



International Congress on Infectious & Tropical Diseases

GCC Conference on Infectious Diseases & Infection Control

4th to 7th December 2006, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman

Provisional Congress Programme (as of 29th October 2006)

Organizers



Monday, 4th December 2006

Time	P r o g r a m m e	
09:00 – 18:00	Registration	
18:00 – 18:45	INAUGURAL CEREMONY	
18:00 – 18:05	Welcome by Organizing Secretary	<i>Dr Salab Al Awaidy</i>
18:05 – 18:10	Message from the Scientific Committee	<i>Dr Mohammed Al Hosni</i>
18:10 – 18:17	Address of the Congress Chairman	<i>HE Dr Ali Jafer Mohammed</i>
18:17 – 18:27	Inaugural Speech by HE The Minister of Health	<i>HE Dr Ali bin Mohammed bin Moosa</i>
18:27 – 18:37	Address by Regional Director, WHO/EMRO	<i>HE Dr Hussein Gazairy</i>
18:37 – 18:45	Message from GCC (States) Executive Office	<i>HE Dr Tanfiq Khoja</i>
18:45 – 19:30	Launching “GLOBAL PATIENT SAFETY CHALLENGE: Clean Care is Safer Care”	
18:45– 18:50	Message from the GCC (States) Center for Infection Control	<i>Dr Ziad Memish, Saudi Arabia</i>
18:50 – 19:20	Keynote Address: Prevention of Health Care Associated Infection: <i>A Worldwide Priority</i>	<i>Prof. Didier Pittet, WHO Geneva</i>
19:20 – 19:30	Signing of the Statement	
19:30 – 19:45	Press Conference	
19:45 – 20:00	Visit: Commercial Exhibition	
20:00 – 21:30	<i>G a l a D i n n e r : C o u r t e s y G S K</i>	

Tuesday, 5th December 2006

Time	P r o g r a m m e		
07:30 - 08:30	Registration / Poster viewing / Meet the Experts		
08:30 - 10:00	Plenary Session 1		
08:30 – 09:05	Avian Influenza	<i>John Oxford, UK</i>	
09:05 – 09:40	Travel Medicine: <i>Preparing the Traveler</i>	<i>Robert Steffen, Switzerland</i>	
09:40 – 10:00	<i>P a n e l D i s c u s s i o n</i>		
10:00 – 10:30	<i>C o f f e e B r e a k & C o m m e r c i a l E x h i b i t i o n</i>		
10:30 – 12:30	Parallel Symposia 1 to 3		
	1. Paediatric Infections	2. International Health	3. Viral Hepatitis
	Update on Meningitis <i>John Bradley, USA</i>	Revised International Health Regulation <i>Max Hardimann, WHO Geneva</i>	Early Treatment of Hepatitis C <i>Mark Swain, Canada</i>
	Neonatal infections <i>Entisar Hussein, Kuwait</i>	Case Scenarios in Travel Medicine <i>Robert Steffen, Switzerland</i>	Topic to be announced <i>Bander Al Knany, Saudi Arabia</i>
	Rational Use of Drugs <i>SFU Akhter, Malaysia</i>	Epidemic Diarrhoeal Diseases <i>Claire-Lise Chaignat,</i>	Topic & Local Speaker - to be announced
	Fungal Infections <i>Ibrahim Bin Hussain, Saudi Arabia</i>	Global Surveillance <i>Zubair Hallaj, WHO EMRO</i>	
12:10 – 12:30	<i>P a n e l D i s c u s s i o n</i>	<i>P a n e l D i s c u s s i o n</i>	<i>P a n e l D i s c u s s i o n</i>

12:30 – 13:00	Poster viewing in attendance of the Presenter	
13:00 – 14:00	<i>P r a y e r & L u n c h (Courtesy Roche)</i>	
14:00 - 15:15	Plenary Session 2	
	14:00 – 14:30	Blood Borne Virus Infections in Health Care Workers <i>Nicholas Beeching, UK</i>
	14:30 – 15:00	Hand Hygiene: Individual or National Challenge <i>Didier Pittet, WHO Geneva</i>
15:00 – 15:15	<i>P a n e l D i s c u s s i o n</i>	
15:15 – 17: 15	Parallel Symposia 4 & 5	
	4. Viral Infections	5. Technical Workshop “Global Patient Safety”
	Global Polio Eradication – <i>The End Game</i> <i>Roland Sutter, WHO Geneva</i>	Hand Hygiene: WHO Tools for Promotion <i>Benedetta Allegranzi, WHO Geneva</i>
	Global Polio Eradication - <i>Role of IPV & OPV</i> <i>Clemens Vlasich, France</i>	Safe Clinical Practices <i>Meena Cherian, India</i>
	Challenges in HIV Infection <i>Nicholas Beeching, UK</i>	--- <i>Speaker & Topic to be announced</i>
	Rotavirus Infection & Vaccine <i>Alain Bouckenoghe,</i>	--- <i>Speaker & Topic to be announced</i>
16:45 – 17:05	<i>P a n e l D i s c u s s i o n</i>	<i>P a n e l D i s c u s s i o n</i>

