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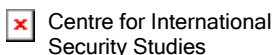
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**1. Symposium 2009 – Registration Open**

A reminder that registrations for the 2009 Biosecurity Symposium at The University of Sydney are open (see attached flyer). A preliminary program will be distributed shortly. The deadline for registration is **30 January 2008**

*Registration Fees*

Registration fees for the symposium include lunch, morning tea and afternoon tea. All fees are listed in Australian Dollars:

Full registration (2 days)	\$250
Single day	\$150
Student	\$100

*Symposium Dinner*

The optional Symposium Dinner is to be held at the Forum Restaurant, Darlington Centre on the University of Sydney campus from 6:30pm on Monday 9 February. The cost (\$80) includes a three course meal and

drinks. Attendance at the dinner will be limited to 100 registrants.

Further registration information and a web-based registration system are available at:  
[http://www.biosecurity.edu.au/conferences\\_reg.php](http://www.biosecurity.edu.au/conferences_reg.php).

## 2. Program News

### Seminar on the Dual-Use Dilemma in the Life Sciences

On **Thursday 11 December** the National Centre for Biosecurity will be hosting an interactive seminar on 'The Dual-Use Dilemma in the Life Sciences'. The session will be facilitated by two international experts on the topic, Dr Brian Rappert and Professor Nancy Connell. It will be held from **10am-12pm** in Seminar Room 325, Education Building, University of Sydney. Please see the attached flyer for more information. Seating is limited. **RSVP to Jon Herington** ([j.herington@econ.usyd.edu.au](mailto:j.herington@econ.usyd.edu.au)) by **4 December 2008**.

### Biosecurity Collaboration Forum

Members will have received an invitation to the **Biosecurity Collaboration Forum** on **Thursday 27 November 2008** at the Coogee Crowne Plaza Hotel. The purpose of the forum is to identify research areas of mutual interest and suggest interdisciplinary projects with a view to applying for research funding. We are seeking 25 participants for the forum, which will run all day, with refreshments and lunch provided.

If you would like to attend, please contact Jon Herington ([j.herington@econ.usyd.edu.au](mailto:j.herington@econ.usyd.edu.au) or 9351 5739) by **24 November 2008**.

Jon

## 3. Conferences, Seminars and Journal Issues

The O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law, located at the Georgetown University Law Center, has recently created the **O'Neill Institute Listserv**. With this listserv, the Institutes hopes to: 'create a community of students, academics, policy makers, and advocates interested in national and global health law issues'. More information: <http://www.law.georgetown.edu/oneillinstitute/list/main.html>

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The Communicable Diseases Network Australia (CDNA) and the Public Health Laboratory Network (PHLN) will hold a three day **Communicable Diseases Control (CDC) Conference** on **Monday 4 to Wednesday 6 May 2009** in Canberra at the Hotel Realm. Abstract submissions close **1 December 2008**. More information: [www.diseases.consec.com.au](http://www.diseases.consec.com.au)

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The University of Hong Kong (HKU) and the City University of Hong Kong are holding a workshop, entitled **Unhealthy Governance: Securitising Infectious Diseases in Asia** to be held on **21-22 May 2009**. Flights and accommodation will be provided for accepted paper presenters. If anyone is interested in submitting an abstract (due **2 January 2009**) and would like more information please do not hesitate to contact either Dr Nicholas Thomas, [ndthomas@hku.hk](mailto:ndthomas@hku.hk) or Professor Richard Fielding, [fielding@hkusua.hku.hk](mailto:fielding@hkusua.hku.hk).

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The World Health Organisation has released the 2004 update to the *Global Burden of Disease* report. It includes detailed comparative regional and global data on causes of mortality and morbidity. Accessed at: [http://www.who.int/healthinfo/global\\_burden\\_disease/2004\\_report\\_update/en/index.html](http://www.who.int/healthinfo/global_burden_disease/2004_report_update/en/index.html)

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The October issue of the *Bioethics* (Volume 22, Issue 9) was released as special edition on the ethics of biosecurity. Accessed at: <http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/journal/118486360/home>

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## Previous Announcements

- *Genetics and Genomics of Infectious Disease*. Conference: **21-24 March 2009** in Singapore. Abstract: **3 December 2008**. More info: <http://www.nature.com/natureconferences/ggid2009/>
- *7th ASM Biodefense and Emerging Diseases Research Meeting*. Conference: **22-25 February 2009** in Baltimore, United States. More info: <http://www.asmbiodefense.org/Abstracts.asp>
- 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on *Influenza Vaccines for the World*. Conference: **27-30 April 2009** in Cannes, France. More info: [http://www.meetingsmanagement.com/ivw\\_2009/index.htm](http://www.meetingsmanagement.com/ivw_2009/index.htm)
- US Department of State's **Biosecurity Engagement Program** provides funding for travel to biosecurity-related conferences. More information: <http://www.bepstate.net/index.html>
- *BioSecure 2008*. Workshop: **2 December 2008** in Raleigh, North Carolina, United States. More info: <http://ai.arizona.edu/BIO2008/>

## 4. News and Articles

### Pandemic and Avian Influenza

'How bird flu has spread' (BBC Interactive Map)

20 November 2008

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/in\\_depth/7737552.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/in_depth/7737552.stm)

Chair's text for December WHO virus sharing meeting released

16 November 2008

[http://www.who.int/gb/pip/e/E\\_pip3.html](http://www.who.int/gb/pip/e/E_pip3.html)

'17 treated in Makassar for suspected bird flu'

13 November 2008

<http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2008/11/13/17-treated-makassar-suspected-bird-flu.html>

