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## NOTICES TO READERS

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### International Symposium on Disasters and Health

#### First Announcement and Call for Papers

October 16 - 18, 1996  
 Westin Philippine Plaza Hotel  
 Manila, Philippines

This symposium is jointly organised by the University of the Philippines, Manila (UP Manila) and the International Center for Medical Research, Kobe University, in

cooperation with the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, the World Health Organization, the Department of Health, Philippines, the Department of Science and Technology/Philippine Council for Health Research and Development, the Philippine Medical Association and the Association of Philippine Medical Colleges.

The program outline is shown below.

A limited number of rooms are available for participants at Westin Philippine Plaza Hotel (the location of

#### International Symposium on Disasters and Health - program outline

	Morning		Afternoon	
<b>Day 1</b> (Wednesday 16 October 1996)	Symposium: The environment of disaster and disaster management	Free papers, posters	Symposium: Effects of disaster (The victims of disaster)	Free papers, posters
<b>Day 2</b> (Thursday, 17 October 1996)	Field trip			
<b>Day 3</b> (Friday, 18 October 1996)	Symposium: Disaster preparedness and management (coping with disaster)	Free papers, posters	Workshops: A. Areas for collaboration B. Lessons learned from the field trip Plenary and Recommendations	Free papers, posters

the Symposium); inquiries can be made through the UP Manila Development Foundation International Symposium on Disasters and Health C/- the Symposium Secretariat.

This call is made for papers, or poster or video presentations. Abstract forms, which must be lodged by 30 June 1996, are available from the Secretariat. Registration fees, which entitle participants to a conference kit and badge, a certificate of attendance, participation in the scientific program, exhibits, social activities and the field trip to a disaster area, are:

Pre-registration (on or before 30 June 1996)	US \$250
On site registration	US \$300

Inquiries should be made direct to the Symposium Secretariat:

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### Yale University Emerging Infections Information Network (EIINET)

The Yale University School of Public Health has commenced Seminars in Emerging Infections which are being held during the Spring semester of 1996. This includes a plan to use state-of-the-art Internet technology to bring a global audience into the seminars. Visual, audio and written-word transmission of these seminars will be made available over the Internet. Each seminar covers a different topic and involves scientific interchange between visiting scientists prominent in the field of emerging infections and a multidisciplinary

group of Yale graduate students from public health, medicine, law, business, forestry and environmental studies, religion and international studies.

To provide background information prior to each presentation, two or three scientific articles selected by each presenter will be made available over the Internet at least one week prior to each presentation. Every effort will be made to select articles which are available online.

On Tuesdays between February and May (the first two seminars were held on February 6 and 13), a 'chat-room' interchange with the professor who is lecturing on that particular day will be available to Internet users who have pre-registered. Only individuals registering in advance to participate in this interactive session will be permitted to 'enter' the chat-room (6:00 to 7:00 PM Eastern Time on Tuesdays). Chat-room participants should signal their interest by sending a request to Tassos Kyriakides at EIINET@biomed.med.yale.edu.

Each Wednesday following the Tuesday seminar a one-hour audio version of the seminar will be made available over the Internet. Visual aids (colored slides) which each professor has used will be available.

A partial list of these scientists and their tentative topics is presented below.

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Requesters are encouraged to use e-mail. A Web page is available at <http://info.med.yale.edu/EIINET/>.

### EIINET Seminar timetable

Date	Seminar Title	Seminar Leader
March 5	Why was public health caught by surprise by new and resurgent disease?	Richard Levins Professor, Harvard School of Public Health
March 12	Enabling factors of emerging infections	Robert W Ryder Professor, Yale School of Public Health
March 19	How are emerging infections first detected?	Robert W Ryder Professor, Yale School of Public Health
April 2	Ebola fever in Zaire, 1995	David L Heymann Director, Division of Emerging, Viral and Bacterial Diseases Surveillance and Control World Health Organization
April 9	To be announced	Joshua Lederberg Professor, Rockefeller University
April 16	HIV as an emerging infection	Jonathon Mann Professor, Harvard School of Public Health
April 23	Evolution of pathogenicity in emerging infections	Paul Ewald Professor, Amherst College Amherst, MA