
NOTICES TO READERS

Development of a National Communicable Diseases Surveillance Strategy

Extension of time for the lodgement of submissions

A National Communicable Diseases Surveillance Strategy (NCDSS) is being developed to enhance Australia's capacity to manage communicable diseases. The NCDSS aims to provide a comprehensive annual picture of the burden of communicable diseases that will improve national capacity to prioritise communicable disease threats and to develop control strategies. Issues being considered in the development of the Strategy include current surveillance arrangements and national co-ordination of surveillance activities. Laboratory issues are being considered in a related review. The Strategy is being developed on behalf of the Chief Health Officers of Australia. The process has been endorsed by the Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council.

Submissions are invited on the development of a NCDSS. Further information, including terms of reference can be obtained by calling (06) 289 8351 or by faxing a request to (06) 289 7791. Please include your name, address and telephone number.

How to make your submission

Please make your submission in writing, word processing documentation diskette, or on audio tape, and include your name, address and phone number. Submissions should be sent to:

Dr Graeme Oliver, Secretary
NCDSS Committee
AIDS/Communicable Diseases Branch
MDP 15
Department of Human Services and Health
GPO Box 9848
Canberra ACT 2601

The new closing date for receipt of submissions is Monday 29 April 1996.

All submissions will be held in a register of submissions which can be accessed by the public. If you would like your submission to be treated as confidential, please indicate this clearly. Submissions may however be subject to release under the Freedom of Information Act 1992.

Seventh Arbovirus Research in Australia/Second Mosquito Control Association of Australia Conference

Ocean Blue Resort
Surfers Paradise, Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia
25-29 November 1996

Call for papers

The Arbovirus Research in Australia symposia are recognised internationally as the only specialist conference available to the broad range of disciplines working on arboviruses, of both human and veterinary importance. The Mosquito Control Association of Australia is a national organisation of field practitioners and researchers.

The meeting will be held in the week after the XIV International Congress for Tropical Medicine and Malaria to be held in Nagasaki.

The five-day program will be structured around vectors and control during the first part of the week, with a plenary session by internationally recognised speakers covering broad topics of global relevance. The following two days will cover epidemiology, virology, clinical medicine and molecular biology.

Papers (up to 15 minutes long) are invited. Submissions are particularly welcome on the subjects of dengue viruses, Japanese encephalitis virus, Ross River virus, arbovirus diseases affecting livestock, emerging diseases, innovative mosquito control, living with insect growth regulators, vector biology, application technology and other operational issues, surveillance and management plans, and contemporary diagnostics.

Further information and registration forms can be obtained from the conference convenor

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