Emerging Infections and Biohazards in Australia

A symposium to mark the opening of the Emerging Infections & Biohazard Response Unit (EIBRU)

ALERT BUT NOT ALARMED – PLANNING FOR UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL THREATS

WEDNESDAY, 15TH AUGUST, 2007,
JOHN LOEWENTHAL AUDITORIUM, EDUCATION BLOCK, WESTMEAD HOSPITAL

Chairperson: **Professor Lyn Gilbert**

8.30-9:15 **Registration**

9:15-9:30 Introduction and welcome to Westmead - **Prof Steven Boyages** *(Chief Executive, SWAHS)*

Introduction to the EIBRU and virtual tour video – **Prof Lyn Gilbert** *(Director, Centre for Infectious Diseases & Microbiology)*

9:30-11:30 **INFLUENZA AND PANDEMIC PLANNING – THE UNCERTAINTY PRINCIPLE; ARE WE READY?**

Public Health:
National: **Dr Jenean Spencer** *(Director, Pandemic Preparedness Section, Health Protection Policy Branch, Dept of Health & Ageing, Canberra)*
State: **Dr Paul Armstrong** *(Director, Bio preparedness Unit, NSW Dept of Health)*
Laboratory:
National: **Dr Dominic Dwyer** *(Medical Virologist, Centre for Infectious Diseases & Microbiology)*
International: **Prof Anne Kelso** *(Director, WHO Collaborating Centre for Influenza, Victoria)*

Panel discussion

11:30-11:45 **MORNING TEA**

11:45-12:15 **SUSPICIOUS INCIDENTS AND UNKNOWN AGENTS**
White powder – aspirin, amphetamine or anthrax?
Dr Tony Raymond (Director, National Institute of Forensic Science Victoria)

12:15-13.45 *Hypothetical*
An unknown powder is found in a public place after an anonymous phone call threatens to release a highly infectious agent into the air-conditioning system of a public venue.
Moderator: **Prof Lyn Gilbert**
Panel: **Ms Rebecca Hoile** *(Forensic Microbiologist, NSW Police)*
Mr Greg James *(Senior Hospital Scientist, EIBRU)*
Dr Kerry Chant (Director, Health Protection & Deputy CHO, NSW Dept of Health)
Mr Wayne Geddes (NSW Health Media)

13:45-14:30 **LUNCH**

14:30-16:00 **EMERGING INFECTIONS AND BIOHAZARDS**
Mosquito-borne disease in a changing climate
Prof Richard Russell *(Director of Medical Entomology, CIDM)*
Securitisation of infectious diseases
Dr Christian Enemark *(Centre for International Security Studies; USYD)*
Ethical Aspects of Infectious Diseases
Prof Ian Kerridge *(Centre for Values Ethics and the Law in Medicine, USYD*

Panel discussion

16:00 **Drinks – kindly sponsored by the Westmead Association**

INFECTIOUS DISEASES SYMPOSIUM

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Registration will include lunch **$20.00** (All SWAHS staff free)

To register please send a cheque payable to **The Westmead Association** before the 8th August, 2007 to: Ms Georgette Hanna, Executive Officer, Westmead Association, PO BOX 119 Private Bag, Wentworthville NSW 2145.

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