

NIAID Centers of Excellence for Influenza Research & Surveillance (CEIRS)

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases 3rd Annual CEIRS Network Meeting

June 23-25, 2009

University of Minnesota

Radisson University Hotel–Minneapolis 615 Washington Avenue SE, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Web link: http://www3.niaid.nih.gov/research/resources/ceirs/







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Welcome

Third Annual National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease Centers of Excellence for Influenza Research and Surveillance Network Meeting

June 23-25th, 2009 Minneapolis, Minnesota

June 22, 2009

Dear Colleague,

On behalf of the influenza program at the National Institutes of Health/National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease (NIH/NIAID/DMID) and the Minnesota Center of Excellence for Influenza Research and Surveillance (MCEIRS), welcome to the Third Annual NIH/NIAID Centers of Excellence for Influenza Research and Surveillance (CEIRS) Network Meeting at the University of Minnesota. This meeting brings together representatives of the CEIRS network, including research scientists, public health experts, government representatives, wildlife biologists and veterinarians from all over the world to exchange and discuss critical scientific information on influenza virus infection in animals in humans. The meeting will address urgent global issues pertaining to the current pandemic of novel influenza H1N1 and the current status of H5N1 infection in animals and humans. It also will focus on progress made on the basic biology of influenza viruses, emerging scientific questions and future directions of the multiyear collaborative CEIRS contracts at Emory University, Mount Sinai School of Medicine, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, the University of Minnesota, the University of California at Los Angeles, and the University of Rochester.

In the short span of the past year since the second annual CEIRS network meeting hosted at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, the unexpected that we so often talk about with regard to influenza viruses has happened; a pandemic originating in the Americas and caused by a novel H1N1 virus. This year's CEIRS network meeting comes at a challenging time as many of us are actively pursuing research efforts of H1N1 infection that was not even considered just two months ago. At the same time, we are maintaining active research portfolios involving many of the other strains of influenza virus infection in both animals and humans.

We are pleased to once again interact with the United States Department of Agriculture's AICAP network, the annual meeting of which will be held on June 21st at the University of Minnesota. We would like to thank Dr. Daniel Perez for his efforts to coordinate the two meetings.

We look forward to a wide range of presentations that will engage us in energizing and critical discussion on influenza in animal and human populations. If we've learned anything, it is that <u>all</u> influenza viruses are on the table. This meeting will enable professionals to exchange research data and ideas, while building ties with colleagues worldwide. Thank you for participating.

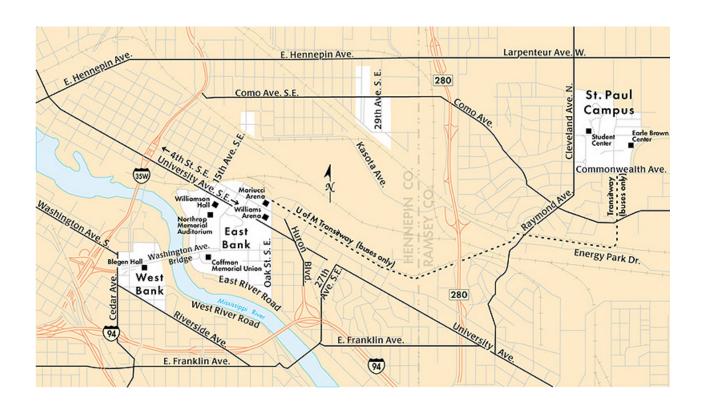
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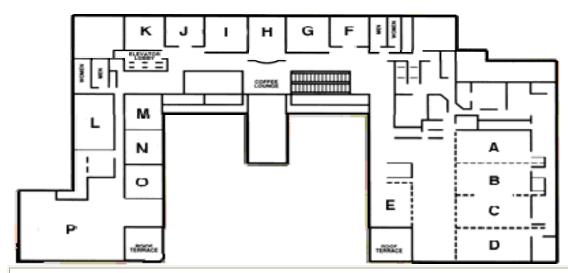
Diane Post, PhD DMID/NIAID Project Officer Michael Osterholm, PhD, MPH MCEIRS PI/Director

DIRECTIONS

Radisson University Hotel–Minneapolis on the East Bank of the UMN Twin Cities Campus 615 Washington Ave SE, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55414 http://www.radisson.com/minneapolismn_metrodome

