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VIRUSES, CHLAMYDIAS, COXIELLAS, RICKETTSIAS AND MYCOPLASMAS REPORTING SCHEME: A total of 1,381 reports were processed during this period.

Poliovirus

- . type 1 was isolated from the nasal aspirate of a 3 month old male with bronchiolitis;
- . mixed vaccinal strains were isolated from the nasal aspirates of 3 infants with symptoms of respiratory tract infections:
 - a 3 month old male with persistent cough,
 - a 2 month old female with severe rhinorrhoea, and
 - a 2 month old female presenting with choking episodes.

Rubella antibodies were serologically detected in a 2 month old male with microcephaly. Congenital rubella infection was suspected.

Cytomegalovirus was isolated from the nasal aspirates of a 2 month old female and a 3 month old female with unspecified upper respiratory tract diseases. The significance of these isolates is yet to be determined.

Chlamydia trachomatis was isolated from vaginal swabs of a 22 year old female with amenorrhoea.

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OVERSEAS BRIEFS: DENGUE FEVER IN FIJI

An epidemic of dengue fever started in the Pacific region in April 1989.

To date Fiji reported:

- . 15 serologically confirmed cases in July and August with a further
- . 42 cases reported in September.

Cases of dengue-like illness are currently being reported from central and western divisions and include a few haemorrhagic cases. Some of these clinical cases are awaiting serological confirmations.

AIDS AND HIV SURVEILLANCE, AUSTRALIA - 1 NOVEMBER 1989

AIDS surveillance

To 1 November 1989, 1,481 cases of AIDS fulfilling the criteria of case definition were reported to the National Health and Medical Research Unit in AIDS Epidemiology and Clinical Research. The distribution of those patients by State or Territory of notification (Table 1), by age group (Table 2), by risk category (Tables 3 A & 3b) and by clinical presentation (Table 4) are shown below.

TABLE 1: AIDS patients by State or Territory of notification

<u>STATE/ TERRITORY</u>	<u>CASES</u>			<u>KNOWN DEATHS</u>		
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
NSW	923	30	953	526	20	546
VIC	317	7	324	141	2	143
QLD	98	4	102	59	4	63
WA	70	4	74	27	1	28
SA	51	2	53	20	1	21
NT	2	0	2	1	0	1
TAS	4	1	5	2	0	2
ACT	16	0	16	10	0	10
TOTAL	1481	48	1529	786	28	814

TABLE 2: AIDS patients by age group

<u>AGE (YEARS)</u>	<u>CASES</u>			<u>KNOWN DEATHS</u>		
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
0 - 9	10	2	12	6	1	7
10 - 19	7	2	9	3	1	4
20 - 29	302	15	317	156	4	160
30 - 39	639	6	645	334	2	336
40 - 49	378	5	383	196	4	200
50 - 59	117	7	124	66	6	72
60 +	28	11	39	25	10	35
TOTAL	1481	48	1529	786	28	814

Beginning with this issue, tabulation of AIDS cases by transmission category will be presented separately for adults and adolescent cases (aged 14 yrs and older, Table 3A) and for paediatric cases (aged 13 yrs and younger, Table 3B). These categories broadly derive from the system of classification of cases used by the Centers for Disease Control, Atlanta, Georgia and are likely to be further modified in the future to reflect additional patterns of exposure evident in Australia.

Starting from this issue the category 'blood transfusion' has been expanded to include recipients of other blood products or tissue, and will be listed as 'Other blood/blood products/tissue recipients'.

TABLE 3A: AIDS patients by risk/transmission category: adults and adolescents 14 yrs and older

<u>TRANSMISSION/RISK CATEGORY</u>	<u>CASES</u>	<u>KNOWN DEATHS</u>
Homosexual/Bisexual	1352	711
IV drug user:	(60)	(25)
. Homosexual/Bisexual IV drug user	42	20
. Heterosexual IV drug user	18	5
Person with haemophilia	15	7
Other blood/blood products/tissue recipient	50	44
Heterosexual transmission	24	10
None of the above	7	4
Under investigation	6	4
TOTAL	1514	805

TABLE 3B: AIDS patients by risk/transmission category: Paediatric cases (13 years or less)

<u>TRANSMISSION CATEGORY</u>	<u>CASES</u>	<u>KNOWN DEATHS</u>
Haemophiliac	2	1
Other blood/blood products/tissue recipient	10	7
Mother with/at risk or AIDS/HIV	3	1
	15	9

TABLE 4: AIDS patients by clinical presentation*

<u>INITIAL DISEASE REPORTED</u>	<u>CASES</u>	<u>KNOWN DEATHS</u>
GROUP IV:		
B: Neurological disease	41	20
C: Secondary infectious diseases	1103	581
D: Secondary cancers	299	158
E: Other conditions	12	5
BC: Neurological disease + infectious diseases	11	9
BD: Neurological disease + cancers	1	1
CD: Infectious diseases + cancers	53	36
TOTAL	1520	810

* The data in Table 4 includes both presumptive (clinical) and definitive diagnoses. However, cases which have not been designated as one of these two categories have not been included.

