseas to focus on aspects of their leadership where they can make a significant difference.

Other thought leaders at the congress will include:

- Robert Cooke, Executive Chairman of one of Australia's most successful private health companies – Healthscope Ltd,
- Dr Norman Swan, host of the Health report on the ABC's Radio National, and 'Tonic' on ABC News 24,
- Ann Cross, CEO of Uniting Care Queensland, and Board member,
- Professor John Leong Chi-yan, Chairman of the Hong Kong Hospital Authority, internationally-renowned clinician-scientist specialising in spinal and paediatric orthopaedics,
- Professor Ian Harris, Professor of Orthopaedics Surgery at UNSW.

The conference aims to deliver workable, useful insights for the 500+ leaders and managers from the Australian health system, with delegations attending from Hong Kong and New Zealand.

Chief Executive Officer of the Australasian College of Health Service Management (ACHSM), Ms Catherine Chaffey said the goal was to give all congress delegates a strong sense of ownership when it came to understanding and building on their own leadership style.

"Between them, our keynote speakers have a wealth of real life experience in leadership that covers a multitude of areas that will be of interest to our delegates: policy, clinical experience, private enterprise, management of staff and volunteer and clinical specialties," she said.

ACHS CEO Dr Christine Dennis said '**Making Things Happen**' is not just a slogan, but a mindset managers and leaders need to undertake to move beyond the status quo and make a difference. "Following the response from last year's delegates to our challenging opening plenary sessions, we know that our biggest problem in health is the implementation of reform," she said. "This congress will help leaders and managers take control of the changes they can make." Visit [achsm.org.au/congress](http://achsm.org.au/congress) to learn more about the congress and register.

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