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11th Meeting of Caribbean National Epidemiologists and Laboratory Directors

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May 9-13
2011

Agenda



FRIDAY MAY 13, 2011
JOINT PLENARY - Port of Spain Ballroom

**11th Meeting of Caribbean National Epidemiologists
and Laboratory Directors**

Morning session

8.30 - 10.00	Training on the use of the IHR decision instrument	
10.00 - 10.30	BREAK	
10.30 - 11.30	Training on the use of the IHR decision instrument (cont'd.)	
11.15 - 11.30	Presentation of Surveillance Awards	
11.30 - 11.50	Meeting evaluation	
11.50 - 12.00	Closing remarks	Dr. Beryl Irons Director, CAREC
12.00 - 1.30	LUNCH	

END

Objectives:

To update on sub-regional technical cooperation
To discuss current public health events and emergencies
To provide a forum to share experiences

Focus areas:

- Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA)
- CAREC Package of Surveillance Services
- Dengue Integrated Management Strategy
- Influenza Surveillance
- Sub-regional Surveillance
- HIV Case-based Surveillance
- Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance
- Tuberculosis Surveillance
- NCD Minimum Dataset Implementation
- Cancer and Stroke Registries
- Risk Factor Surveys (RFS)
- Laboratory Capacity
- Laboratory External Quality Assurance (EQA)
- Laboratory Technology Transfer
- Experience of a Laboratory Network
- Burden of Food borne Illness Surveys
- Cholera Preparedness
- Implementation of International Health Regulations
- Measles, Rubella and CRS Elimination

MONDAY MAY 9, 2011

JOINT PLENARY – Port of Spain Ballroom

Chairperson – Dr. Jennifer George, St. Vincent and the Grenadines

Morning session

Opening Session

8.00 - 8.30	Registration	
8.30 - 9.15	Opening	
	Greetings from:	Dr. Bernadette Theodore-Gandi
	- PAHO	PWR, Trinidad and Tobago
	- Ministry of Health Trinidad and Tobago (MOH TNT)	Dr. Mutchinson Melville Specialist Medical Officer MOH TNT
	- CARICOM	Dr. Rudolph Cummings Programme Manager CARICOM
	Opening, meeting objectives and greetings	Dr. Beryl Irons Director, CAREC

CAREC progress reports

9.15 - 10.00	Introduction of participants and observers	
	Report on CAREC activities for 2010	Dr. Eldonna Boisson Ms. Sacha Wallace-Sankarsingh CAREC
	Progress with recommendations of the 2009 meeting	Dr. Eldonna Boisson CAREC
	Discussion	

10.00 - 10.30 **BREAK**

Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA)

10.30 - 11.00	Update on CARPHA	Dr. Rudolph Cummings Programme Manager CARICOM
	Discussion	CARICOM

Chairperson – Dr. Sekeena Goodwin, Antigua and Barbuda

Afternoon session

Implementation of International Health Regulations

1.30 - 3.00	International Health Regulations and Surveillance and next steps	Dr. Roberta Andraghetti PAHO, WDC
	International Health Regulations implementations in St. Lucia	Dr. Alina Jaime St. Lucia
	International Health Regulations implementations in Bermuda	Ms. Dy-Juan DeRoza Bermuda
	Report on country evaluations	Dr. Eldonna Boisson CAREC
	Discussion Session agreements and recommendations	

3.30 - 3.30 **BREAK**

Country Reports

3.00 - 5.00	Shigella outbreak in Anguilla	Mr. Lynrod Brooks Anguilla
	Respiratory illness outbreak in Barbados	Dr. Karen Springer Barbados
	Norovirus outbreak in Dominica	Dr. Shalauddin Ahmed Dominica
	Measles cases in the FDAs	Dr. Jean Loup Chapert CIRE, Guadeloupe
	Leprosy in Trinidad and Tobago	Ms. Nuala Ramkisson Trinidad and Tobago

Measles, Rubella and CRS Elimination

5.00 - 5.30	Status of verification and documentation for elimination of Measles, Rubella and CRS	Dr. Abdel Malik Hashim CAREC
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THURSDAY MAY 12, 2011

