

Variety International Convention 2008 Update

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Dear Variety Family

It has been an exciting month featuring many positive developments for the 2008 Variety International Convention.

The Programme:

Each month we will update you on confirmed speakers and presenters. During the Convention media training will be available presented by leading New Zealand media trainers, Dr Brian Edwards and Judy Callingham. This session will provide attendees with expert advice and training in the sometimes difficult art of handling interviews with the press, radio and television.

Promotion:

The 2008 Variety International Convention website is now live and can be accessed through the Variety New Zealand website: www.variety.org.nz The site will be updated regularly and we trust it provides the information you require when planning your visit to New Zealand, in addition to being a marketing tool to encourage your supporters to attend the Convention.

Our promotional DVD has been developed and is available on our website - a copy will also be sent to each tent. We hope you will use it to enthuse your staff, crew and supporters to make the trip down under.

Awards:

We are working closely with Variety International and the Variety International Board on the selection of candidates for the prestigious Variety International Awards and are thrilled to advise the recipient of the 2008 Sir James Carreras Awards is Dr Percy Pease.

Dr Pease is a member of both the Boards of Variety New Zealand and Variety New Zealand Lifeline, known in New Zealand as Variety Children's Medical Missions to the South Pacific.

During his forty-four years as a medical practitioner Dr Pease has been a tireless advocate for children in his capacity as Director of Paediatric Services for Starship Hospital, New Zealand's pre-eminent Children's hospital, in addition to his regular unpaid medical missions to Samoa since 1979 and to Tonga since 1981.

New Zealand - places to visit:

On the shores of Lake Wakatipu, overlooked by the Southern Alps, Queenstown offers relaxation at its best and is only a two hour flight from Auckland. Visitors can try their hands with a gold pan or a fishing rod, or discover award winning wines from the world's most southern vineyards. Queenstown's reputation as the adventure capital of the world is well earned, visitors can choose to bungee jump from the world's first commercial bungee site, white-water raft, jet boat down canyons, tandem hang-glide or parapente or simply relax and enjoy the breathtaking autumnal scenery!

There is much to do in our beautiful country and we look forward to hosting you - please do not hesitate to contact us should you require any assistance.

Kindest regards

Lorraine Taylor
Chief Executive
Tent 68

Tim Stonhill
International Convention
Chairman