HIV surveillance

Notifications of persons newly discovered to be infected with HIV

TABLE 5: Notifications of persons newly diagnosed as infected with HIV by State and Territory, 1989

<u>STATE/ TERRITORY</u>	<u>1989</u>		<u>1985-1989 Cumulative to week 34</u>
	<u>Weeks 27-30</u>	<u>Weeks 31-34</u>	
NSW	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*
VIC	23	34	2106
QLD	11	15	760
WA	9	6	466
SA	5	9	333
TAS	3	2	45
ACT	N/A	N/A	92
NT	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>91</u>
TOTAL	52	67	3893

N/A = NOT AVAILABLE

* Notifications from New South Wales are not yet available, but will be available prospectively and retrospectively by the start of 1990.

TABLE 6: Notifications of persons newly diagnosed as infected with HIV by presumed transmission category (data from NSW, ACT and NT not yet available)

<u>PRESUMED TRANSMISSION CATEGORY</u>	<u>Weeks</u>		<u>Cumulative Total 1985-1989 Number (%)</u>	
	<u>27-30</u>	<u>31-34</u>		
Homo/bisexual males	36	47	2966	(80.0)
Heterosexual IVDU	5	8	175	(4.7)
(- males)	(4)	(7)	(134)	
(- females)	(1)	(1)	(41)	
Homo/bisexual males IVDU	4	2	97	(2.6)
Haemophilia	-	-	180	(4.9)
Heterosexual contact	1	2	94	(2.5)
(- males)	(1)	(2)	(54)	
(- females)	(-)	(-)	(40)	
Blood transfusion	1	-	51	(1.4)
Other/not specified	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>147</u>	<u>(4.0)</u>
TOTAL	52	67	3710	(100.0)

TABLE 7: Donations tested for antibody for HIV at Red Cross Blood Transfusion Services by State and Territory

<u>STATE/ TERRITORY</u>	<u>DONATIONS TESTED 1988</u>		<u>CUMULATIVE HIV +VE DONORS, 1985-89</u>		
	<u>Cumulative to week 34</u>	<u>Weeks 31-34</u>	<u>Cumulative to week 34</u>	<u>Weeks 31-34</u>	
NSW	188,728	22,236	184,591	21,659	21
VIC	178,084	20,729	171,933	-18,833	5
QLD	93,299	11,816	91,021	N/A	5
WA	47,528	5,705	47,910	2,890*	1
SA	63,818	7,541	61,830	7,393	-
TAS	16,003	2,309	17,228	1,962	-
ACT	12,327	1,573	13,230	1,629	-
NT	<u>5,993</u>	<u>679</u>	<u>6,096</u>	<u>825</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL	605,780	72,189	593,839	55,191	32

* Weeks 31-32 only

STATE/ TERRITORY	1988		1989	
	Cumulative to week 34	Weeks 31-34	Cumulative to week 34	Weeks 31-34
NSW	110,207	12,473	70,223	6,365
VIC	45,284	5,323	44,571	5,112
QLD	35,538	4,577	46,722	6,803
WA	15,028	1,848	17,938	2,579
SA	20,255	1,848	17,938	2,579
TAS	4,238	569	4,576	691
ACT	3,284	414	3,436	369
NT	5,137	629	5,467	817
TOTAL	167,434	22,085	207,297	21,837

Date not yet available from:

Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney: 1988, 1989 - all weeks
 Royal North Shore Hospital, Sydney: 1989 - weeks 17 to 34
 St Vincent's Hospital, Sydney: 1989 - weeks 17 to 34
 St George Hospital, Sydney: 1989 - weeks 29 to 34
 RAAF, Richmond: 1989 - all weeks
 Army, Yeronga: 1989 - all weeks
 Royal Newcastle Hospital: 1989 - all weeks
 Greenslopes Hospital, Brisbane: 1989 - all weeks
 Mater Hospital, Brisbane: 1989 - weeks 25 to 32
 Princess Alexandra Hospital, Brisbane: 1989 - weeks 29 to 32
 Royal Perth Hospital: 1989 - weeks 33 to 34
 IMVS, Adelaide: 1989 - weeks 25 to 28

HANTAAAN VIRUS INFECTION OF LABORATORY RODENTS - AUSTRALIA

(Contributed by Margery Kennett, Virology Laboratory, Fairfield Hospital, Melbourne)

Hantaan and related viruses are the causative agents of haemorrhagic fever with renal syndrome (HFRS) which may occur when humans come into close contact with infected rodents. Although HFRS usually occurs in rural areas and is occasionally a hazard for laboratory staff handling rodents or rodent tumour and cell lines for research.

Four distinct types of Hantaan-related viruses have been identified. These share antigenic and genetic characteristics and comprise the genus Hantavirus of the virus family Bunyaviridae. Hantaan virus was first isolated by Lee and his co-workers from the lungs of infected *Apodemus agrarius* mice captured in Korea, in the areas where Korean Haemorrhagic Fever (KHF) is endemic. They were able to demonstrate that this virus was probably the aetiological agent for KHF. The distribution of Hantaan virus while not known with certainty is likely to follow that of its primary host *Apodemus agrarius* ie. throughout much of Asia and the Soviet Union where epidemic haemorrhagic fever may occur.