UMN Raptor Center, 1920 Fitch Ave., St. Paul, MN 55108 St. Paul Campus http://www.raptor.cvm.umn.edu/





Radisson University Hotel—Minneapolis FLOOR PLAN FOR MEETING ROOMS, 2ND FLOOR University Ballroom

A,B,C,D	University Ballroom CEIRS presentations 6/23-6/25
	Ballroom Lobby - CEIRS Meeting Registration
E	Faculty Room - Poster Session, 6/23 and 6/24
G	Alumni Room Breakout, 6/23: Bird surveillance and epidemiologic coordination Breakout, 6/24: Immunology: coordination of 2009 H1N1 activities
Н	Regents Room Breakout, 6/23: Human and other mammalian surveillance (including 2009 H1N1) Breakout, 6/24: Next generation sequencing for influenza viruses
I	Presidents Room Breakout, 6/23: BioHealthBase demonstration Breakout, 6/24: BioHealthBase demonstration
L	Nolte Room Breakout, 6/23: 2009 H1N1 animal/experimental coordination Breakout, 6/24: Surveillance sampling and cross center testing
Р	Hubert H. Humphrey Ballroom AICAP Presentations, Monday, 6/22 CEIRS Lunch 6/23, 6/24, and 6/25 Keynote Dinner, Tuesday, 6/23

PROGRAM SUMMARY

5th Annual AICAP Meeting & **3rd Annual CEIRS Network Meeting** University of Minnesota, Radisson University Hotel, 2nd floor meeting rooms

Monday, June 22	5 th Annual AICAP meeting	8:15-8:30 pm
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	Tour of UMN Raptor Center, St Paul	5:00-8:30 pm
	campus (open house)	Board buses at Radisson
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Tuesday, June 23	3 rd Annual CEIRS Network Meeting	7:30 am Breakfast, Sign-in
,		8:30 am Welcome
		University Ballroom
	Session 1: 2009 H1N1 Outbreak	8:45–11:20 am
	Response	University Ballroom
	Lunch	11:20–12:30 pm
	H1N1, the Media and You	Humphrey Ballroom
	Joanne Silberner, NPR	
	Session 2: Current 2009 H1N1 Studies	12:30–2:20 pm
		University Ballroom
	Breakout Sessions	2:20-3:30 pm
		Alumni, Regents, Presidents,
		and Nolte Rooms
	Q&A with NIAID Program and Contract	3:30-3:50 pm
	Staff	Presidents Room
	Session 3: Global H5N1 Studies	3:50-5:05 pm
		University Ballroom
	Poster Session	5:05–6:30 pm
		Faculty Room
	Keynote Dinner	6:30 pm
	Robert Webster, St Jude	Humphrey Ballroom
Wednesday, June 24	3 rd Annual CEIRS Network Meeting	7:30 am Breakfast
		8:25 am Introduction
		University Ballroom
	Session 4: Ecological Issues in Wild	8:35–10:30 am
	Bird Surveillance	University Ballroom
	Break	10:30–10:50 am
	Session 5: Antigenic and Genetic	10:50–12:00 pm
	Characterizations of Influenza	University Ballroom
	Viruses	
	Lunch	12:00–1:15 pm
	BioHealthBase Update	Humphrey Ballroom
	Session 5, continued	1:15–2:15 pm
		University Ballroom

	Breakout Sessions	2:15–3:15 pm
		Alumni, Regents, Presidents,
		and Nolte Rooms
	Q&A with NIAID Program and Contract	3:15–3:35 pm
	Staff	Presidents Room
	Session 6: Influenza Viral	3:35-5:10 pm
	Transmission in Animal Models	University Ballroom
	Poster Session	5:15-6:00 pm
		Faculty Room
	Dinner cruise on Lake Minnetonka	6 pm
		Board buses at Radisson west
		side door
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Additional Scheduled Meetings:

CEIRS Data Managers: Thursday, June 25 (8:35 am – 12:30 pm), Presidents Room

CEIRS Network Executive Committee: Wed. June 24, 12–1:15 pm (lunch), Coffman Room

EVENT SCHEDULE

Monday, June 22, 5-8:30 pm

Tour of the University of Minnesota Raptor Center

1920 Fitch Ave., St. Paul, MN 55108

http://www.raptor.cvm.umn.edu/

Buses will run continuously between the Radisson University Hotel, front entrance, and the Raptor Center for this open house between 5 and 8:30 pm. Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Pat Redig will give a brief presentation at 6:15 pm.

