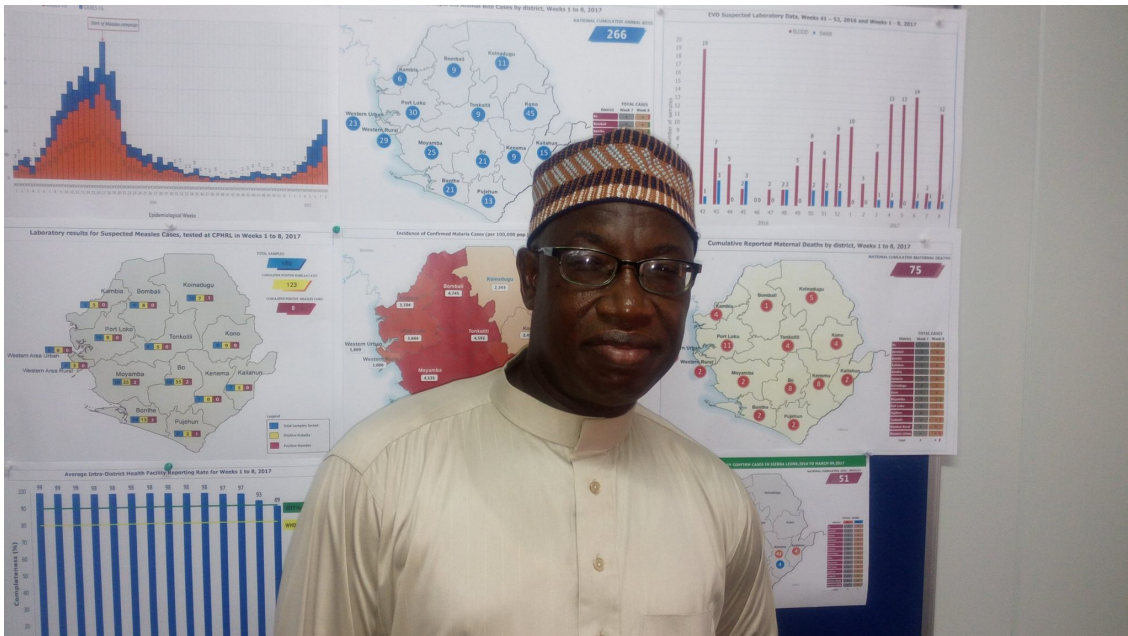


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Welcome...

to our CORDS 2018 Conference special newsletter. On the 29th and 30th January CORDS 2018 Conference took place in Bangkok, Thailand as a side meeting of the Prince Mahidol Award Conference. Co-organised and supported by The Rockefeller Foundation and Ending Pandemics, it was attended by 173 participants from 45 countries, 10 regional networks and 5 continents. CORDS conference was featured on the Thai national news on 29th January and there were four pieces in print press with a total circulation of 2.19 million as well as 17 online news pieces.



Dr. Dafee Obituary

We are deeply saddened by the passing of Dr. Foday Dafee, Director of Disease Prevention and Control and Incident Manager of the Sierra Leone National Emergency Operation Centre (PHNEOC), Ministry of Health and Sanitation on Sunday 4th February 2018, at the age of 59. Dr Dafee became the Director of Disease Prevention and Control, during the Ebola outbreak, providing technical assistance and support to the National Ebola Response Centre (NERC). He participated in several workshops organised by CORDS for the strengthening of disease surveillance in West Africa, and attended the CORDS Conference.

Dr. Dafee was laid to rest on Friday 16th February 2018 in his hometown of Bubuya, in the Kambia District of Northern Sierra Leone. He was renowned for his commitment to disease prevention and control. Our thoughts and best wishes are with his family and friends at this very sad time. RIP.



Lessons Learnt from Keynote speeches

We were honoured to have keynote speeches from renowned Global Health specialists. Prof. Charlanne Burke, Associate Director, The Rockefeller Foundation, who co-organised CORDS Conference, spoke about how The Rockefeller Foundation has supported CORDS from its inception and the importance of the West African Network for Infectious Disease Surveillance, WANIDS. Prof. Larry Brilliant, Chair of the Board, Ending Pandemics, highlighted the importance of early disease detection and the vital role CORDS networks have at the first and last mile of disease surveillance and control at community level. Prof. Francoise Barré-Sinoussi, Nobel Laureate, Honorary President of the Institut Pasteur International Network, spoke about how the HIV epidemic is a good example of a broad multidisciplinary response, involving civil society, to an emerging human threat. She also spoke on how new diseases can emerge and the importance of prevention strategies. Dr. John Nkengasong, Director of the Africa CDC, presented their work on the strengthening of National Public Health Institutes in each member state and on the establishment of regional surveillance networks.



Session Highlights

The two-day conference consisted of four sessions each designed to encourage discussion and collaboration on a different topic related to the surveillance of infectious diseases. Session 1 **'Promoting Innovation'** covered making healthcare systems efficient, innovation in disease surveillance, electronic systems of surveillance, regional web-based reporting, inter-sectorial collaboration and improving laboratory-based disease surveillance.

Session 2 **'Advancing One Health'** looked at emerging infections, making One Health surveillance work, antimicrobial resistance and genomics-driven surveillance. Session 3 **'Network Capacity Building'** included presentations on building regional capacity, National Public Health Institutions, laboratory networking projects, TB diagnostics, enhancing cross-border collaboration, influenza surveillance and outbreak detection and response.