The rat or urban-associated Hantaan-like virus Seoul has been associated with a mild form of HFRS in urban centres in Korea and China and with laboratory workers in several countries. A Hantaan-like virus isolated from domestic rats captured in the United States appears similar to Hantaan virus in cross immunofluorescence antibody tests (IFA) but distinct in plaque reduction neutralisation tests. Antibody studies in sera from rats captured in many areas of the world have shown that

rat-associated Hantaan-like virus is present in domestic rats - not only in ports but in habitats where rodent control programmes were inadequate or non existent. The various rat viruses which are similar regardless of geographic origin can be represented by the 'Seoul' type.

Puumala virus, another distinct Hanta virus has been isolated from bank voles (*Clethrionomys glareolus*) in Finland. This agent causes nephropathia epidemica (NE), a relatively mild form of HFRS in Scandinavia, the Western Soviet Union and much of Europe.

The fourth type, Prospect Hill virus was isolated from the meadow vole *Microtus pennsylvanicus* in Maryland, USA. At present no human disease has been attributed to infection with Prospect Hill although antibody to the virus has been identified among people working with mammals in the USA and in small mammals in areas in North America.

Infection with Hantaan virus is inapparent in laboratory rodents which may secrete large quantities of virus in saliva, urine and faeces for life. The route of transmission to man is by inhalation of aerosol although rodent bites may also be implicated.

In March 1989, the Murine Virus Monitoring Scheme (MVMS) of the South Australian Central Veterinary Laboratory (VETLAB) commenced screening sera from colonies of laboratory rodents using the indirect immunofluorescence test (IFAT) and inactivated Hantaan virus. Initially only small numbers of samples (not a statistically based sampling schedule) from a limited number of colonies were tested. Positive sera from several different colonies of rats and mice were identified. The significance of these findings is uncertain as the immunofluorescence test detects antibodies to Hantaan, known related Hanta viruses and possibly to unknown agents related to Hantavirus.

To determine whether the animals are infected with Hantaan or other viruses, the CSIRO Australian Animal Health Laboratory (AAHL) has now commenced virus isolation attempts (in cell culture and rats) from the tissues of animals with high IF titres of antibody. The work is being done under C3 containment conditions. Cell culture work is done in class III flexible film isolators and rat inoculation by workers in fully enclosed "suits". The work may take several months.

Institutions which handle laboratory animals, particularly rats ("stroke-prone" or other Japanese stock primarily) are urged to contact MVMS for advice on the collection of samples, so that a thorough screening programme can be achieved.

Provided an adequate sample of animals has been tested rats from antibody negative colonies can be used. Until stock have been shown to be antibody negative, personnel should handle animals with extreme care. Since inhalation of aerosol is the principal route of infection in humans, a barrier between the animals and personnel is required.

If Hanta infected animals are present in a colony, the most prudent method of control is to sacrifice the animals, disinfect the facility and restock it. If valuable rat strains are to be preserved, caesarean derivation using prescribed containment and surveillance methods should be instituted.

Personnel who have been in contact with rodents and are concerned about the possibility of exposure to Hanta virus may have sera tested by the Virus Laboratory, Fairfield Hosptial. To date we have no evidence of disease in Australia associated with Hantaan virus. Since 1983, the Virus Laboratory at Fairfield has been testing sera from patients suspected of having haemorrhagic fever with renal syndrome (HFRS) using IFAT. To date no patients have seroconverted, however sera from different patients had low titres during the acute or early convalescent stage of illness, while bleeds collected several months later were negative. In confirmed HFRS patients IF antibody appears during the first week of symptoms and lasts as long as 34 years.

The IF test performed at both MVMS and Fairfield detects a Hanta group antibody. The source and prior extraction of antigen affects the results of the enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) while plaque neutralization tests are type specific perhaps with minor cross reactions. Inactivated ELISA Hantaan antigen supplied by the United States Army Medical Institute of Infectious Diseases, Fort Detrick will be used for further testing of human and rodent sera at AAHL, MVMS and Fairfield.

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LEPTOSPIROSIS, FRANCE

(Based on Wkly Epidem Rec 1989;64:310-1)

The prevalence of leptospirosis in France has increased considerably in the last 2 years [1]. The disease mainly affects people who do not belong to recognised groups routinely at risk for the disease. It might be advisable to in the near future, redefine groups at risk for the disease if the present epidemiological situation persists. The occupational risk is now diminishing on account of the precautions taken to prevent the disease, whereas the risk of infection associated with open-air activities such as bathing, fishing, hunting, country walks, etc is constantly increasing.