Tuesday, June 23, 11:20 am to 12:30 pm, Humphrey Ballroom

Lunch

Introduction: Michael Osterholm, University of Minnesota (MCEIRS)

Guest speaker: Joanne Silberner, Health Policy Correspondent, National Public Radio

H1N1, the Media, and You

Tuesday, June 23, 5:05-6:30 pm, Faculty Room CEIRS Poster Session (*cash bar*)

Tuesday, June 23, 6:30 pm, Humphrey Ballroom

Dinner with Keynote Speaker: **Robert Webster**, St Jude Children's Research Hospital (St Jude CEIRS) (*preregistration required*)

Wednesday, June 24, 12-1:15 pm, Humphrey Ballroom **Lunch with special 10-minute update on BioHealthBase**Richard Scheuermann, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

Wednesday, June 24, 5:15-6:00 pm, Faculty Room CEIRS Poster Session (*cash bar*)

Wednesday, June 24, 6:00 pm

Dinner and Boat Cruise on Lake Minnetonka

Load buses at the west side entrance of the Radisson University Hotel (preregistration required).



3rd Annual CEIRS Network Meeting

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University of Minnesota, Radisson University Hotel–Minneapolis 615 Washington Avenue S.E., Minneapolis, Minnesota 55414

AGENDA

Monday, June 22, 5:00 - 8:30 pm

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DAY 1 • TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2009

7:30-8:30 Sign-in material pick-up and breakfast

8:30-8:45 Welcome and introductions

Michael Osterholm, University of Minnesota (MCEIRS)
Diane Post, CEIRS Project Officer, RDB/DMID/NIAID/NIH

SESSION #1 - 2009 H1N1 Outbreak Response

Co-Moderators: Nancy Cox and Michael Osterholm		
8:45-9:15	Epidemiology of the 2009 H1N1 outbreak Nancy Cox, Influenza Division, NCIRD/CDC	
9:15-9:45	Research questions to be answered for the 2009 H1N1 virus Robert Webster , St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (St. Jude CEIRS)	
9:45-10:15	2009 H1N1 vaccine development Robin Robinson, OASPR/DHHS	
10:15-10:30	Break	
10:30–11:00	H1N1 clinical research response and immunological questions John Treanor, University of Rochester (NYICE)	

- 11:00-11:15 Summary and discussion of Session #1
- 11:20-12:30 *Lunch* Humphrey Ballroom

H1N1, the Media and You

Guest Speaker: Joanne Silberner, Health Policy Correspondent, National Public

Radio

Introduction: Michael Osterholm

SESSION #2 - Current 2009 H1N1 Studies

Co-Moderators: Irene Glowinski and Diane Post

12:30-12:40 Introduction to the session: current and planned CEIRS studies

Diane Post, RDB/DMID/NIAID/NIH

12:40-1:00 H1N1 animal experimental studies at CRIP

Adolfo Garcia-Sastre, Mt. Sinai School of Medicine (CRIP)

1:00-1:20 Stability of H1N1 in the environment

David Stallknecht, University of Georgia (MCEIRS)

1:20-1:40 H1N1 phylogenetic studies

Gavin Smith, University of Hong Kong (St. Jude CEIRS)

1:40-2:00 Experimental infection of swine with 2009 H1N1

Amy Vincent, USDA (St. Jude CEIRS)

- 2:00-2:20 Summary and discussion of Session #2
- 2:20-3:30 BREAKOUT SESSIONS
 - Bird surveillance and epidemiologic coordination (Alumni Room) Chair: David Stallknecht
 - Human and other mammalian surveillance, including 2009 H1N1 (Regents Room) – Chair: Richard Webby
 - 2009 H1N1 animal/experimental coordination (Nolte Room) Chair: Ron Fouchier
 - BioHealthBase demonstration (Presidents Room) Chair: Richard Scheuermann
- 3:30-3:50 Break Q&A with NIAID Program and Contract Staff (Presidents Room)

SESSION #3 - Global H5N1 Studies

Co-Moderators: Malik Peiris and David Suarez

3:50-4:05 Introduction to the session: current global H5N1 situation

Malik Peiris, University of Hong Kong (St. Jude CEIRS)

