

THE 2009 COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL CONFERENCE

The Communicable Diseases Network Australia (CDNA) and the Public Health Laboratory Network (PHLN) will host a 3 day Communicable Diseases Control Conference (CDC 2009) from Monday 4 to Wednesday 6 May 2009 in Canberra at the Hotel Realm.

CDC 2009 aims to promote evidence-based discussion around communicable disease control themes, including:

- communicable diseases considered to be under control;
- communicable diseases that are poorly controlled, re-emerging or newly emerging;
- communicable disease issues of importance to indigenous peoples, and
- the impact of communicable disease locally, regionally and globally.

Keynote and invited speakers

The following noted experts will draw on their experiences to provide keynote addresses introducing each theme to conference participants, from an international perspective:

- Prof. David Salisbury, Director of Immunisation, Department of Health, London
- Assoc. Prof. Julie Hall, Team Leader Emerging Infectious Disease, WHO Western Pacific Office, Manila; and
- Prof. Rick Speare, Director, Anton Breinl Centre for Public Health and Tropical Medicine, James Cook University.

The inaugural Aileen Plant Oration will be presented by Professor John McKenzie, Australian Biosecurity CRC, Curtin University of Technology.

Various research leaders will also provide plenary addresses on each day of the conference. These include:

- Dr Graham Tallis, Communicable Diseases Surveillance and Response Team Leader, WHO Indonesia;
- Dr Naomi Pomat, Paediatrician Daru Hospital, Papua New Guinea;

- Prof. Bart Currie, Professor of Medicine, Northern Territory Clinical School, Flinders University;
- Prof. Cindy Shannon, Director of the Centre for Indigenous Health, University of Queensland; and
- Dr Vicki Krause, Program Director, Disease Control Program, Northern Territory Department of Health and Community Services.

Program

- Pre-conference workshops – Sunday 3 May
- Public health nurses and public health officers workshop
- Zoonoses – presented by Prof. Rick Speare
- Threats to our regional area – presented by Assoc. Prof. Julie Hall
- How to sell vaccination programs – presented by Prof. David Salisbury

Plenary sessions

- Regional issues in infectious diseases
- Infectious diseases in Indigenous health
- Old infectious diseases

Concurrent sessions

- International and globally mobile populations
- Lessons from a mass gathering
- Pandemic flu
- Antimicrobial resistance
- Indigenous health
- Vaccines
- Laboratory aspects of public health
- Modelling and seasonal flu
- Zoonoses and arboviruses
- Infections in aged care
- Foodborne diseases
- Surveillance methods
- Bloodborne and sexually transmitted infections
- Respiratory diseases

For more information on the conference including speaker's biographies and a detailed conference program visit www.diseases.consec.com.au