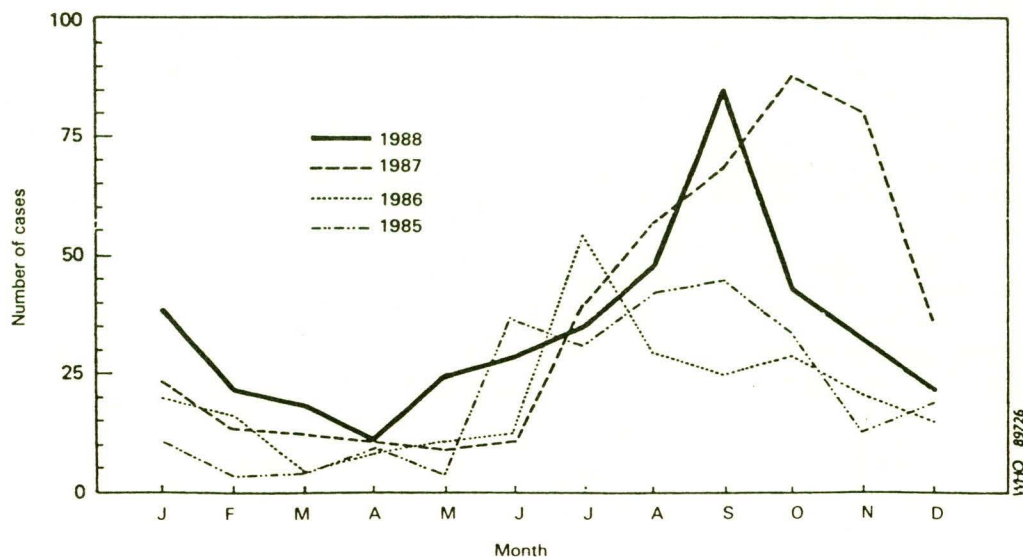
Trends between 1985 and 1988

Although the number of serum samples received at the reference centre remained relatively constant, the percentage of positive samples has almost doubled since 1985: with a total of 670 cases of leptospirosis reported in France in 1988 (400 cases in metropolitan France and 270 cases overseas).

In metropolitan France, the number of cases remained relatively constant between 1985 and 1986. An upsurge in the number of cases was observed in autumn 1987 and during the first 6 months of 1988. The increase in the number of cases was distributed fairly evenly over the whole country, but particularly marked in the south-west where the number of positive serum samples doubled between 1986 and 1987. Climatic conditions and possible variations in the public's habits (holiday periods, spare-time activities) do not satisfactorily explain this recrudescence of the disease, the cause of which may have to be sought in ecological changes affecting the biotopes of wild rodents.

The increase in the number of cases in overseas France is more artificial because the figures for the last 2 years include the diagnosis made in New Caledonia, which previously were not recorded.

Figure 1: Monthly distribution of leptospirosis cases, France, 1985-1988



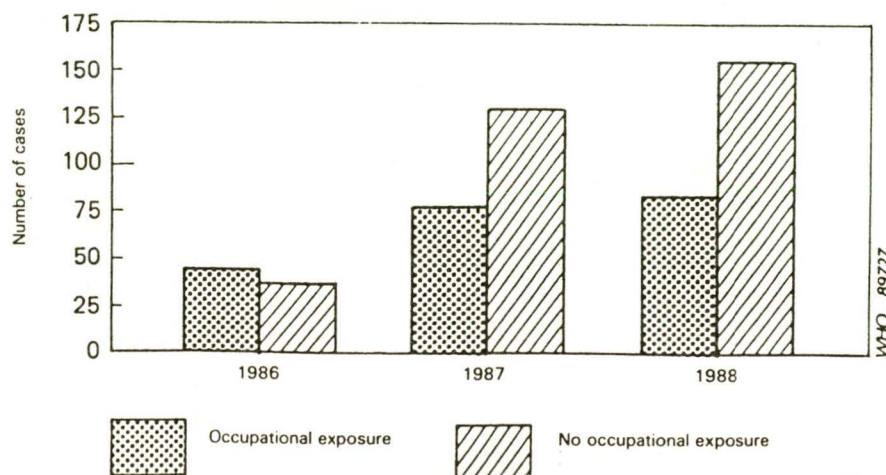
The monthly distribution (Fig 1) shows a summer/autumn peak which has a tendency to occur later (particularly late peak in 1987, not accounted for).

The distribution of serovars indicated an increased prevalence of serogroup *Grippityphosa* which rose from 9.8% of leptospirosis cases in 1985 to 27% in 1988. *Grippityphosa* is the second most important agent in metropolitan France since *Iceterohaemorrhagiae* is responsible for 35.7% of cases. Along the Atlantic coast and in the south-west, an area where the disease is firmly established, *Grippityphosa* causes more cases than *Iceterohaemorrhagiae*. The serogroup *Australis* is in third place with 10% of cases, a prevalence that has remained constant for 3 years. In overseas France *Iceterohaemorrhagiae* is predominant, and little change has been noted in recent years.

Occupations risk

Against the background of annual increase in the number of cases of occupational leptospirosis, the increase in the number of cases in people not occupationally exposed is more marked, highlighting the importance of leisure activities (especially water sports) in the spread of the disease. The occupations traditionally regarded as exposed are agricultural workers, refuse collectors, sewage workers, occupations involving the handling of meat or foodstuffs and all occupations practised in a humid environment frequented by rats (plumbers, miners, seamen, waterworks and forestry employees, etc). It is still farm-workers who are most affected by the disease: they account for 59% of the cases occurring in the exposed occupations. In this occupational category *Grippityphosa* was predominant in 1986 and 1987. *Iceterohaemorrhagiae* returned to the fore in 1988 with 50% of cases (Fig 2). These 2 serogroups clearly predominate in the occupational leptospiroses with 77% of cases. In patients with no occupational risk *Iceterohaemorrhagiae* and *Grippityphosa* still predominate with 58% of all cases, but a wider range of serovars is involved on account of the variety of possible sources of infection. Schoolchildren and students are mainly infected with *Iceterohaemorrhagiae*, whereas retired people are more often infected by *Grippityphosa*. The former, more involved in water sports, are more exposed to infection via water polluted with rat urine and thus to the serogroup *Iceterohaemorrhagiae*; the latter are more exposed to infection by serogroups carried by land rodents or cattle, which accounts for the greater importance of the *Grippityphosa* group.