'Avian influenza outbreaks in chickens, Bangladesh'

7 November 2008

<http://www.cdc.gov/eid/content/14/12/pdfs/07-1567.pdf>

'Google.org announces more than 14 million in grants for predicting and preventing the next pandemic'

21 October 2008

[http://www.google.com/intl/en/press/pressrel/20081021\\_googleorg.html](http://www.google.com/intl/en/press/pressrel/20081021_googleorg.html)

and ongoing research programs on web searches and flu tracking reported here:

<http://www.nature.com/news/2008/081119/full/456287a.html>

<http://www.nytimes.com/2008/11/12/technology/internet/12flu.html>

'Flu pandemic may cost world economy up to \$3 trillion'

17 October 2008

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601202&sid=ashmCPWATNwU&refer=healthcare>

### HIV

'TB vaccine for HIV-infected patients shows promise'

18 November 2008

<http://www.thelancet.com/journals/laninf/article/PIIS147330990870272X/fulltext>

'Global epidemiology of injecting drug use and HIV'

15 November 2008

<http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140673608613112/abstract>

'Bone marrow cures HIV patient'

13 November 2008

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/health/7726118.stm>

'Growth of drug resistant HIV in China is "worrying," says AIDS institute'

22 October 2008

[http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/full/337/oct22\\_3/a2197](http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/full/337/oct22_3/a2197)

'UNAIDS seeks a new Director' (Peter Piot steps down)

21 October 2008

[http://blogs.cgdev.org/globalhealth/2008/10/unaid\\_preparing\\_for.php](http://blogs.cgdev.org/globalhealth/2008/10/unaid_preparing_for.php)

### Emerging Infectious Diseases

'New strain of Ebola virus associated with high-mortality viral haemorrhagic fever outbreak, Uganda'

20 November 2008

<http://www.plospathogens.org/article/info%3Adoi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.ppat.1000212>

'Typhoid outbreak hits Philippines' (military doctors mobilised)

20 November 2008

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2008/11/20/2425470.htm>

*Yersinia pestis* as a re-emerging infectious disease

18 November 2008

<http://www.thelancet.com/journals/laninf/article/PIIS1473309908702731/fulltext>

and the original news item:

[http://www.wcs.org/deadly-dozen/wcs\\_deadly\\_dozen](http://www.wcs.org/deadly-dozen/wcs_deadly_dozen)

'Cholera outbreak threatens DR Congo refugees'

10 November 2008

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2008/11/10/2415252.htm>

'The role of bats in disease transmission'

3 November 2008

<http://www.thebulletin.org/web-edition/columnists/laura-h-kahn/the-role-of-bats-disease-transmission>

'Emergence and control of infectious diseases in China'

1 November 2008

<http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140673608613653/abstract>

part of a Special Issue on 'China and Global Health'

[http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/issue/vol372no9649/PIIS0140-6736\(08\)X6046-5](http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/issue/vol372no9649/PIIS0140-6736(08)X6046-5)

'Why emerging infectious diseases are a threat to America's health'

20 October 2008

<http://healthyamericans.org/report/56/germs-go-global>

### Biological Weapons

'Multiple *Francisella tularensis* subspecies and clades, Tularemia outbreak, Utah'

7 November 2008

<http://www.cdc.gov/eid/content/14/12/pdfs/08-0482.pdf>

'Insects of war, terror and torture' (entomology and biological weapons)

6 November 2008

<http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/v456/n7218/full/456036a.html>

'Terrorists trying to infiltrate British labs'

4 November 2008

[http://www.nzherald.co.nz/world/news/article.cfm?c\\_id=2&objectid=10540937](http://www.nzherald.co.nz/world/news/article.cfm?c_id=2&objectid=10540937)

'British man dies after inhaling anthrax spores' (from animal skins)

3 November 2008

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2008/11/03/2409114.htm>

'Acting to educate life scientists'

31 October 2008

<http://www.thebulletin.org/web-edition/columnists/malcolm-dando/acting-to-educate-life-scientists>

'Improving the Select Agent program'

29 October 2008

<http://www.thebulletin.org/web-edition/features/improving-the-select-agent-program>

'Rice pathogen (*Xanthomonas oryzae* – leaf blight) is added to list of bioterror agents'

29 October 2008

<http://www.nature.com/news/2008/081029/full/4551163b.html>

'Nation at risk from 'dirty bomb''

27 October 2008

<http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,25197,24555946-2702,00.html>

'Biosafety lab (Galveston, TX) passes disaster test'

22 October 2008

<http://www.nature.com/news/2008/081022/full/4551012a.html>

### **Biosecurity Policy and Ethics**

The detention of XDR-TB patients in South Africa

14 November 2008

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/7729184.stm>

'Foreign scientists face security-check delays in Britain'

7 November 2008

<http://www.nature.com/news/2008/081107/full/news.2008.1211.html>

'Biology, politics, and the emerging science of human nature'

7 November 2008

<http://www.sciencemag.org/cgi/content/full/322/5903/912>

'Synthetic biologists mine microbes for black gold'

24 October 2008

<http://www.sciencemag.org/cgi/content/full/322/5901/522>

### **Global Health Governance**

'How the fight for universal access to AIDS treatment supports achieving comprehensive primary health care'

18 November 2008

<http://www.globalizationandhealth.com/content/4/1/11>

'Biocitizenship'

15 November 2008

<http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140673608617195/fulltext>

'Internal migration and health in China'

15 November 2008

<http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140673608613604/fulltext>

'WHO budgetary allocations and burden of disease: a comparative analysis'

1 November 2008

<http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140673608616566/abstract>

Best wishes and happy researching,

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