4:05-4:25 Multiple introductions, multiple problems: H5N1 in Lao PDR

	David Boltz , St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (St. Jude CEIRS)
4:25-4:45	The continuing threat of H5N1 in Thailand Alongkorn Amonsin, Chulalongkorn University (MCEIRS)
4:45-5:05	Summary and discussion of Session #3
5:05-6:30	POSTER SESSION – Faculty Room (cash bar)
6:30	Dinner (Humphrey Ballroom) – preregistration required Keynote speaker: Dr. Robert Webster , St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

DAY 2 • WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2009

7:30-8:25 Sign-in, material pick-up and breakfast

Co-Moderators: Carol Cardona and David Stallknecht

8:25-8:35 Welcome and housekeeping

SESSION #4 – Ecological Issues in Wild Bird Surveillance

8:35-8:50	Introduction to the session - questions to be addressed in the field

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	David Stallknecht, University of Georgia (MCEIRS)

8:50-9:10 Al findings from the Mississippi Flyway

Richard Slemons, Ohio State University (MCEIRS)

9:10-9:30 Characterization of viruses isolated from wild birds in Hong Kong

Justin Bahl, University of Hong Kong (St. Jude CEIRS)

9:30-9:50 Ecological studies on AI in wild birds in Northern Europe

Vincent Munster, Erasmus Medical Center (CRIP)

9:50-10:10 Serologic testing to develop effective strategies for wild bird surveillance

Justin Brown, University of Georgia (MCEIRS)

10:10-10:30 Summary and discussion of Session #4

10:30-10:50 *Break*

SESSION #5 – Antigenic and Genetic Characterizations of Influenza Viruses

Co-Moderators: Mark Tompkins and Ron Fouchier

10:50-11:00	Introduction to the session - questions to be addressed in the fie	ble
	Ron Fouchier, Erasmus Medical Center (CRIP)	

11:00-11:20 Evidence of interspecies transmission of triple reassortant H3N2 swine influenza virus to waterfowl

Srinand Sreevatsan, University of Minnesota (MCEIRS)

11:20-11:40 Molecular characterization of human and animal recombinant influenza A viruses originating from 1956-2007

Emmie de Wit, Erasmus Medical Center (CRIP)

11:40-12:00 Continuing endemic and evolution of H5N1 influenza virus in southern China:

persistent pandemic threat

Guan Yi, University of Hong Kong (St. Jude CEIRS)

12:00-1:15 *Lunch (Humphrey Ballroom)*

Special 10-minute update: newest features of BioHealthBase

Richard Scheuermann, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

CEIRS Network Executive Committee Working Lunch

- 1:15-1:35 Molecular basis for antigenic variation of H5 viruses **Ron Fouchier**, Erasmus Medical College (CRIP)
- 1:35-1:55 Mapping the antigenic drift of H5N1 influenza viruses using panel of monoclonal antibodies implications for selecting vaccine candidates for pandemic influenza **Honglin Chen**, University of Hong Kong (St. Jude CEIRS)
- 1:55-2:15 Summary and discussion of Session #5

2:15-3:15 **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

- Next generation sequencing for influenza viruses (Regents Room) Chair: Maria Giovanni
- Immunology: coordination of 2009 H1N1 activities (Alumni Room) Chair: David Topham
- Surveillance sampling and cross-center testing (Nolte Room) Chair: Carol Cardona
- BioHealthBase demonstration (Presidents Room) Chair: Richard Scheuermann
- 3:15-3:35 Break Q&A with NIAID Program and Contract Staff (Presidents Room)

SESSION #6 – Influenza Viral Transmission in Animal Models

Co-Moderators: Robert Webster and Peter Palese		
3:35-3:45	Introduction to the session – questions to be addressed in the field Peter Palese , Mt. Sinai School of Medicine (CRIP)	
3:45-4:05	Molecular constraints in the interspecies transmission of H9N2 influenza Daniel Perez , University of Maryland, College Park (CRIP)	
4:05-4:25	Interspecies transmissibility of H5 AI virus strains and surveillance in feral cats Mark Tompkins , University of Georgia (IPIRC)	
4:25-4:45	Blocking transmission of influenza viruses by vaccines or antivirals in the guinea pig system Anice Lowen, Mt. Sinai School of Medicine (CRIP)	
4:45-5:10	Summary and discussion of Session #6	
5:15-6:00	POSTER SESSION – Faculty Room (cash bar)	
6:00 pm 6:15 pm	Board buses from the Radisson west door for the dinner cruise on Lake Minnetonka (preregistration required) Buses depart for dinner cruise on Lake Minnetonka	