Figure 2: Distribution of leptospirosis cases accordingly to occupation exposure, French 1986-1988



Clinical symptoms

Fever is present in 87% of cases, associated with a pain syndrome in 44% of cases. There is liver or kidney involvement in 21% of cases; such involvement is twice as frequent in *Icterohaemorrhagiae* patients as in *Grippotyphosa* patients. Meningeal involvement occurs frequently (35%), somewhat more frequently when *Grippotyphosa* is the cause. The pure febrile forms or pseudoinfluenzal forms are more common than the classical icterohaemorrhagic form with renal insufficiency. The pulmonary forms are rare (5%). These findings, which are for the year 1988, are very similar to those for 1987.

There is little change in the age and sex distribution of cases. This disease primarily affects males (80% of cases), and the average age of reported cases is approximately 43 years.

HUMAN PLAGUE IN 1988

(Based on WER 1989;64:345-7 and WER 1988;63:360-2)

Human plague was reported from 9 countries in 1988, giving a total of 1363 cases with 134 deaths. This is the highest number of cases since 1977, but more deaths occurred in 1987 (Table 1).

TABLE 1: HUMAN PLAGUE: NUMBER OF CASES (AND DEATHS) REPORTED IN THE WORLD, 1974-1988

	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988
AFRICA	183 (25)	147 (41)	93 (35)	172 (41)	203 (15)	251 (15)	86 (22)	59 (19)	290 (43)	594 (59)	650 (59)	215 (41)	729 (90)	853 (198)	1109 (138)
AMERICAS	321 (8)	521 (9)	146 (9)	48 (11)	97 (5)	23 (2)	142 (7)	128 (12)	182 (4)	225 (12)	500 (42)	128 (9)	162 (19)	88 (9)	52 (5)
ASIA	2252 (130)	811 (52)	1266 (60)	1258 (26)	485 (14)	387 (16)	283 (29)	13 (-)	281 (1)	248 (21)	196 (6)	143 (8)	112 (6)	114 (8)	202 (10)
WORLD TOTAL	2756 (163)	1479 (102)	1505 (104)	1478 (78)	785 (34)	661 (33)	511 (58)	200 (31)	753 (48)	1067 (92)	1346 (107)	486 (58)	1003 (115)	1055 (215)	1363 (134)

In 1988, as in previous years, the epidemiological situation of plague in the world was determined by outbreaks in a number of African countries, with 75% of the world total from the United Republic of Tanzania and Zaire. The global case-fatality rate was also determined by the rate in those two countries as their number of deaths represented 78% of the world total (Table 2).

TABLE 2: HUMAN PLAGUE: NUMBER OF CASES (AND DEATHS) REPORTED IN 1988, BY COUNTRY

Boliva	2 (-)	United Republic of Tanzania	647 (33)
Brazil	25 (-)	United States of America	15 (-)
China	6 (4)	Vietnam	196 (6)
Madagascar	93 (19)	Zaire	369 (86)
Peru	10 (5)		

Americas

In Bolivia, cases were detected in February in one of the districts of Franz Tamayo Province (La Paz Department).

In Brazil, cases were recorded in Bahia State, especially in Serrinha municipality which recorded cases in January, March, June, August, September and November. This pattern of spread is typical of the epidemiology of plague occurring against the background of epizootics among wild rodents. In Peru, human plague occurred in 2 provinces of Piura Department; in Sayo District, 1 case was recorded on 12 January, 5 cases from 5 to 8 February, and 1 case on 10 February. This pattern of spread with an interval of 20-25 days between the first case and the following ones, was repeated in Canchaque district and is typical of the epidemiology of anthroponotic bubonic plague when the causative agent is transmitted through the bite of human fleas (in particular *Pulex irritans*). Although the territory of these Brazilian outbreaks is limited, there is cause for concern as they are manifestations of the form of plague which often leads to the appearance of large epidemics. It is necessary to take active measures for flea control in human dwellings, not only disinsection but measures which exclude the possibility of flea hatching (sweeping floors in houses, filling up cracks and chinks with clay etc).

In the United States of America, plague cases were recorded in Texas (1 case), Arizona (1 case), California (2 cases), Colorado (4 cases) and New Mexico (7 cases). Ten of the cases were diagnosed during July and August. The pattern of plague in the United States is consistent with that observed over many years, that is, of active foci of wild rodent infection.

Asia

As in previous years, human plague was recorded in Vietnam and in China. In Vietnam, cases were detected throughout the year in the well-known plague endemic Provinces of Dac Lac, Gua-Lai-Cong Tum, Lam Dong, Nghia Binh and Phu Khanh.

