International Society for Disease Surveillance  
Research Committee  

Date: June 14, 2013  
Description: June Research Committee Meeting  

Notes:  
• 2013 ISDS Pre-Conference Workshops  
  o Public Health Surveillance for Beginners  
    ▪ Will be less hands-on and more didactic  
    ▪ More focused on knowledge dissemination – providing an overview  
    ▪ Developed this way in response to 2012 Pre-Conference Workshops evaluation  
    ▪ EMS as novel data source  
  o Public Health Surveillance and Policy Issues for Experts  
    ▪ Chronic disease surveillance  
    ▪ Disaster/Mass gathering surveillance: Response  
      ▪ Potentially, have someone that worked to prepare for Super Bowl/Mardi Gras or Democratic/Republican National Conventions  
    ▪ (Re-) Defining Situational Awareness  
    ▪ Group Roundtable Discussions  
    ▪ Group Roundtable Summaries  
  o Using R for Disease Surveillance  
    ▪ Longer session to take into account comments 2012 Pre-Conference Workshops evaluation  
    ▪ Hands-on  
    ▪ Multiple presenters so that there will be at least one person to help participants as other presents  
    ▪ Consider having 1 recorded pre-webinar that explains installation process  
      ▪ People do not always get to before  
      ▪ Have a help session at breakfast for late registrants  
      ▪ Have people at registration table ask if they have installed  
  o Introduction to Mapping for Disease Surveillance  
    ▪ Potential QGIS and/or Esri  
    ▪ Hands-on  
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    ▪ Esri is gold standard if you are using commercial product and many states have licenses  
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  o More information on webpage  
• 2013 ISDS Conference
- Theme: Translating Research and Surveillance into Action
  - Call for Abstracts
    - Abstract Submission Deadline: September 9, 2013
    - More information here
  - Potential survey at the Conference
    - One of goals is to make the Conference more interactive
    - What would it cover?
      - Currently under discussion
      - Technical areas, priorities, capabilities, expectations, issues facing them where they work
        - Poll everywhere (can see live)
          - Text answers and adjust talk
      - Need to focus a bit more
- Technical Conventions Committee
  - Submitted an abstract that was accepted for presentation at the PHI Virtual Event Presentation
  - Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 18th at 3pm – 4pm ET
    - Will discuss data sharing, including a presentation on iDASH
- Awards
  - Award for Outstanding Student Abstract Award
    - Now accepting applications
    - Deadline: September 9, 2013
    - More information on webpage
  - Awards for Outstanding Research Articles in Biosurveillance
    - Nominate: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2013-ISDS-Award
    - Nomination period closes: June 25th
- Literature Review:
  - June Literature Review on Disaster/Mass gathering surveillance on Thursday, June 20th at noon ET. Register
    - If you know which article you will be summarize, send the title to Tera Reynolds at treynolds@syndromic.org
    - Summaries should be sent to Tera Reynolds at treynolds@syndromic.org by Monday, June 17th
  - April Literature Review options:
    - Drug resistance
    - Recent outbreaks
- Upcoming webinar:
  - Syndromic surveillance in animal health: public, animal and food safety – Tuesday, July 30th, 10:30am – 12:00pm ET. Register
- Recent Committee Member Publications
  - New initiative to highlight Research Committee member publications on Monthly Research Committee meetings, as well as the ISDS Member Newsletter
  - Submitted for this meeting:
    - Suda KJ, Hicks LA, Roberts RM, Hunkler RJ, Danziger LH. A national evaluation of antibiotic expenditures by healthcare setting in the United
http://jac.oxfordjournals.org/content/68/3/715.short

Next steps:

• Nominate an article for the ‘Awards for Outstanding Research Articles in Biosurveillance’ [here](http://jac.oxfordjournals.org/content/68/3/715.short)
• Register [here](http://jac.oxfordjournals.org/content/68/3/715.short) for Literature Review on June 20th (starts at noon ET)
• Register for July 30th webinar, Syndromic surveillance in animal health: public, animal and food safety’ [here](http://jac.oxfordjournals.org/content/68/3/715.short).
• Submit your recent publications [here](http://jac.oxfordjournals.org/content/68/3/715.short) to be highlighted at the next meeting.