Wednesday, 6th December 2006

Time	P r o g r a m m e		
07:30 - 08:30	Registration / Poster viewing / Meet the Experts		
08:30 - 10:00	Plenary Session 3		
	08:30 – 09:05	Antimicrobial Therapy – Past, Present & Future <i>Robert Moellering, USA</i>	
	09:05 – 09:40	Emerging Infectious Diseases <i>Thomas Ksiazek, CDC USA</i>	
09:40 – 10:00	<i>P a n e l D i s c u s s i o n</i>		
10:00 – 10:30	<i>C o f f e e B r e a k & C o m m e r c i a l E x h i b i t i o n</i>		
10:30 – 12:30	Parallel Symposia 6 to 8		
	6. Tropical Infections	7. Infections in the Immunocompromised	8. Sterilization
	New Therapies for Malaria <i>David Lalloo, UK</i>	Febrile Neutropaenia <i>Ibrahim Bin Hussein, Saudi Arabia</i>	Short Introduction of the WFHSS <i>Tony Zanette, Germany</i>
	Drug Resistance in Malaria <i>Hamza Babiker, Sudan</i>	Infections in Transplanted patients <i>Ray Smego (Oman), USA</i>	Quality Management System in CSSD <i>Cornelia Hugo, Germany</i>
	Neglected Tropical Diseases <i>Lorenzo Saviolli WHO Geneva</i>	Ventilator Associated Pneumonia <i>Feryal Al-Lawati SQUH, Oman</i>	Validation of Cleaning & Disinfection Methods -ISO 15883 <i>Tony Zanette, Germany</i>
12:10 – 12:30	Schistosomiasis in high & low Transmission Settings <i>Dirk Engles, WHO Geneva</i>		Monitoring & Controlling Reprocessing Medical Devices <i>Peter Newson, South Africa</i>
	<i>P a n e l D i s c u s s i o n</i>	<i>P a n e l D i s c u s s i o n</i>	<i>P a n e l D i s c u s s i o n</i>
12:30 – 13:00	Poster viewing in attendance of the Presenter		
13:00 – 14:00	<i>P r a y e r & L u n c h (Courtesy Roche)</i>		

14:00 – 15:15	Plenary Session 4	
	14:00 – 14:30	Management of Sepsis in the ICU <i>John Bradley, USA</i>
	14:30 – 15:00	Essential Diagnostics in Infectious Diseases <i>Paul Klastier, Nederland</i>
15:00 – 15:15	<i>P a n e l D i s c u s s i o n</i>	
15:15 – 17:15	Parallel Symposia 9 & 10	
	9. Multi-Resistant Organisms	10. Emerging & Re-emerging Infections
	Multi-Drug Resistant Gram Positive Bacteria <i>Robert Moellering, USA</i>	Tuberculosis: <i>Global Challenges</i> <i>Zubair Hallaj, WHO EMRO</i>
	ESBL in Clinical Isolates of E. coli <i>Thukral SS, India</i>	Update on Haemorrhagic Fevers <i>Thomas Ksiazek, CDC, USA</i>
	Multi-Drug Resistant Gram Negative Organisms <i>Kamal El-Hag, Oman</i>	Cerebral Infarction in Tuberculous Meningitis <i>Gujar AR, India</i>
	Overview of Resistance Profile in the Middle East <i>Atif Shibl, Saudi Arabia</i>	Infectious Disease Control in Humanitarian Emergencies <i>Maire Connolly, WHO Geneva</i>
	16:45 – 17:15	<i>P a n e l D i s c u s s i o n</i>

Thursday, 7th December 2006

Time	P r o g r a m m e	
07:30 - 08:30	Registration / Poster viewing / Meet the Experts	
08:30 - 10:00	Plenary Session 5	
	08:30 – 09:05	Health Risks at 'Haji' <i>Ziad Memish, Saudi Arabia</i>
	09:05 – 09:40	Immunizations in the 21st Century – <i>The Way Forward</i> <i>Daniele Kobl, Belgium</i>
09:40 – 10:00	<i>P a n e l D i s c u s s i o n</i>	
10:00 – 10:30	<i>C o f f e e B r e a k & C o m m e r c i a l E x h i b i t i o n</i>	
10:30 – 12:30	Parallel Symposia 11 & 12	
	11. Infection Control	12. Pneumococcal Infections
	WHO - Safe Injection Global Network (SIGN): <i>Update on Activities</i> <i>Selma Khamassi WHO Geneva</i>	Patterns of Pneumococcal Serotypes & Antibiotic Resistance <i>Atif Shibl, Saudi Arabia</i>
	Hand Hygiene Campaign in Saudi Arabia <i>Sabar Makki, Saudi Arabia</i>	Pneumococcal Infections & Vaccine <i>John Bradley, USA</i>
	Nosocomial Infection: <i>Surveillance</i> <i>Frank Mahoney, WHO EMRO</i>	
	Needle-stick Injuries & Post-exposure Nursing Practices <i>Mona Shamma, Oman</i>	Community Acquired Pneumonia: <i>GCC Guidelines</i> <i>Ziad Memish, Saudi Arabia</i>
	Nosocomial Infection: <i>Outbreak Investigation</i> <i>Maha Talaat, NAMRU, Egypt</i>	
12:10 – 12:30	<i>P a n e l D i s c u s s i o n</i>	<i>P a n e l D i s c u s s i o n</i>
12:30 >>>	GCC The Way Forward & Closing Remarks <i>Moderators: HE Dr Ali Jaffer & HE Dr Tawfiq Khoja</i>	