DAY 3 • THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2009

7:30-8:25 *Breakfast* 8:25-8:35 Welcome and housekeeping

9:45-10:00

8:35-12:30 Concurrent data manager breakout session

SESSION #7 – Influenza Receptor Binding and Fusion

SESSION #8 - Influenza Pathogenesis and Host Responses

Summary and discussion of Session #7

Co-Moderators: Richard Webby and Adolfo Garcia-Sastre
10:00-10:10 Introduction to the session - questions to be addressed in the field Adolfo Garcia-Sastre, Mt. Sinai School of Medicine (CRIP)
10:10-10:30 Coexistence of oseltamivir-sensitive and resistant H5N1 influenza viruses in a ferret model Elena Govorkova, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (St. Jude CEIRS)
10:30-10:50 Break
10:50-11:10 Role of polymerase in host adaptation of influenza A viruses Toru Takimoto, University of Rochester (NYICE)
11:10-11:30 Influenza A virus NS1 targets the ubiquitin ligase TRIM25 to evade recognition by RIG-I Randy Albrecht, Mt. Sinai School of Medicine (CRIP)
11:30-11:50 Comparing host responses to H5N1 and seasonal influenza viruses in vitro Malik Peiris, University of Hong Kong

SESSION #9 - Immune Responses to Influenza Infection and Vaccination

Co-Moderators: **David Topham** and **Paul Thomas** 1:25-1:35 Introduction to the session - questions to be addressed in the field David Topham, University of Rochester (NYICE) 1:35-1:55 B-cell responses to H5N1 vaccine Jens Wrammert, Emory University (IPIRC) 1:55-2:15 Activation of human dendritic cells by influenza virus with different receptor specificities: a new viral recognition strategy by immune cells? Ana Fernandez-Sesma, Mt. Sinai School of Medicine (CRIP) 2:15-2:35 Redemption from original antigenic sin Joshy Jacob, Emory University (IPIRC) 2:35-2:55 Break 2:55-3:15 Specificity of HLA-DR1-restricted CD4 T cells elicited in the primary response to infection with a vaccine strain of H1N1 influenza **Andrea Sant**, University of Rochester (NYICE) TNF/iNOS-producing dendritic cells—the necessary evil of lethal influenza virus 3:15-3:35 Jerry Aldridge, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (St. Jude CEIRS) 3:35-3:50 Summary and discussion of Session #9 3:50-4:20 Breakout session highlights 4:20-4:40 Program highlights and concluding remarks Michael Osterholm, University of Minnesota (MCEIRS) Diane Post, RDB/DMID/NIAID/NIH 4:40 Adjourn

BREAKOUT SESSION AGENDA

Bird Surveillance and Epidemiologic Coordination

Chair: David Stallknecht, University of Georgia

Tuesday, June 23, 2:20-3:30 pm

Alumni Room

Maintaining and maximizing relevance

Primary objectives of the surveillance efforts are to:

- a) Obtain representative type-A influenza viruses to support experimental and genomic sequencing efforts;
- b) Provide field data to better define the epidemiology and natural history of these viruses; and
- c) Provide field data to better understand the risk of transmission across animal and animal/human interfaces.

Field isolates

- Are the numbers of isolates being obtained from birds adequate to clearly define the avian reservoirs?
- How do we decide which isolates to sequence?
- Is global coverage adequate?
- Are isolates from captive/domestic birds adequately represented?

Epidemiology and natural history

- Are the minimum data fields adequate for these studies?
- Do we need a detailed "site description" for our study sites (wild, captive, and domestic)?
- What are the most important gaps in our understanding of the natural history?
- What are the most important gaps in our understanding of the bird/domestic animal/human interface?
- What do we need to evaluate to improve surveillance efficiency?

Risk: predictive value

- Can we effectively map expected AIV prevalence in wild birds with what we know NOW?
- Can effective risk maps based on wild bird/domestic animal interfaces be made NOW?
- What additional information do we need to define risk?

Coordination and collaboration (between Centers)

- Can any or all of the above be improved through some collaborative efforts (which ones)?
- Do we need to officially "organize" this into some larger projects?
- Are there other types of studies that are needed (e.g., pathogenesis) to improve perspective on any or all of the above?

