Influenza Specialist Group Scientific Conference 2010

Day One: Sunday 31 January 2010
Hilton Melbourne Airport, Macedon Room South

4.30pm Arrival drinks and canapés

5.00pm Welcome and introduction
Prof Lou Irving
(Conference Chair)

- Prof Lou Irving is Director of Respiratory Medicine at Melbourne Health, VIC and Board Member of the Influenza Specialist Group

5.10pm Update on NI resistance in circulating strains and preliminary results of oseltamivir study
Mr Aeron Hurt

- Mr Aeron Hurt is a senior scientist involved in antiviral drug studies at the WHO Collaborating Centre for Reference and Research on Influenza, Melbourne

5.40pm WA case study: pandemic H1N1 influenza NI resistance
Dr David Smith

- Dr David Smith is the Clinical Director for Division of Microbiology and Infectious Diseases, PathWest Laboratory Medicine WA and Board Member of the Influenza Specialist Group

6.15pm Entrée served

6.30pm Deployment of NI stockpile 2009 season
Mr Rodney Moran

- Mr Rodney Moran is Manager, Policy Planning and Information & Acting Manager, Enteric Disease Control, Communicable Disease Prevention and Control, DHS, VIC

7.00pm Main course served

7.30pm Discussion: use of antiviral treatments during inter-pandemic periods and review of scientific evidence
Dr Rod Pearce and Dr David Smith

- Dr Rod Pearce is an Adelaide GP, Board Member of the Influenza Specialist Group and GP representative on the AMA Federal Council
- Dr David Smith is the Clinical Director for Division of Microbiology and Infectious Diseases, PathWest Laboratory Medicine WA and Board Member of the Influenza Specialist Group

8.00pm Impact of H1N1 on intensive care units in ANZ
Dr Andrew Davies

- Dr Andrew Davies is Deputy Director of Intensive Care (Head of Trauma ICU) at the Alfred Hospital, Vic; and a member of the Australian and New Zealand Intensive Care Society

8.40pm Dessert served

8.45pm Healthcare worker uptake of H1N1 vaccine: ISG research findings
Mr Kim Sampson and Ms Sarah Cornhill

- Mr Kim Sampson, Executive Officer of the Influenza Specialist Group
- Ms Sarah Cornhill, Director, Healthcare Practice, Burson-Marsteller

9.00pm Summary and overview
Prof Lou Irving
(Chairman)

9.10pm Close
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Sunday 31 January and Monday 1 February 2010

Day Two: Monday 1 February 2010
Hilton Melbourne Airport, Victoria Ballroom

8.45am Coffee
9.00am Welcome and introduction Prof Lou Irving (Conference Chair)
- Prof Lou Irving is Director of Respiratory Medicine at Melbourne Health, VIC and Board Member of the Influenza Specialist Group

9.10am Epidemiology of pandemic H1N1 influenza Assoc/Prof Heath Kelly
- A/Prof Heath Kelly is Head of Epidemiology and Surveillance at the Victorian Infectious Diseases Reference Laboratory (VIDRL) in Melbourne

9.40am Pandemic H1N1 influenza: Australian Government response Dr Andrea Forde and Mr Rodney Moran
- Dr Andrea Forde, Medical Advisor, Department of Health & Ageing
- Mr Rodney Moran is Manager, Policy Planning and Information & Acting Manager, Enteric Disease Control, Communicable Disease Prevention and Control, Department of Human Services, VIC

10.10am Review of data on pandemic H1N1 vaccine immune response Prof Robert Booy
- Prof Robert Booy is the Co-Director for the National Centre for Immunisation Research and Surveillance of Vaccine Preventable Diseases (NCIRS) in Sydney, NSW

10.40am Morning tea

11.10am Victorian school closures during the pandemic H1N1 influenza 2009 Dr Michael Ackland
- Dr Michael Ackland, Senior Medical Advisor, Office of the Chief Health Officer Health Protection Branch, Department of Human Services, VIC

11.30am Non-pharmaceutical measures for epidemic and pandemic influenza Prof Raina MacIntyre
- Prof Raina MacIntyre is the Head of School of Public Health and Community Medicine for the University of New South Wales

12.00pm Discussion: H1N1 pandemic key learnings and applications for seasonal influenza Dr Alan Hampson and Dr Peter Eizenberg
- Dr Alan Hampson is Chariman of the Influenza Specialist Group
- Dr Peter Eizenberg, North East Valley Division of GP’s immunization program
12.40pm Lunch break

1.20pm **2009-2010 influenza season update** Dr Ian Barr
   - Dr Barr is the Deputy Director of the WHO Collaborating Centre for Reference and Research on Influenza, VIC

1.50pm **Introduction of NIP for Australians <65 years at-risk of severe complications from influenza** Dr Bronwen Harvey and Ms Julianne Quaine
   - Dr Bronwen Harvey, Medical Advisor, Office of Health Protection, Department of Health and Ageing
   - Ms Julianne Quaine, Assistant Secretary, Immunisation Branch, Office of Health Protection, Department of Health and Ageing

2.20pm **Influenza Specialist Group 2010: core activities and objectives** Mr Kim Sampson
   - Mr Kim Sampson is the Executive Officer of the Influenza Specialist Group

2.40pm **Reducing the impact of seasonal and pandemic influenza in Aboriginal communities** Dr Peter Markey
   - Dr Peter Markey, Centre for Disease Control, Department of Health and Families, NT

3.10pm Afternoon tea

3.40pm **Public and media attitudes and understandings of pandemic H1N1 influenza in Australia and internationally** Dr Holly Seale
   - Dr Holly Seale, School of Public Health and Community Medicine, University of New South Wales

4.10pm **Influenza activity tracking and monitoring via digital tools** Ms Sandra Carlson
   - Ms Sandra Carlson, Flu-tracking Statistician, Hunter New England Population Health, University of Newcastle NSW

4.40pm **Pandemic H1N1 influenza poll results and summary of conference** Prof Lou Irving (Conference Chair)
   - Prof Lou Irving is Director of Respiratory Medicine at Melbourne Health, VIC and Board Member of the Influenza Specialist Group

5.00pm Close