JOINT PLENARY

PORT OF SPAIN BALLROOM

Chairpersons – Mr. Michael Owen, Montserrat

Morning session

Burden of Foodborne Illness Surveys

8.30 - 9.15	Issues and challenges with Burden of food borne illness surveys	Dr. Lisa Indar CAREC
	Burden of food borne illness survey in Grenada	Dr. Alister Antoine Grenada
	Discussion Session agreements and recommendations	

Cholera preparedness

10.9.15 - 10.30	Cholera: Description, update, planning and prevention of outbreaks	Dr. James Dobbins PED, Barbados
	Detection of cholera outbreaks	Ms. Leslie Edwards Ms. Priya Bhagwandin CAREC
	Emergency management of health events - the example of cholera	Dr. Robert Lee PED, WDC
	Discussion	

10.30 - 11.00 **BREAK**

11.00 - 12.00	Community Management Cholera - the experience of Haiti	Ms. Sally Edwards PWR, ECC
11.05 - 12.00	Cholera outbreak preparation in TCI	Dr. Terese Maitland Turks and Caicos Islands
	Discussion Session agreements and recommendations	

12.00 - 1.30 **LUNCH**

CAREC Package of Surveillance Services

11.00 - 12.00	CAREC Package of Surveillance Services	Dr. Beryl Irons CAREC
	Laboratory core functions and support for surveillance	Ms. Sacha Wallace - Sankarsingh CAREC
	Discussion Session agreements and recommendations	

12.30 - 1.30 **LUNCH**

Chairperson – Dr. Delores Lewis, Barbados

Afternoon session

Dengue Integrated Management Strategy

1.30 - 2.15	Integrated Management Strategy for dengue	Dr. Christian Frederickson PAHO
	Dengue IMS in Guyana	Dr. Colin Roach Guyana
	Discussion Session agreements and recommendations	

Influenza Surveillance

2.15 - 3.30	Influenza surveillance in the sub-region	Ms. Leslie Edwards Ms. Sue-Min Nathaniel-Girdharrie CAREC
	Influenza surveillance in four sentinel countries:- Barbados, Cayman Islands, Dominica and Suriname	Round Table Dr. K. Springer Dr. Kiran Kumar Dr. Shalauddin Ahmed Dr. Beatrix Jubithana
	Discussion Session agreements and recommendations	

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3.30 Leave for the bank

TUESDAY MAY 10, 2011
JOINT PLENARY – Port of Spain Ballroom
Chairperson - Dr. Ismae Whyms, Bahamas

12.30 - 2.00 **LUNCH**

Morning session

Sub-regional Surveillance

8.30 - 10.00 Major changes in sub-regional surveillance manual Dr. Eldonna Boisson CAREC

Discussion and finalization of changes to the manual

10.00 - 10.30 **BREAK**

10.30 - 11.00 Performance of surveillance system Ms. Leslie Edwards CAREC

Discussion
 Session agreements and recommendations

HIV Case-based Surveillance

11.00 - 12.15 HIV case based surveillance in Jamaica Dr. Tonia Dawkins Jamaica

HIV case based surveillance in Barbados Country representative Barbados

HIV case based surveillance in the Caribbean sub-region Dr. Ward Schrooten CAREC
 Dr. Paul Edwards PHCO

Discussion
 Session agreements and recommendations

12.15 - 1.45 **LUNCH**

Chairperson – Ms. Everette Duncan

Afternoon session

Round table discussion of experience of Laboratory Network

2.00 - 3.00 Country experience accessing services of the HIV Laboratory Network Dr. Owen Gabriel St. Lucia

CDC experience of the HIV Laboratory Networks Dr. George Alemnji CDC, PEPFAR

Discussion
 Session agreements and recommendations

3.00 - 3.30 Presentation by one of the schools delivering a medical laboratory technology programme Ms. Primla Williamson-Munroe UTEC, Jamaica

3.30 - 4.00 **BREAK**

WEDNESDAY MAY 11, 2011

JOINT PLENARY - Port of Spain Ballroom

Chairperson - Mr. William Turner, St. Kitts and Nevis

4.00 - 5.00 Feedback from the meeting of National Epidemiologist and Laboratory Directors

