



National Centre for Biosecurity



The University of Sydney

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

3rd Annual Biosecurity Symposium

'Global Health Security'

1 – 2 February 2010

Australian National University, Canberra

People and states around the globe face a diversity of infectious disease threats to health and security. In an era of accelerating globalization, problems in one part of the world are increasingly generating concern elsewhere. This symposium explores a wide range of global health security challenges including: the current H1N1 pandemic, emerging and re-emerging diseases, bioterrorism, and the dual-use dilemma in the life sciences. It aims to assess the links between these and other issues, and the requirements for integrated policy and practical responses.

The symposium is an opportunity for the exchange of information and ideas between scientists, academics, students, health professionals, government officials, members of non-government organisations, and other interested individuals.

The National Centre for Biosecurity invites proposals for presentations addressing the theme **'Global Health Security'** in one or more of the following areas:

- Responding to infectious disease crises in Australia and the Asia-Pacific
- The epidemiology of public health and animal health emergencies
- The development and use of biological weapons by state and non-state actors
- Ethical dilemmas and security risks of research on pathogenic micro-organisms
- International law and domestic regulation
- Relevance and applications of new technologies to biosecurity challenges
- Ethical, social and cultural dimensions of biosecurity

Abstracts (200 words maximum) should be emailed to Jon Herington, Executive Officer at the National Centre for Biosecurity, Australian National University, by **31 October 2009**: Jonathan.Herington@anu.edu.au

Information on registration will be circulated in October.

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