



PROGRAMME

EUROPEAN POLICY ON PREPARING FOR PANDEMICS

Sunday 7 – Wednesday 10 May 2006

What are the latest developments in the spread of the H5N1 virus? What can be learned from recent flu pandemic simulation exercises? How can a country go about further testing and strengthening its pandemic preparedness plans? What impact will there be on essential services such as health, transport, energy and education? How will different countries collaborate with regard to movement of people, trade and essential services cross borders? How will the European stockpile of anti-virals work in practice? How are priority groups for vaccines being identified? What is the optimum communication strategy both pre and during a pandemic outbreak?

WILTON PARK CONFERENCE S06/25

in co-operation with: Department of Health, United Kingdom

SUNDAY 7 MAY

Afternoon Arrive at Wilton Park

2000 Dinner

MONDAY 8 MAY

0900 Introduction to the conference

0915-1100 1 **GLOBAL POSITIONING OF H5N1**

Margaret CHAN

Assistant Director-General, Communicable Diseases, Surveillance and Response;
Representative of the Director General for Pandemic Influenza, World Health Organisation
Headquarters, Geneva

Neil FERGUSON

Professor of Mathematical Biology, Department of Infectious Disease Epidemiology,
Imperial College, London

Jan SLINGENBERGH

Senior Officer, Animal Health Service, World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) and
Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations, Rome

1100 -1145 Coffee and photograph

1145-1300 2 **CROSS BORDER COLLABORATIVE MEASURES – HOW MIGHT THESE WORK IN PRACTICE DURING PANDEMIC OUTBREAK IN EUROPE**

Movement of animal, people, trade and essential resources and services
EU Commission

Isabelle BENOLIEL

Principal Advisor, DG SANCO, European Commission, Brussels

Bruce MANN

Head, Civil Contingencies Secretariat, Cabinet Office, London

1300 Lunch

MONDAY 8 MAY (continued)

1430 -1545 **3 HOW TO DEVELOP, IMPLEMENT AND EVALUATE TESTING OF PANDEMIC PLANS**
Nigel LIGHTFOOT
Director, Emergency Response Division, Health Protection Agency, Salisbury

1545-1615 Tea

1615-1745 **4 COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF EUROPEAN PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS PLANS: WHAT STRATEGIES ARE IN PLACE AND WHAT STEPS REMAIN TO BE TAKEN?**
Richard COKER
Reader in Public Health, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, London
Peet TÜLL
Senior Expert, Scientific Advice Unit, European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, Stockholm

1745 - 1900 **5 LESSONS LEARNED FROM OUTBREAKS OF AI IN THE EUROPEAN REGION**

- Capping emergence of disease at source
- Planning, organizing and mobilizing surge capacity

Bernardus GANTER
Regional Adviser for Communicable Disease, Surveillance and Response, World Health Organisation, Copenhagen

2000 Conference Dinner

TUESDAY 9 MAY

0900-1000 **6 ANTI VIRAL STOCKLEVELS AND DISTRIBUTION STRATEGIES**
Franz-Joseph BINDERT
Deputy Director General, Group Infection and Health Care Unit, Federal Ministry of Health and Social Security, Bonn

1000-1130 **7 ENSURING AVAILABILITY OF VACCINE IN CASE OF A PANDEMIC OUTBREAK**

- What is happening currently in terms of vaccine production?
- Scalable manufacturing processes to meet vaccine needs for pandemic flu
- Public private sector partnerships

Klaus STÖHR
Special Advisor on Influenza Pandemic Vaccine Development, Initiative for Vaccine Research, World Health Organisation, Geneva
Jean STÉPHENNE
Director, GlaxoSmithKline Biologicals, Rixensart
Bernard VAN DER ZEIJST
Scientific Director, Netherlands Vaccine Institute, Bilthoven

1130-1200 Coffee

1200-1315 **8 POTENTIAL ANTI VIRAL AND VACCINE TARGET GROUPS AND RESOURCE ALLOCATION**

- How are priority groups identified?
- Can public participation in priority setting work?
- How will vaccination by prioritisation work in practice?

Hubert HRABCIK
Director General, of Public Health and Chief Medical Officer, Federal Ministry of Health and Women, Vienna

1315-1500 Lunch

TUESDAY 9 MAY (continued)

- 1500-1630 **9** **EQUITY AND ETHICAL ASPECTS OF AVIAN INFLUENZA PREPAREDNESS**
- Prioritising allocation of antivirals and ultimately vaccines in-country
 - Non vaccine producing countries and the issue of equitable levels of vaccine distribution

Lindsey DAVIES

National Director of Pandemic Influenza Preparedness, Department of Health, London

Bill RAUB

Science Advisor to the Secretary, Public Health Emergency Preparedness, Department of Health and Human Services, Washington

1630-1700 Tea

- 1700-1830 **10** **PREPARING AN EFFECTIVE HEALTH RISK COMMUNICATION STRATEGY FOR USE BEFORE AND DURING PANDEMIC OUTBREAK**

Fergus WALSH

Medical Correspondent, BBC, London

Jo YARWOOD

Head of Immunisation Information, Head of Strategic Communications Group - Pandemic Influenza, Department of Health, London

1930 Conference Dinner

WEDNESDAY 10 MAY

0915 Participants depart