



## **Influenza Specialist Group Scientific Conference 2007**

**25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> February 2007**

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### **Day One: Sunday 25 February 2007**

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| 5.20pm | <b>Welcome and introduction to ISG 2007</b>   | Assoc Prof Lou Irving<br>(Chairman)       |
| 5.30pm | <b>Antivirals – an overview of NIs</b>  | Prof Arnold S Monto                       |
|        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Prof Arnold S Monto is Professor of Epidemiology at the University of Michigan, School of Public Health, USA</li></ul>  |   |
| 8.00pm | <b>Non-prescription NIs in New Zealand</b>  | Dr Lance Jennings                         |
|        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Dr Lance Jennings is a Clinical Virologist at the Canterbury Health Laboratories in Christchurch, New Zealand</li></ul>   |   |
| 8.15pm | <b>Non-prescription NIs - pros and cons</b>   | Dr Dominic Dwyer and Prof Peter Collignon |
|        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Dr Dominic Dwyer is Medical Virologist at the Centre for Infectious Diseases and Microbiology Laboratory Services at the Westmead Hospital.</li><li>▪ Prof Collignon is an Infectious Diseases Physician and Microbiologist at the Canberra Hospital.</li></ul> |   |
| 9.15pm | <b>NIs in the elderly – rapid use of NIs in secondary care settings</b>   | Prof Robert Booy                          |
|        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Prof Robert Booy is the Co-Director for the National Centre for Immunisation Research and Surveillance of Vaccine Preventable Diseases (NCIRS).</li></ul>   |   |
| 9.45pm | <b>Summary and overview</b>   | Prof Lou Irving                           |
| 9.50pm | <b>Close</b>  |   |



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### **Day Two: Monday 26 February 2007**

- 9.00am      **Welcome and introduction**      Prof Lou Irving (Chairman)
- 9.15am      **Seasonal influenza update**      Prof Anne Kelso and Dr Ian Barr
- Prof Anne Kelso is the Director of the WHO Collaborating Centre for Reference and Research on Influenza.
  - Dr Ian Barr is the Deputy Director of the WHO Collaborating Centre for Reference and Research on Influenza.
- 10.00am      **Pandemic influenza – Australia’s preparedness**      Dr Julie Hall
- Dr Julie Hall is the Principal Medical Advisor at the Department of Health and Ageing Office of Health Protection.
- 11.20am      **Update on pandemic vaccine development**      Prof Terry Nolan
- Prof Terry Nolan is the Chair of the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI).
- 11.50am      **Paediatric vaccination – review of evidence for universal influenza vaccination among 6-23 months cohort**      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.
- 1.20pm      **Jefferson BMJ (2006) publication – effectiveness of current influenza vaccination programs**      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
- 2.25pm      **Excess deaths and hospitalisations due to influenza in Australia**      Anthony Newell
- Anthony Newell is a PHD student at the National Centre for Immunisation Research & Surveillance of Vaccine Preventable Diseases (NCIRS).

2.45pm      **Widening existing influenza vaccination funding arrangements – preliminary results from the ISG Health Economic Study**      Anthony Newell

- Dr Anthony Newell, is a lecturer in health economics at the School of Public Health and Community Medicine at the University of NSW

3.25pm      **NICS healthcare worker vaccination research**      Dr Jan Davies

- Dr Jan Davies is the Executive Officer of the National Institute of Clinical Studies (NICS).

3.45pm      **Vaccination of healthcare workers – update form NSW.**      Sue Campbell-Lloyd

- Sue Campbell-Lloyd is the Manager of Immunisation for the AIDS/Infectious Diseases Branch, Department of Health (NSW).

4.05pm      **Award winning workplace influenza immunisation program**      Dr Kristen Baulch

- Dr Kristen Baulch is founder and Managing Director of Medimobile, an award-winning business that offers quality workplace influenza vaccinations to businesses in every Australian State and Territory.

5.15pm      **Summary / overview**      Prof Lou Irving (Chairman)

5.20pm      **Close**