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6.00 - 8.00 Ice breaker

WEDNESDAY MAY 11, 2011
LABORATORY DIRECTORS MEETING

Jade Room

Chairpersons – Ms. Tammy Hendrickson, Bermuda

Chairperson – Mr. Shanwell Gardiner, Turks and Caicos Islands

Morning session

Laboratory capacity

8.30 - 10.00	Survey results	Ms. Sacha Wallace - Sankarsingh CAREC
	Laboratory guidelines for quality results surveillance	Dr. Jean-Marc Gabastou PAHO Ms. Lisa Edghill CAREC
	Discussion Session agreements and recommendations	

Laboratory External Quality Assurance (EQA)

10.00 - 10.30	Laboratory EQA in Cayman Islands	Ms. Judith Clarke Cayman Islands
	Laboratory EQA in Dominica	Mr. Walter Jones Dominica

10.30 - 11.00 **BREAK**

Laboratory EQA (Cont'd)

Laboratory EQA in CAREC	Ms. Lisa Edghill CAREC
Discussion Session agreements and recommendations	

Laboratory Technology Transfer

11.45 - 12.30	Laboratory Technology Transfer for HIV in Trinidad and Tobago	Dr. Brian Armour Trinidad and Tobago
	Laboratory Technology Transfer for HIV lessons learnt	Dr. Laura-Lee Boodram CAREC
	Discussion Session agreements and recommendations	

Afternoon session

Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance

1.45 - 3.00	Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance in St. Vincent and the Grenadines	Ms. Claudette Williams St. Vincent and the Grenadines
	Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance in Cayman Islands	Ms. Judith Clarke Cayman Islands
	Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance in the sub region	Dr. Ward Schrooten Dr. Lisa Indar CAREC
	Discussion Session agreements and recommendations	

3.00 - 3.30 BREAK

Tuberculosis Surveillance

3.00 - 4.30	Tuberculosis surveillance in Suriname	Dr. Beatrix Jubithana Suriname
	Tuberculosis surveillance in sub-region	Dr. Ward Schrooten Ms. Priya Bhagwandin CAREC
	Discussion Session agreements and recommendations	

4.30 - 5.00	Spacial patterns of Type II Diabetes in Eastern Trinidad	Steven Sankar Navin Sookhar
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WEDNESDAY MAY 11, 2011

EPIDEMIOLOGIST AND NCD FOCAL POINT MEETING

Port of Spain Ballroom

Chairperson – Dr. Aisha Andrewin, Belize

Morning session

Non-communicable Disease Surveillance

NCD Minimum Dataset Implementation

8.30 - 9.45	Surveillance for NCDs and their risk factors	Dr. Glennis Andall-Brereton CAREC
	Implementation of NCD minimum dataset in Dominica	Ms. Antheia James Dominica
	Implementation of NCD minimum dataset in Bermuda	Ms. Dy-Juan DeRoza Bermuda
	Discussion Session agreements and recommendations	

Cancer Registries

9.45 - 10.30	Cancer registration in Cayman Islands	Dr. Anne Matthews Cayman Islands
	National cancer registration for Trinidad and Tobago	Ms. Veronica Roach Trinidad and Tobago
	Discussion Session agreements and recommendations	

10.30 - 11.00 **BREAK**

Stroke Registries

11.00 - 11.45	Stroke registry in Barbados	Dr. Leslie Rollock Barbados
	Stroke registry in Curacao	Dr. Izzy Gerstenbluth Curacao
	Discussion Session agreements and recommendations	

Risk Factor Surveys (RFS)

11.45 - 12.30	RFS in St. Kitts	Ms. Petrinella Edwards St. Kitts and Nevis
	RFS in British Virgin Islands	Ms. Athelene Linton British Virgin Islands
	Discussion Session agreements and recommendations	

12.30 - 2.00 **LUNCH**

Chairperson – Dr. Tamu Davidson, Jamaica

Afternoon session

2.00 - 2.30	Diabetes prevails in Eastern Regional Health Authority, Trinidad and Tobago	Deyna Lackchansingh Graig Sookhan
2.30 - 3.30	Moving forward with NCD surveillance	Dr. Branka Legetic PAHO, WDC
	Discussion Session agreements and recommendations	

3.30 - 4.00 **BREAK**

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