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>>Meetings, Courses, Training and Funding Opportunities**New This Week!****CDC: Public Health Prevention Service Program for Masters-Level Health Professionals – Due February 15, 2006**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) invites applications for the Public Health Prevention Service (PHPS), a 3-year national training and service program for masters-level health professionals. The tenth class of 25 participants is scheduled to begin in October 2006. For further information contact: Public Health Prevention Service, Career Development Division, Office of Workforce and Career Development, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road, NE, MS E-92, Atlanta, GA 30333, E-mail: phpsepo@cdc.gov Phone: (404) 498-6120. Application information is available [here](#). From ASPH Friday Letter #1398.

27th Annual Minority Health Conference – February 26, 2006

"Community-Based Research and Practice: How Do We Make it Work for Everyone?" the 27th Annual Minority Health Conference will be held on Friday, February 24 at the William and Ida Friday Continuing Education Center in Chapel Hill, N.C. The conference will feature the 8th Annual William T. Small, Jr. Keynote Lecture given by Dr. Meredith Minkler, professor of health and social behavior at the University of California at Berkeley School of Public Health. The lecture will be broadcast by satellite and Internet at 2 p.m. (Eastern). Co-chairs for the event are Mr. Chris Heaney, doctoral student in the Department of Epidemiology, and Ms. Aisha Moore, master's student in the Department of Health Behavior and Health Education. The conference and lecture are presented by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Public Health. For more information visit: www.minority.unc.edu:9014/sph/minconf/2006/. From ASPH Friday Letter #1398.

Annual NCURA (National Council of University Research Administrators) Video Workshop Series – March 7, 2006, June 13, 2006, and September 12, 2006

The University of South Florida is once again making available the annual NCURA (National Council of University Research Administrators) video workshop series. Principal investigators, co-investigators, project directors and other project personnel are encouraged to take advantage of the workshop series, which features top research administrators from major universities discussing topics of vital interest to the research community. The registration fee per session is \$25 (includes program materials and lunch). You may register on line at: http://www.research.usf.edu/sr/ncura_registration.htm.

Development and Use of Child Health Information Systems (CHIS) Meeting – March 15-16, 2006

Join us March 15 - 16, 2006, at the Royal Pacific Resort in Orlando, Florida for an exciting program featuring leading experts in the development and use of child health information systems (CHIS). This meeting will provide attendees with an in depth review of recent advances in CHIS, updates on national initiatives affecting the diffusion and adoption of CHIS, and an opportunity to network with individuals and organizations who are at the leading edge of innovation in this area. This meeting also serves as the third in a series of conferences which have brought together the community of interest engaged in the development and deployment of child health information systems. Prior meetings were convened by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) in 2001 and by the Public Health Informatics Institute (PHII) in 2003. Additionally, this meeting is affiliated with the National Initiative for Children's Healthcare Quality (NICHQ)'s 5th Annual Forum for Improving Children's Health Care, March 16-18, 2006 also being held at the Royal Pacific Resort. For more information on this meeting and to register, go to <http://www.nichq.org/NICHO/Programs/ConferencesAndTraining/5thannualforum.htm>. For more information on this conference, please contact Kathy Agne, Coordinator, Florida Initiative for Children's Healthcare Quality at kagne@hsc.usf.edu or 727-553-3665 .

Empowering Communities to Bridge Health Divides - Unite For Sight International Conference – April 1-2, 2006

Unite For Sight is holding its 3rd Annual International Conference at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut. The conference's goal is to inform the public about health divides and empower them to develop solutions to improve access to care for the medically underserved. Featured speakers include Alfred Sommer, MD, MHS; Allan Rosenfield, MD; Charles MacCormack; Louis Pizzarello, MD. Additional information is available at www.uniteforsight.org/2006_annual_conference.php. From ASPH Friday Letter #1398.

ASPH/CDC International Global Immunization Division Fellowship Program - New Opportunities Posted – Due March 7, 2006

ASPH is pleased to announce the availability of funds to support two International Global Immunization Division (GID) Fellowship positions in India and Geneva. Detailed program information and an application can be accessed at http://www.asph.org/document.cfm?page=751&JobProg_ID=16. Applications are due Tuesday, March 7. Questions about the program may be directed to Ms. Christine Plepys at cplepys@asph.org. From ASPH Friday Letter #1398.



From Previous Weeks!

White House Targeted Workshop on Faith-Based and Community Initiatives – February 7, 2006

On Tuesday, February 7, the White House and the Departments of Justice, Commerce, Agriculture, Labor, Veterans Affairs, Health & Human Services, Housing & Urban Development, and Education, the Agency for International Development and the Small Business Administration will host a targeted workshop in Harrisburg, Penn., to help faith-based and community organizations learn more about President Bush's Faith-Based and Community Initiative. The conference is free, but pre-registration is required. Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Visit [here](#) to register online. From ASPH Friday Letter #1395.

2006 National Health Policy Conference Adjunct Meeting – February 7-9, 2006

Join fellow researchers, practitioners, funders, policymakers and others immediately following the Academy Health and Health Affairs 2006 National Health Policy Conference for a special dialogue on improving public health policy through research on the public health system. Participants will share their experiences as producers, users, and funders of public health systems research and participate in the development of strategies to build and advance public health systems research agendas. To register for the conference, visit www.pware.com/2626 and click on Public Health Systems Research Events to access the conference registration. Questions or difficulty registering should be directed to Ms. Tunisia Hargrave at phsr@sph.emory.edu or call (404) 727-5037. From ASPH Friday Letter #1384.