BREAKOUT SESSION AGENDA

Next Generation Sequencing for Influenza Viruses: Lessons Learned and Strategies for the Future

Chair: Maria Giovanni, NIAID

Wednesday, June 24, 2:15-3:15 pm

Regents Room

2:15 pm 5-10 min	Welcome and Overview: NIAID Influenza Genome Sequencing Project Maria Y. Giovanni, PhD, NIAID
2:25 pm	454 Sequencing Influenza Viruses
10 min	Srinand Sreevatsan, PhD, University of Minnesota
2:35 pm	454 Sequencing Influenza Viruses
10 min	David Spiro, PhD, J. Craig Venter Institute
2:45 pm	Next Generation Sequencing for Viruses
10 min	Niall Lennon, PhD, The Broad Institute
2:55 pm 20 min	Panel Discussion/Questions and Answers
3:15 pm	Adjournment

BREAKOUT SESSION AGENDA

Meeting of the CEIRS Data Managers Chair: Valentina Di Francesco, NIAID

Thursday, June 25, 8:30am - 12:30pm

Presidents Room

8:30am-10:30am	Presentations from all CEIRS – Focus on best practices for data handling and data processing workflows
8:30am-8:50am	Julie Ostrowsky and Alain Duchene (MCEIRS)
8:50am-9:10am	Jerry Parker (St. Jude) "Submission of surveillance data to BHB". The talk will focus on current submission practices and the need for planning for future submission practices.
9:10am-9:30am	Jingming Ma (Rochester)
9:30am-9:50am	Eric Bortz (Mt. Sinai)
9:50am-10:10am	Andi Plotsky (Emory)
10:10-10:30am	Discussion
10:30am-10:50am	Break
10:50am-11:00am	Eric Bortz (Mt Sinai): "Passage Nomenclature"
11:am-11:30am	BHB "Prototype interface to upload virus characterization data into BHB"
11:30am-12:00pm	Discussion, next steps and closing remarks

CEIRS CENTER OVERVIEWS

St. Jude Center of Excellence for Influenza Research and Surveillance Lead Institution: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital PI: Robert Webster, PhD

The overarching goals of the Center of Excellence for Influenza Research and Surveillance (CEIRS) at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and its subcontract partners (Hong Kong U, Kansas State, NADC, USDA, NRC Egypt) is to be prepared to detect and control the emergence of novel influenza viruses that are a threat to both the human and animal populations of the world. While the focus has been on continued evolution of the highly pathogenic Asian H5N1 virus in Asia, our aim is to have a global network for early detection of all influenza viruses. Thus, our current focus is on the newly emerged H1N1 virus of swine lineage. Currently, St. Jude CEIRS animal surveillance spans to more than a dozen countries and multiple U.S. States. In addition, St. Jude also monitors pediatric populations for flu activity and maintain a surveillance component to monitor for evidence of the reemergence of the severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS). Our research is aimed at: indentifying viral markers that may indicate how a virus becomes deadly, adapts and transmits infection; uncovering immune system mechanisms that protect against the H1N1 avian flu virus; and indentifying the factors that make animals and people susceptible to flu virus infection. On the practical level we continue to prepare reagents for research and vaccine standardization as well as characterizing the susceptibility of all emerging viruses to the current and future anti-viral strategies. In response to the continuing evolution of influenza viruses and St. Jude's position as one of five World Health Organization Collaborating Centers, efforts continue to prepare seed stocks suitable for vaccines for human and lower animals.

New York Influenza Center of Excellence (NYICE) Lead Institution: University of Rochester

PI: John Treanor, MD

The New York Influenza Center of Excellence (NYICE) is one of six Centers of Excellence in Influenza Research and Surveillance (CEIRS) funded by the NIH in April 2007. Research activities of NYICE are focused on studies of the pathogenesis and host response of avian and human influenza viruses. Three projects provide a comprehensive assessment of the immune response to influenza in humans and in animal models, and attempt to identify cross-reactive responses that might provide the theoretical underpinnings for broadly protective vaccines. Two other projects evaluate the mechanisms of host range specific replication for influenza viruses by assessing the structural differences in the hemagglutinin and polymerase protein complexes that impact replication efficiency in avian and mammalian cell culture and animal models. These projects are supported by a clinical core that organizes and carries out studies of the response to infection and vaccination in selected human populations. A sample handling core organizes, stores, and distributes samples collected in these clinical studies, and a data management core provides a web-based solution for data storage and data sharing.

