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**ABSTRACT
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TITLE	THE ASIA- PACIFIC ‘ANNUS HORRIBILIS’ - WAKING THE DEAD OF CHRISTCHURCH
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Abstract:	<p>On Tuesday, 22 Feb 11 at 12:51 a magnitude 6.3 earthquake struck the Canterbury region in New Zealand's South Island. The earthquake was centred 10 kilometres (6 mi) south-east of the centre of Christchurch, New Zealand's second-most populous city. It followed nearly six months after the magnitude 7.1 2010 Canterbury earthquake of 4 September 2010.</p> <p>The earthquake caused widespread damage across Christchurch, especially in the central city and eastern suburbs, with damage exacerbated by buildings and infrastructure already being weakened by the 4 September earthquake and its aftershocks. Significant liquefaction affected the eastern suburbs, producing around 200,000 tonnes of silt. The earthquake was reported to be felt across the South Island and the lower and central North Island.</p> <p>In total, 181 people were killed in the earthquake, making the earthquake the second-deadliest natural disaster recorded in New Zealand. Nationals from more than 20 countries were among the victims. The New Zealand Government declared a state of national emergency, which stayed in force until 30 April 2011. Christchurch continue to experience aftershocks resulting in further deaths</p> <p>This presentation aims to provide a summary of the contribution to the Disaster Victim Identification process by the New Zealand Defence Force Dental Services.</p>