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# IMED



## *International Meeting on Emerging Diseases and Surveillance*

**Vienna, Austria · February 13–16, 2009**

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Emerging infectious diseases are at the center of the world's attention. The threats of pandemic influenza and bioterrorism, and the realization that new infectious diseases may be recognized at any time, in any place, have dramatically raised our awareness. What are the most important emerging disease threats? How can we quickly detect their occurrences in order to respond in a timely and appropriate way?

ProMED, the Program for Monitoring Emerging Diseases, is pleased to invite you to the International Meeting on Emerging Diseases and Surveillance 2009. Along with our co-sponsors, the European Centers for Disease Control, the World Organization for Animal Health, the European Commission, and the Wildlife Conservation Society, we are developing a conference that will bring together the public health community, scientists, health care workers and other leaders in the field of emerging infectious diseases. The meeting will embrace the 'One Medicine, One Health' concept recognizing that, just as diseases reach across national boundaries, so do they transcend species barriers. We therefore welcome the full participation of both the human and animal health communities.

Centrally located in Europe, the beautiful host city of Vienna is rich in history and culture. IMED 2009 will be organized by the International Society for Infectious Diseases, which has over 20 years experience in planning and implementing international biomedical meetings.

Because of the enthusiastic response to the inaugural meeting, IMED 2007, which attracted over 600 participants from 65 countries, IMED 2009 will expand to 3 full days of sessions and include more opportunities for oral presentations of submitted abstracts.

With outstanding plenary speakers, symposia by expert panels, and both oral and poster presentations of submitted abstracts, IMED 2009 is certain to be the year's major conference for those involved in the detection, monitoring and study of emerging pathogens and to those in the front lines of response. We look forward to seeing you in Vienna.

**Summary:** This international meeting, covering emerging infectious diseases of humans and animals and their surveillance and control, is co-sponsored by ProMED-mail, the European CDC, the European Commission, the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), and the Wildlife Conservation Society, and is organized by ISID.

**Abstract Submission:** The deadline for abstract submission is December 1, 2008.

**Meeting Venue:** Hilton Hotel, Vienna, Austria

**Target Audience:** ProMED-mail participants, physicians, veterinarians and other health care workers, public health workers, scientists, pharmaceutical and biotechnology industry, journalists, other interested persons.

**<http://imed.isid.org>**

**Schedule:** Opening session on Friday afternoon, February 13, 2009, followed by two full days of sessions on Saturday, February 14, 2009 and Sunday, February 15, 2009 and one half day on Monday morning, February 16, 2009. There will be plenary sessions, invited symposia and panels, and both oral and poster presentations of submitted abstracts.

**Topics:** Planned session topics include:

- Models of Disease Surveillance, Detection and Reporting
- Emerging Zoonoses and Animal Health Threats
- Animal Reservoirs for Emerging Pathogens
- Biosecurity and Agents of Bioterrorism/Biological Warfare
- Infections Related to Travel and Migration of Humans and Animals
- Specific Disease Threats: Avian Influenza, Rift Valley Fever, Drug-Resistant Pathogens, Chikungunya, Anthrax, West Nile Virus, Viral Hemorrhagic Fevers, Bluetongue, Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies and others.
- Vaccines Against Emerging Diseases
- Submitted Abstracts (Oral and Poster)

**Scientific Organizing Committee (confirmed as of February 8, 2008)**

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**Social Program:**

An attractive social program will be organized for participants and accompanying persons.

**Official Language:** The official language of the meeting will be English.

**Preliminary Program:** The preliminary program will be available in July 2008. It will be found at <http://imed.isid.org>

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