Website: http://www.urmc.rochester.edu/nyice/

Center for Research on Influenza Pathogenesis (CRIP) Lead Institution: Mount Sinai School of Medicine PI: Adolfo García-Sastre, PhD

CRIP received funding from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases as one of six NIAID Centers of Excellence for Influenza Research and Surveillance (CEIRS). CRIP is dedicated to understanding influenza by conducting novel collaborative research into virus pathogenesis, host restriction, transmission, evolution and host adaptation, interactions between influenza virus proteins and gene segments, evasion of immunity, and induction of host responses. Through this research program, scientists at CRIP will promote better understanding of the host range of influenza viruses and the molecular and immunological factors leading to pandemic flu. Led by Principal Investigator, Dr. Adolfo García-Sastre, CRIP is comprised of individual project leaders, Dr. Peter Palese, Mount Sinai School of Medicine; Dr. Ron Fouchier, Erasmus Medical Center (The Netherlands); Dr. Daniel Perez, University of Maryland; and Dr. Yoshi Kawaoka, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Dr. García-Sastre leads Project 1 - "Contribution of NS1 to Pathogenicity and Evasion of Innate Immunity." Dr. Palese leads Project 2 - "Pathogenicity Factors Encoded by the Influenza Virus Polymerase Genes." Dr. Fouchier leads Project 3 - "Pandemic flu; Host Adaptation of Influenza A Virus." Dr. Perez leads Project 4 – "Molecular Determinants of Adaptation of Influenza Viruses to Domestic Birds and their Effect on Interspecies Transmission." CRIP also has a pilot program research component over 6 years for 4 individual pilot projects. Dr. Ana Fernandez-Sesma leads the first project, "Activation of Human Dendritic Cells by Influenza Virus with Different Receptor Specificities: A New Viral Recognition Strategy by Immune Cells?" CRIP is also engaged in avian influenza surveillance. In order to coordinate surveillance and research activities associated with surveillance, Drs. Perez and Fouchier share oversight responsibilities in all matters related to surveillance activities in the CRIP network. Dr. Fouchier has ample experience in coordinating influenza virus surveillance activities in several parts of the world, including Europe and Asia, and Dr. Perez has established collaborations with several groups in Central and South America and in Central Asia for influenza virus surveillance. In addition, Dr. Kawaoka conducts an influenza virus surveillance program in Vietnam, one of the most interesting countries with respect to H5N1 influenza virus infections and evolution. In addition to the surveillance activities, research activities are conducted with representative isolated strains obtained from the CRIP surveillance sites.

Website:

http://www.mountsinai.org/Research/Centers%20Laboratories%20and%20Programs/Center%20for%20Research%20on%20Influenza%20Pathogenesis

Influenza Pathogenesis & Immunology Research Center (IPIRC) Lead Institution: Emory University

PI: Richard Compans, PhD

The Influenza Pathogenesis & Immunology Research Center (IPIRC) is one of six national Influenza Centers of Excellence funded by NIH/NIAID. The goals of the Center are to determine

the molecular, ecologic, and/or environmental factors that influence the evolution, emergence, transmission, and pathogenicity of influenza viruses, including studies on animal influenza viruses with pandemic potential; and to characterize the immune response to influenza vaccination to improve understanding of the immune correlates of protection and cross-protection. The Center's structure is comprised of four research projects, two pilot projects, and two training slots. The scope of the Center's focus includes planning for pandemic influenza and sharing data with other scientists in order to promote collaboration and lay the groundwork for new and improved methods of controlling influenza virus. In the event of a public health emergency involving the emergence and spread of an influenza pandemic in humans, the Network of Centers will be on the frontline to implement the NIAID Pandemic Public Health Research Response Plan.

Website: http://www.microbiology.emory.edu/ipirc/faculty.html

Minnesota Center of Excellence for Influenza Research & Surveillance (MCEIRS) Lead Institution: University of Minnesota

PI: Michael Osterholm, PhD, MPH

Established by NIH in April 2007, the Minnesota Center of Excellence for Influenza Research and Surveillance (MCEIRS) focuses on the detection, epidemiology, ecology, and transmission of influenza A viruses. The overall goal is to enhance understanding of how influenza viruses evolve, adapt, and spread among animal populations and from animals to humans. As an international, collaborative research center drawing on a wide range of technical expertise, MCEIRS also serves as a high-level scientific resource in the event of a public health emergency involving the emergence and transmission of pandemic influenza or high pathogenic influenza virus. The central components of MCEIRS' program are surveillance, detection, virus isolation, genetic analysis, ecological assessment, outbreak investigation, experimental research on the pathogenesis and transmission of influenza viruses, and development of domestic and international capacity-building education and training programs. MCEIRS' surveillance initiatives underway in North America, Central America, Southeast Asia, and East Africa are aimed at identifying and analyzing influenza viruses in wild birds, poultry, swine, and humans at high risk of infection through close contact with animals.