Africa

Human plague was reported from well-known enzootic areas of Madagascar: the Provinces of Antananarivo and Fianarantsoa.

In the United Republic of Tanzania, there have been non-stop outbreaks of human plague since 1983. This may be related to the low intensity of generally accepted measures taken there to detect and eliminate plague outbreaks. In Zaire, sporadic cases have been reported since 1958 but the apparent relaxation of epidemiological surveillance in recent years has led to the outbreaks of 1987 (474 cases and 160 deaths) and 1988 (369 cases and 86 deaths). Preventive and prophylactic measures such as deratization and disinsection in settlements and surrounding areas regularly affected by plague in these countries should be intensified.

In conclusion, it should be stated that the current incidence of plague in the world generally reflects the pattern of plague epidemicity in its natural foci, with the appearance of relatively limited outbreaks against a background of epizootics among synanthropic rodents, rats in particular, in limited areas of several countries.

CDI Editorial Comment

Countries which reported human cases of plague to the WHO between 1 January and 16 November 1989 are Brazil, Madagascar, Mongolia, Myanmar (formerly Burma), Tanzania, USSR, USA, Vietnam and Zaire. On 16 November 1989, the countries listed by the WHO as having areas which were 'infected' with human plague were Bolivia, Brazil, Madagascar, Peru, Tanzania, Vietnam and Zaire. This list is compiled using information supplied to the WHO by signatories of the International Health Regulations; the criteria for being included on the list include occurrence of human cases and plague infection among domestic or wild rodents in sufficient proximity to ports and airports to be a threat to international traffic [1].

Human plague has a seasonal distribution that is related both to timing of epizootics in rodent populations and to periods where humans are in contact with rodent reservoirs. Thus in Tanzania, Zaire and Vietnam, most cases have occurred in January-April, which coincides with mild temperatures and rodent epizootics. In the USA, most cases have occurred during May-October, when people spend more time outdoors and are likely to have contact with rodent fleas.

In the epidemiology of plague, man is an accidental host for the plague bacillus, *Yersinia pestis*. Virtually all human cases derive from bites by infected rodent fleas. Human outbreaks coincide with epizootics, which are signalled by die-offs of the susceptible rodents; during die-off, fleas leave their dead hosts in search of a new host, and may find a human [2].

In endemic areas control measures for plague remain rodent control, insecticide use and public health education for people to avoid contact with rodents and their fleas.

The International Health Regulations also provide for controls to prevent the spread of plague by international travel to non-endemic areas. These include regular inspection and deratting of ships used in international traffic and the quarantine of infected travellers on arrival [1].

The plague vaccine, which has not been proved to be efficacious in properly controlled trials, is only recommended for laboratory and field personnel who are working with *Y. pestis* organisms resistant to antibiotics, and persons engaged in field operations in plague-enzootic areas, where preventing exposure can be difficult (such as in some disaster areas) [3]. Vaccination against plague is not required for entry into any country. Treatment of plague involves administration of streptomycin, tetracycline or chloramphenicol, and is highly effective, especially if commenced in the first 1-2 days of illness [2].

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YELLOW FEVER POLICY - AUSTRALIA

As of 1 October 1989, Australia has introduced a revised yellow fever quarantine policy for international travellers arriving in Australia.

The policy reads as follows:

1. All persons over 1 year of age arriving in Australia and who have within the previous six (6) days been in that part of a country which has been reported as currently yellow fever infected by the World Health Organization in the *Weekly Epidemiological Record* must hold valid international yellow fever vaccination certificates, or they will be subject to quarantine.
2. Persons without a valid international certificate of vaccination against yellow fever are to be placed under quarantine surveillance for a period expiring 6 days after leaving a yellow fever infected area.

Surveillance requirements are as follows:

- (a) Outside Queensland:
 - (i) undertake to request permission of the QMO before travelling to Queensland.
 - (ii) undertake to notify the QMO if diagnosed as suffering from yellow fever.
- (b) Inside Queensland:
 - (i) undertake to telephone the QMO daily until released from quarantine surveillance to report any symptoms which might originate from yellow fever.
 - (ii) undertake to notify the QMO if diagnosed as suffering from yellow fever.
3. Persons suffering from yellow fever are to be placed in quarantine.

This revised policy has been brought to the notice of WHO and airline carriers.

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VIRAL IDENTIFICATIONS FROM CONTRIBUTING LABORATORIES
BASED ON DATE OF REPORTING

PERIOD 09/11/89 TO 22/11/89

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| 1. CODE 019 - FAIRFIELD(VIC) | 5. CODE 112 - ICPMR(NSW) W VH(ACT) |
| 2. CODE 065 - STATE LAB(WA) FMH(WA) | 6. CODE 113 - PRH POW(NSW) |
| 3. CODE 110 - INVS(SA) | 7. CODE 114 - RAHC(NSW) |
| 4. CODE 111 - RCH(VIC) | 8. CODE 115 - STATE LAB(QLD) |

