

Preconference Day

Monday, June 2, 2008

Palais des Congrès

See Final Program for meeting room location. Simultaneous interpretation will be available for all sessions. The language of presentation will be noted in the final program

Morning Session - Environment

8:30am-9:30am **The Role of the Environment in Transmission**

Speaker to be determined

This session will discuss the new and old evidence about the role of contamination in the environment.

9:30am-10:00am **Environmental Rounds**

*Mathieu Jetté, Coordinator,
Logistic Services — Support
McGill University Health Centre, Montreal*

*Frank Viera, Coordinator,
Logistic Services - Client Services
McGill University Health Centre, Montreal*

This session will describe 'environmental rounds' as a quality assurance tool.

10:00am-10:30am **Refreshment Break**

10:30am-11:30am **Education of Environmental Workers**

*Marius Berger,
Association Hygiène et Salubrité en Santé,
Québec*

This session will describe a program in Quebec which was established to educate environmental support/housekeeping. It will also describe the challenges faced by environmental support workers.

11:30am-12:30pm **Quebec Reference Centre for Sterilization**

*Gilbert Pichette MD FRCPC,
University of Montreal, Montreal*

The role of the QRCS and examples of the problems referred to the Centre will be described.

12:30pm-1:15pm **Lunch provided**

Afternoon Concurrent Session - Surveillance

1:30pm-2:15pm **Benchmarking**

*Trish Perl MD MSc,
Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions
and University, Baltimore*

Following this session, participants will be able to:

- 1) understand the strengths and limitations associated with using national vs local benchmarks;
- 2) identify some options for identifying benchmark data.

2:15pm-3:00pm

Real Time Reporting

*Michael Gardam MD,
University Health Network, Toronto*

This session will describe the pros, the cons, and the methods of real time reporting.

3:00pm-3:30pm

Refreshment Break

3:30pm-5:00pm

Surveillance Programs Across Canada – Panel

Moderator: Marie Gourdeau MD FRCPC

*Marion Yetman RN BN MN CIC,
Newfoundland Labrador*

Charles Frenette MD, Quebec

Sandra Callery RN MHSc CIC, Ontario

*Leslie Forrester BA(Hons) MA MScEpid,
British Columbia*

The panel will review surveillance program initiatives across Canada including their strengths and their limitations.