

Communicable diseases — a fight we can win?

The Communicable Diseases Network Australia The Public Health Laboratory Network

Communicable Diseases Control Conference 2003

The Communicable Diseases Network Australia in conjunction with the Public Health Laboratory Network will hold their biennial 2-day Communicable Diseases Control Conference on 31 March and 1 April 2003 in Canberra at the Hyatt Hotel. The annual Master of Applied Epidemiology conference will take place on the preceding 2 days.

Aims

The conference aims to promote evidence-based discussion around emerging communicable disease themes, including:

- communicable diseases considered to be under control (e.g. poliomyelitis, measles);
- communicable diseases which are poorly controlled or re-emerging (e.g. pertussis);
- communicable diseases which are newly emerging (e.g. arboviral diseases);
- antibiotic resistance; and
- the threat of bioterrorism.

The conference is relevant to public health professionals working in all aspects of communicable disease control as well as to students in these areas.

Keynote speakers

Noted Australian and international experts working in various disciplines of communicable disease control will provide keynote addresses introducing each theme to conference participants.

Format

The conference will include keynote addresses, scientific paper presentations and poster presentations related to the themes of the conference, and will aim to deliver recommendations for improvements in communicable disease control in Australia, New Zealand and the region. A hypothetical is planned for the second day. A conference dinner will take place on the night of 31 March 2003.

Abstracts

Abstracts for oral and poster presentations will be accepted from 1 October 2002 to 7 February 2003. Early submission would be appreciated and no late submissions will be accepted. Details about submission of abstracts can be found on the conference website.

Presentations should address one or more of the following aspects of communicable diseases:

- surveillance;
- epidemiology;
- laboratory aspects;
- prevention and control; or
- public health policy.

Contact

Further information is available on the conference website at: <http://www.diseases.consec.com.au>. The conference email address is diseases@consec.com.au.