Center for Rapid Influenza Surveillance and Research (CRISAR) Lead Institution: University of California, Los Angeles PI: Scott Layne, MD

Under the leadership of Principal Investigator Scott Layne, investigators at the Center for Rapid Influenza Surveillance and Research (CRISAR) monitor animal influenza internationally and in the states of Alaska, Washington and California. They will also maintain a high-throughput laboratory network capable of providing real-time information about circulating influenza virus strains and antiviral drug resistance, information that will be most critical during the early stages of an influenza pandemic.

POSTER SESSION

Posters will be presented in the Faculty Room Tuesday, June 23, 5:05-6:30 pm and Wednesday, June 24, 5:15-6:00 pm

#	Lead	Affiliation	CEIRS	Title
1	Eric Bortz	Mt Sinai	CRIP	A cellular network regulating the influenza H5N1 polymerase
2	Nicole Bouvier	Mt Sinai	CRIP	An oseltamivir-resistant influenza A/H1N1 virus transmits more efficiently among Guinea pigs than does a similar oseltamivirsensitive isolate
3	Gina Conenello	Mt Sinai	CRIP	PB1-F2 increases virulence independent of apoptosis
4	John Steel	Mt Sinai	CRIP	VN1203 NS1 tail doesn't increase virulence in PR8 background
5	Silke Stertz	Mt Sinai	CRIP	Influenza virus polymerase-specific monoclonal antibodies
6	Justin Bahl	St Jude	St Jude	The continued evolution of influenza A virus in Asian swine
7	Adrianus Boon	St Jude	St Jude	Genetic variation among inbred mouse strains affects survival after H5N1 infection
8	Vasily Evseenko	St Jude	St Jude	Avian influenza surveillance in Danube delta region
9	Ghazi Kayali	St Jude	St Jude	Human studies of avian influenza in the Middle East
10	Jeong-Ki Kim	St Jude	St Jude	Characterization of the pathogenicity and transmissibility of H5N1 viruses from Lao PDR in various hosts
11	Chwan-Chuen King	National Taiwan U.	St Jude	Molecular changes of Taiwan's LPAI H5N2 viruses from ducks
12	Henju Marjuki	St Jude	St Jude	Isolation of H5N1 from Saker Falcons in the Middle East
13	Olive TW Li and Leo LM Poon	Univ. of Hong Kong	St Jude	Possible role of chimeric polymerase for virus adaptation
14	Charles Russell	St Jude	St Jude	HA protein fusogenicity in H5N1 disease and transmission
15	Paul Thomas	St Jude	St Jude	NLRP3 mediates key innate and healing responses to influenza
16	Ramakrishnan Muthannan Andavar	UMN	MCEIRS	Pyrosequencing
17	Ramakrishnan Muthannan Andavar	UMN	MCEIRS	Interspecies transmission
18	Amanda Beaudoin	UMN	MCEIRS	Survey of swine workers for exposure to H2N3 swine influenza
19	Yogesh Chander	UMN	MCEIRS	Amplification of four genes of influenza A viruses

20	Cesar Corzo	UMN	MCEIRS	Regional occurrence of influenza in turkeys and pigs in Minnesota
21	Anthony Fries	OSU	MCEIRS	Feasibility of sourcing methods for AIV infected mallards
22	Jennifer Nayak	UR	NYICE	CD4 T cell specificity following primary influenza infection
23	Longping Victor Tse	Cornell	NYICE	HA cleavage site mutation control infection, spread of WSN
24	Jonathan Runstadler	UAF	CRISAR	Mx gene diversity among five wild duck species
25	Jonathan Runstadler	UAF	CRISAR	Investigating the ecology of influenza at northern latitudes
26	George Happ	UAF	CRISAR	Pacific Rim surveillance
27	Falk Huettmann	UAF	CRISAR	Entering the digital side of the lab: avian influenza predictions for the Pacific Rim and beyond

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