

**09:00–10:15 Session 5A**

**Speaker: Bruce Durie —*Genes and Genealogy: Is Surname a Good Predictor of Ethnic Origin?***

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The Scots are not one homogeneous ethnic or ancestral group but rather have five or six ethnic origins, each typified by a geographical location. So what can DNA tell us about “Scottishness,” if anything? Many Scots-origin people will say they come from a particular clan or family and a defined location; but is the surname a good predictor of ethnic and geographical origin? This lecture surveys the genetic, geographical and onomastic landscapes of Scotland, to see if they help determine a place of origin and an earlier ancestry.