	019	065	110	111	112	113	114	115	TOTAL
0100 ADENOVIRUS NOT TYPED	4	2	2	0	2	4	0	20	34
0101 ADENOVIRUS TYPE 1	3	1	4	0	5	0	0	0	13
0102 ADENOVIRUS TYPE 2	3	0	5	0	7	0	0	0	15
0103 ADENOVIRUS TYPE 3	3	1	6	0	1	0	0	0	11
0104 ADENOVIRUS TYPE 4	5	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	8
0105 ADENOVIRUS TYPE 5	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	3
0111 ADENOVIRUS TYPE 11	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
0119 ADENOVIRUS TYPE 19	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
0130 ADENOVIRUS TYPE 30	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
0199 ADENOVIRUS TYPING PENDING	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	11
0201 INFLUENZA A VIRUS	0	7	0	0	5	1	0	0	13
0203 INFLUENZA B VIRUS	2	2	1	2	2	0	0	2	11
0301 PARAINFLUENZA VIRUS TYPE 1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
0302 PARAINFLUENZA VIRUS TYPE 2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
0303 PARAINFLUENZA VIRUS TYPE 3	2	2	10	18	11	5	3	8	59
0399 PARAINFLUENZA VIRUS TYPING PEN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
0400 RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL VIRUS (R	8	0	6	0	0	1	1	3	19
0500 RHINOVIRUS (ALL TYPES)	6	8	6	11	2	1	0	0	34
0600 MYCOPLASMA PNEUMONIAE	17	2	11	1	2	0	0	0	33
0700 ORNITHOSIS-PSITTACOSIS	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
0899 COXSACKIEVIRUS GROUP A TYPING	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
0903 COXSACKIEVIRUS B3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
1009 ECHOVIRUS TYPE 9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
1011 ECHOVIRUS TYPE 11	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
1022 ECHOVIRUS TYPE 22	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
1030 ECHOVIRUS TYPE 30	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
1100 POLIOVIRUS NOT TYPED	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
1101 POLIOVIRUS TYPE 1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
1103 POLIOVIRUS TYPE 3	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
1104 POLIOVIRUS - MIXED VACCINAL ST	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
1200 MUMPS VIRUS	2	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	6
1300 HERPES VIRUS GROUP - NOT TYPED	0	1	0	0	4	2	0	0	7
1301 HERPES SIMPLEX VIRUS - NOT TYP	10	0	3	0	44	0	4	88	149
1302 EPSTEIN-BARR VIRUS (EB VIRUS)	5	10	25	3	0	1	0	1	45
1303 VARICELLA-ZOSTER VIRUS	7	5	1	1	4	6	0	0	24
1306 HERPES SIMPLEX TYPE 1	50	26	29	0	5	4	0	1	115
1307 HERPES SIMPLEX TYPE 2	62	73	11	0	37	17	0	0	200
1399 HERPES VIRUS TYPING PENDING	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5
1401 COXIELLA BURNETII	0	0	1	0	5	0	0	0	6
1502 PICORNIA VIRUS - NOT TYPED = E	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	10	13
1514 MOLLUSCUM CONTAGIOSUM	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
1521 MEASLES VIRUS	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
1522 RUBELLA VIRUS	11	4	22	0	8	0	2	0	47
1532 HEPATITIS B ANTIGEN	10	11	15	0	39	7	1	24	107
1535 HEPATITIS A ANTIBODY	0	2	5	0	1	0	0	0	8
1541 CHLAMYDIA A - C. TRACHOMATIS	33	41	30	0	3	3	0	12	122
1556 CMV - CYTOMEGALOVIRUS	46	1	3	6	3	6	3	3	71
1564 ROTAVIRUS	15	0	63	0	13	18	2	0	111
1566 NORMALK AGENT	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
1599 ENTEROVIRUS TYPING PENDING	0	0	0	7	0	3	2	0	12
9992 ROSS RIVER VIRUS	3	3	23	0	0	4	0	0	33
9994 SMALL VIRUS (LIKE) PARTICLE	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
TOTAL	318	210	287	66	211	91	22	176	1381

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VIRAL IDENTIFICATIONS BY CLINICAL INFORMATION TABLE 1

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- 1. CODE 00, 99 - NO ILL OR DATA
- 2. CODE 01, 02, 11, 12 - RESPIRATORY
- 3. CODE E3 - ENCEPHALITIS
- 4. CODE M3 - MENINGITIS
- 5. CODE 04 - PARALYSIS
- 6. CODE 05, 13 - CNS OTHER UNSPEC
- 7. CODE 07, 49 - GASTRO INTESTINAL
- 8. CODE 17, 47 - HEPATIC
- 9. CODE 19 ... - CVS
- 10. CODE 89 ... - URINARY TRACCT
- 11. CODE 06 ... - SKIN MUCCOUS

