We are delighted to invite you to a one day meeting sponsored by the Perinatal Society of New Zealand, Gravida: National Centre for Growth and Development and The University of Auckland through an International Research Teams Development Award:

“Food for Thought: How Nutrition in Early Life Determines Lifelong Metabolic Fate”

with visiting speakers:
Peter Dearden, Christine Jasoni, Philippa Middleton and Anne White

and local speakers:
Mike Dragunow, Anne Jaquiery, Mark Vickers and Clare Wall

Anne White is Professor of Endocrine Sciences in Endocrinology and Diabetes within the School of Biomedicine at the University of Manchester, UK. Anne’s research interests lie in the regulation of energy expenditure and appetite and in the role of stress.

Philippa Middleton is a perinatal epidemiologist and Executive Director of ARCH (Australian Research for Health of Women and Babies), within the Robinson Institute in Adelaide. Special research themes include diabetes in pregnancy, stillbirth, pre-pregnancy, pregnancy and lactation nutrition, preterm birth, and fetal, neonatal and child neuroprotection and development.

Peter Dearden is an Associate Professor and Director of Genetics Otago at the University of Otago. His research interests include the developmental genetics of polyphenism in insects. Recent work includes research into how a nutritional signal in early development determines adult phenotype.

Christine Jasoni is a senior lecturer at the Department of Anatomy, University of Otago. Her research focuses on how the maternal environment during pregnancy affects the formation of the fetal brain and, in particular, development of hypothalamic neural pathways.

The full programme will be distributed shortly

Places are limited:
RSVP to Dr. Deborah Tonei: d.tonei@auckland.ac.nz to secure your place.