



**Influenza Specialist Group**

## **2014 Program**

**Annual Scientific Meeting**

**2 & 3 February 2014**

**Park Royal Hotel – Melbourne Airport**

**Day One: Sunday 2 February 2014**  
**Macedon Room**

- 5.00pm      **Welcome and introduction**  
Prof Lou Irving – Meeting Chair  
*Director of Respiratory Medicine, Melbourne Health*
- 5.10pm      **Flu epidemiology update**  
Dr Ian Barr  
*Deputy Director, WHO Collaborating Centre for Reference & Research on Influenza, Melbourne*
- 5.35pm      **Update on antivirals & other therapeutic approaches**  
Dr Aeron Hurt  
*Senior Research Scientist & Head of Anti-viral Sensitivity Analysis, WHO Collaborating Centre for Reference & Research on Influenza, Melbourne*
- 6.20pm      **Hospital surveillance & reporting network**  
A/Prof Allen Cheng  
*Infectious Diseases & Epidemiology, Monash University & Deputy Head of the Infection Prevention and Healthcare Epidemiology Unit at Alfred Health*
- 7.20pm      **Update on pandemic threats (H7N9 and MERS-CoV)**  
A/Prof Ian Mackay  
*Qpid Laboratory, SASVRC, QCMRI, The University of Queensland*
- 8.20pm      **An Expedition to the Antarctic (did you know that penguins flu?)**  
Dr Aeron Hurt  
*Senior Research Scientist & Head of Anti-viral Sensitivity Analysis, WHO Collaborating Centre for Reference & Research on Influenza, Melbourne*
- 8.40pm      **Summary and overview**  
Professor Lou Irving
- 8.50pm      **Close**

**Day Two: Monday 3 February 2014**  
**Victoria Ballroom**

8.50am **Welcome and introduction**  
Prof Lou Irving – Meeting Chair  
*Director of Respiratory Medicine, Melbourne Health*

**Session 1: Influenza Vaccines, one size fits all or horses for courses?**

9.00am **New/novel vaccines in late development stages and what is registered and about to be registered in Australia**  
Dr Gary Grohmann  
*Director Immunobiology, Office of Laboratories & Scientific Services, Monitoring & Compliance Group, Therapeutic Goods Administration; Adjunct A/Professor, Immunology & Infectious Diseases, Faculty of Medicine, Central Clinical School, University of Sydney*

9.30am **Influenza B - how serious is it?**  
Dr Sue Huang  
*Director, WHO National Influenza Centre (NIC), New Zealand*

10.00am **Influenza vaccines in children – past, present and future**  
Dr Chris Blyth  
*Paediatric Infectious Diseases Physician and Clinical Microbiologist, School of Paediatrics and Child Health (SPACH), University of Western Australia*

11.00am **TIV in children: Untoward reactions**  
Ms Marlena Kaczmarek  
*Sidney Myer PhD Scholar, The Queensland Children's Medical Research Institute (QCMRI) & School of Population Health, The University of Queensland, Victorian Infectious Diseases Reference Laboratory (VIDRL)*

11.25am **Safety monitoring of seasonal influenza vaccines after the Horvath Review**  
Dr Bronwen Harvey<sup>1</sup> and Ms Julianne Quaine<sup>2</sup>  
*1. Head, Signal Investigation (Medicines), Unit Office of Product Review, Therapeutic Goods Administration*  
*2. Assistant Secretary, Immunisation Branch, Australian Government Department of Health*

**Is there a place for LAIV, QIV and other differentiated vaccines and who needs them most?**

11.45am **Background overview of alternative vaccines (LAIV, adjuvants, ID vaccines)**  
Dr Alan Hampson, *Chairman, ISG*

12.05pm **Panel and open discussion**  
Discussion Chair: **Dr Alan Hampson**  
Panel:

- **Dr Nigel Crawford**, *Medical Head of Immunisation Services, Royal Children's Hospital; Deputy Director, SAEFVIC, Murdoch Children's Research Institute*
- **Dr Gary Grohmann**, *Director Immunobiology, Office of Laboratories & Scientific Services, Monitoring & Compliance Group, Therapeutic Goods Administration; Adjunct A/Professor, Immunology & Infectious Diseases, Faculty of Medicine, Central Clinical School, University of Sydney*
- **Prof Raina MacIntyre**, *Head of the School of Public Health and Community Medicine, University of NSW, ISG Director*
- **Prof Terry Nolan**, *Head, Melbourne School of Population and Global Health, The University of Melbourne*

## **Session 2: Barriers to more effective vaccination workshop**

2.05pm **Parental attitudes to influenza and influenza vaccination**

Ms Catherine King

*PhD candidate, Sydney Medical School, University of Sydney;  
Information Manager, NCIRS*

2.25pm **Accessibility barriers**

Ms Susanne Sperber<sup>1</sup> and Dr Rod Pearce<sup>2</sup>

*1. ISG Communications Specialist 2. AM, Adelaide and country GP; Member of ATAGI;  
Medical Officer, Eastern Health Authority and Royal District Nursing Service; ISG Director*

## **Session 3: Pneumococcal Disease**

2.40pm **Relationship between pneumococcal pneumonia and influenza**

Prof Robert Booy

*Head of Research, National Centre for Immunisation Research and Surveillance of Vaccine Preventable Diseases, ISG Director*

3.05pm **Conjugate pneumococcal vaccines for children and adults**

Dr Margie Danchin

*Paediatrician, Royal Children's Hospital; Senior Researcher, Murdoch Children's Research Institute*

## **Session 4: Influenza Specialist Group**

4.00pm **Overview of proposed 2014 awareness program**

Mr Kim Sampson<sup>1</sup> & Ms Susanne Sperber<sup>2</sup>

*1. CEO of the ISG*

*2. ISG Communications Specialist*

4.20pm **Summary and overview**

Prof Lou Irving

4.30pm **Close**