	1	2	3	4	6	7	8	9	10	11	TOTAL
0100 ADENOVIRUS NOT TYPED	0	14	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	3	30
0101 ADENOVIRUS TYPE 1	2	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	9
0102 ADENOVIRUS TYPE 2	4	9	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	15
0103 ADENOVIRUS TYPE 3	1	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
0104 ADENOVIRUS TYPE 4	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
0105 ADENOVIRUS TYPE 5	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
0130 ADENOVIRUS TYPE 30	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
0199 ADENOVIRUS TYPING PENDING	0	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
02 INFLUENZA A VIRUS	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
02 INFLUENZA B VIRUS	1	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
0301 PARAINFLUENZA VIRUS TYPE 1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
0302 PARAINFLUENZA VIRUS TYPE 2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
0303 PARAINFLUENZA VIRUS TYPE 3	8	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	58
0399 PARAINFLUENZA VIRUS TYPING PEN	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
0400 RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL VIRUS (R	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
0500 RHINOVIRUS (ALL TYPES)	4	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34
0600 MYCOPLASMA PNEUMONIAE	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32
0700 ORNITHOSIS-PSITTACOSIS	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
0899 COXSACKIEVIRUS GROUP A TYPING	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
0903 COXSACKIEVIRUS B3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
1009 ECHOVIRUS TYPE 9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
1011 ECHOVIRUS TYPE 11	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
1022 ECHOVIRUS TYPE 22	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
1030 ECHOVIRUS TYPE 30	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
1100 POLIOVIRUS NOT TYPED	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
1101 POLIOVIRUS TYPE 1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
1103 POLIOVIRUS TYPE 3	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
1104 POLIOVIRUS - MIXED VACCINAL ST	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
1200 MUMPS VIRUS	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
1300 HERPES VIRUS GROUP - NOT TYPED	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	6
1301 HERPES SIMPLEX VIRUS - NOT TYP	13	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	66	82
1302 EPSTEIN-BARR VIRUS (EB VIRUS)	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	9
1303 VARICELLA-ZOSTER VIRUS	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	16
1304 HERPES SIMPLEX TYPE 1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	69	73
1305 HERPES SIMPLEX TYPE 2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	84	87
1399 HERPES VIRUS TYPING PENDING	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	5
1401 COXIELLA BURNETII	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	5
1502 PICORNSIA VIRUS - NOT TYPED = E	0	6	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	12
1514 MOLLUSCUM CONTAGIOSUM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
1521 MEASLES VIRUS	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
1522 RUBELLA VIRUS	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	34
1532 HEPATITIS B ANTIGEN	53	0	0	0	0	0	42	0	0	1	96
1535 HEPATITIS A ANTIBODY	1	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	8
1541 CHLAMYDIA A - C. TRACHOMATIS	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
1556 CMV - CYTOMEGALOVIRUS	4	13	0	0	1	1	2	0	4	0	25
1564 ROTAVIRUS	0	0	0	0	0	110	0	0	0	0	110
1566 NORWALK AGENT	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
1599 ENTEROVIRUS TYPING PENDING	0	5	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	1	10
9992 ROSS RIVER VIRUS	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	17
9994 SMALL VIRUS (LIKE) PARTICLE	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
TOTAL	138	239	1	3	2	148	52	1	5	285	874

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VIRAL IDENTIFICATIONS BY CLINICAL INFORMATION TABLE 2

PERIOD 09/11/89 TO 22/11/89

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| 12. CODE 10 - EYE | 17. CODE 69 - CONGENITAL |
| 13. CODE 59 - GENITAL | 18. CODE P8 - PUO |
| 14. CODE 39 - ENDOCRINE/SALIVARY GL. | 19. CODE G8 - FEVER/MALAISE |
| 15. CODE 38 - RETICULO-ENDOTHELIAL | 20. CODE 09 - OTHER |
| 16. CODE 29 - MUSCLE/JOINT | 21. CODE A1 - SIDS |

	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	TOTAL
0100 ADENOVIRUS NOT TYPED	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	4
0101 ADENOVIRUS TYPE 1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	4
0103 ADENOVIRUS TYPE 3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
0104 ADENOVIRUS TYPE 4	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	6
0111 ADENOVIRUS TYPE 11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
0119 ADENOVIRUS TYPE 19	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
0199 ADENOVIRUS TYPING PENDING	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
0201 INFLUENZA A VIRUS	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
0203 INFLUENZA B VIRUS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
0303 PARAINFLUENZA VIRUS TYPE 3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
0600 MYCOPLASMA PNEUMONIAE	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
1200 MUMPS VIRUS	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
1300 HERPES VIRUS GROUP - NOT TYPED	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
1301 HERPES SIMPLEX VIRUS - NOT TYP	3	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	67
1302 EPSTEIN-BARR VIRUS (EB VIRUS)	0	1	30	0	1	0	0	2	2	0	36
1303 VARICELLA-ZOSTER VIRUS	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	6	0	8
1306 HERPES SIMPLEX TYPE 1	5	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	42
1307 HERPES SIMPLEX TYPE 2	0	113	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	113
1401 COXIELLA BURNETII	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
1502 PICORNIA VIRUS - NOT TYPED = E	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
1522 RUBELLA VIRUS	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	3	7	0	13
1532 HEPATITIS B ANTIGEN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	11
1541 CHLAMYDIA A - C. TRACHOMATIS	1	119	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	120
1556 CMV - CYTOMEGALOVIRUS	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	6	37	0	46
1564 ROTAVIRUS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
1599 ENTEROVIRUS TYPING PENDING	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
9992 ROSS RIVER VIRUS	0	0	0	0	15	0	1	0	0	0	16
TOTAL	20	325	32	4	19	2	7	19	77	2	507