Session 4 **'Building Sustainable Networks'** covered the importance of trust in networks, the role of APEIR as a resource network for universities and government institutions in Asia and how MBDS enabled their networks to collaborate and exchange information across borders. SECID presented on strengthening communicable disease response in South East Europe and the concept of a 'virtual centre of excellence' used by SACIDS was shared. Salmonella laboratory-based surveillance was presented by MECIDS and the importance of joint and coordinated cross-border activities to respond to outbreaks, by EAIDSNet.



Key Messages from Partner Organisations

We were delighted that so many of our partner organisations were able to communicate on their programmes at CORDS conference. Prof. Ann Marie Kimball, Chatham House, spoke about their Child Health and Mortality Prevention Surveillance Project. Dr. Oliver Morgan presented WHO Health Emergencies Programme. Dr. Mark Smolinski, shared the philosophy of Ending Pandemics, that no country is too hard to reach and no country too poor to innovate. Dr. Julio Pinto spoke on innovative tools and approaches developed by FAO for surveillance in animal health. Prof. Ab Osterhaus, Hannover

Veterinary University, presented on viruses that have crossed the species barrier. Dr. Mursalin, Pak One Health Alliance, shared their study of Leishmaniasis in Jordan, Albania and Pakistan and Dr. Jorge Pinto Ferreira, OIE, presented on antibiotic use and antimicrobial resistance.



Presentations from other Networks

Dr Bakary Sylla, Senior Consultant at CORDS, explained our collaboration with the West African Health Organization, after the Ebola 2014-2015 epidemic, to create and strengthen WANIDS, the West African Network for Infectious Disease Surveillance. Dr. Mohammad Al-Nsour, Executive Director of EMPHNET, spoke about the role that his network plays in responding to public health challenges in the East Mediterranean region, home to both man-made and natural disasters for decades. Field Epidemiology Training Programs have been identified as one of the main strategies to overcome health challenges in mass-gathering. Dr Sithar Dorjee, Director for Strategic Planning and International Relations, and Professor of Epidemiology at the University of Medical Sciences of Bhutan, shared their experience of establishing a One Health Disease Surveillance Network in South Asia, home to about a quarter of the world's population and considered one of the hotspots for emerging diseases. Dr Harentsoaniaina Rasamoelina-Andriamanivo made a poster presentation on the SEGA One Health Indian Ocean Network, created after the 2005-2006 outbreak of Chikungunya to protect human and animal populations of the five island states.

Conference Resources

To read the Conference Report click here

<http://www.cordsnetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/CORDS-Conference-2018-Report-1.pdf>

To view the Conference Evaluation click here

www.cordsnetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/CORDS-2018-Conference-evaluation-1.pdf

To watch the video of the Conference click here

<http://www.cordsnetwork.org>

To see some of the Conference Presentations click here

www.cordsnetwork.org/conference-bangkok-2018-oral-presentations

To view a selection of images from the Conference click here

www.cordsnetwork.org/conference-bangkok-2018/



7th Annual Summer Institute of Advanced Epidemiology and Preventative Medicine

The Tel Aviv University School of Public Health and Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, 7th Annual Summer Institute of Advanced Epidemiology and Preventative Medicine takes place from the 8th to the 20th of July 2018. The Summer Institute of Advanced Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine at Tel Aviv University School of Public Health was established in 2012 in collaboration with Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. The Summer Institute offers short, intensive courses in epidemiology and preventive medicine, which can be taken for professional development, to enhance current skills, or for academic credit. Courses are taught in English by world-renowned faculty from Israel and international academic and research institutions. The Summer Institute is co-directed by Professors Dani Cohen (TAU), Tamy Shohat (TAU), and Jonathan Zenilman (JHU). The confirmation deadline is June 8th 2018 and the tuition deadline June 15th 2018.

To find out more visit <https://en-med.tau.ac.il/School-of-Public-Health/Summer-Institute>

ICEID – International Conference on Emerging Diseases, Atlanta, USA

ICEID 2018 – International Conference on Emerging Infectious Diseases is taking place in Atlanta, USA, from the 26th to the 29th of August 2018. Since 1998, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has hosted the International Conference on Emerging Infectious Diseases (ICEID). Held every 2-3 years, the conference brings together more than 1500 public health professionals from around the world to encourage the exchange of the latest information on issues affecting the emergence, spread, and control of infectious diseases. Major topics for ICEID 2018 include surveillance and outbreak response, laboratory diagnostics and systems, factors affecting disease emergence and control, and public health preparedness. Specific subjects focus on issues such as antimicrobial resistance, genomic and molecular epidemiology, foodborne and waterborne illnesses, vector-borne and zoonotic diseases, healthcare-associated infections, respiratory infections, and global health. Late breaker abstract submission opens on the 4th of June and closes on the 22nd. The deadline for early registration is June the 26th.

For more information visit <http://www.iceid.org>

General Data Protection Regulation - GDPR

Dear colleague,

At CORDS we are pleased to regularly share with you our activities, and those of CORDS member Networks, on global infectious disease surveillance. As you will know The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) has come into effect in the European Union on the 25thMay. We take protecting your data seriously and hope that you will want to stay in touch. If you no longer wish to hear from us, you can click on the unsubscribe link at the bottom of this newsletter.

Best wishes,
CORDS Team.



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