Third Thursday Breakfast Broadcast "Threats of Water Contamination" – February 9, 2006

On Thursday, February 9, from 10-11 a.m. and 4-5 p.m. (Eastern Time), the University at Albany (SUNY) School of Public Health's Center for Public Health Preparedness will present a Grand Rounds satellite broadcast, titled "Threats of Water Contamination." For the location of the nearest CPHP Grand Rounds downlink site, to register for a free satellite downlink or live webcast, or to obtain online Nursing Contact Hours, CHES or CME credits for participation, visit <http://www.ualbanycphp.org/>. From ASPH Friday Letter #1397.

Dissertation Fellowships in Population, Reproductive Health and Economic Development- Due February 20, 2006

The Population Reference Bureau (PRB) is now accepting applications for the Dissertation Fellowship in Population, Reproductive Health and Economic Development. The two-year fellowships of \$20,000 per year will be awarded by the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation and PRB. The fellowships are open to students enrolled in Ph.D. programs in the United States and Canada. Students in economics, economic demography, geography and epidemiology are especially encouraged to apply. These fellowships will support dissertation research on topics that examine how population dynamics and family planning and reproductive health influence economic development, including economic growth, poverty reduction and equity. Dissertations that address population and development issues pertinent to the African continent are especially encouraged. The deadline for applying is Feb. 20. For submission information, contact Dr. Rachel Nugent at (202) 483-1100 or e-mail <mailto:popecondissfellows@prb.org>. From APHA Member News, January 2006.

2006 Local, State and Federal Public Health Preparedness Summit – February 21-24, 2006

The 2006 Local, State and Federal Public Health Preparedness Summit to be held in Washington, D.C. The summit, titled "Planning, Preparing, Protecting" will take place February 21-24, 2006 at the Washington Hilton. Please visit <http://www.naccho.org/phprep06/> for more information. From ASPH Friday Letter #1383.

2006 ASPH/CDC/PRC Minority Fellowship Program Now Seeking Applications – Due February 22, 2006

The ASPH/CDC/PRC Minority Fellowship supports fellowship positions for minority doctoral students. The selected fellows will conduct research related to the efforts of, and within, CDC-funded Prevention Research Centers. The overall intent of the program is to enhance the preparation of future public health professionals from ethnic and racial minorities by providing unique training opportunities in prevention research. Detailed information and all application materials are posted on the ASPH Web site at www.asph.org. For more information, please contact Ms. Christine Plepys at CPlepys@asph.org. From ASPH Friday Letter #1390.

Annual Meeting of American College of Preventive Medicine – February 22 – 26, 2006

Registration is now open for "Preventive Medicine 2006," the annual meeting of the American College of Preventive Medicine, scheduled for Wednesday, February 22- Sunday, February 26, at the Nugget Resort in Reno/Tahoe, Nevada. For more information, or to register online, visit <http://rd.bcentral.com/?ID=3396165&s=117221436>. From ASPH Friday Letter #1396.

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"Community-Based Research and Practice: How Do We Make it Work for Everyone?" the 27th Annual Minority Health Conference will be held on Friday, February 24 at the William and Ida Friday Continuing Education Center in Chapel Hill, N.C. For more information, visit [here](http://www.minority.unc.edu/sph/minconf/). From ASPH Friday Letter #1396.

"Community-Based Research and Practice: How Do We Make it Work for Everyone?" – February 24, 2006

The 27th Annual University of North Carolina School of Public Health Minority Health Conference will be held Friday, February 24, 2006 at the William and Ida Friday Continuing Education Center in Chapel Hill, N.C. For more information about the Conference in general, visit <http://www.minority.unc.edu/sph/minconf/>. For more information about exhibiting or co-sponsorship opportunities, write to Minority_Health@unc.edu. From ASPH Friday Letter #1388.

New Youth QUIT2WIN Program to Help Youth Quit Smoking Training – February 27-28, 2006

The Tobacco Dependence Program of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey School of Public Health has been providing training to enable professionals throughout the country to effectively treat tobacco use and dependence since 2000. For more information, visit <http://www.tobaccoprogram.org/> or call Ms. Nancy Speelman at (732) 235-8218. From ASPH Friday Letter #1395.

2006 ASPH/HRSA Fellowship Program – Due February 28, 2006

ASPH is now accepting applications for the ASPH/HRSA Fellowship Program. The deadline for applications is Tuesday, February 28. Detailed information and all application materials are posted on the ASPH Web site at http://www.asph.org/document.cfm?page=751&JobProg_ID=2. From ASPH Friday Letter #1395.

Business Health – Employee Health: Creation, Retention and Renewal – March 1, 2006

The Canadian Institute for the Relief of Pain and Disability in collaboration with Healthcare Benefit Trust has released a call for abstracts for its upcoming 13th International Conference, "Business Health – Employee Health: Creation, Retention, Renewal." For more information, visit <http://www.cirpd.org/df/conf2006/callforpapers.html>. From ASPH Friday Letter #1392.

2006 AMCHP Annual Conference – March 4-8, 2006

Join leaders in maternal and child health, public health practitioners, and family advocates for information filled workshops led by your peers of researchers, federal officials, advocates, health care providers and directors of state programs. The conference program will cover topics applicable to professionals throughout the maternal and child health field, with a special focus on Early Childhood: Building the Foundation for Lifelong Health. Visit the conference website: <http://www.amchp.org/news/2006/index.htm>. Contact: Mara Gandal (mgandal@amchp.org). Phone: 202-775-0436. From ASPH Friday Letter #1390.

ASPH/CDC Global AIDS Fellowship Program – Due March 7, 2006

ASPH is pleased to announce the availability of funds to support thirteen Global AIDS Program Fellowship positions for graduate degree candidates and early career professionals with graduate degrees from ASPH member schools of public health. Detailed program information and an application can be accessed on the ASPH Web site [here](#). Applications are due Tuesday, March 7. Please direct all questions about the program to Ms. Christine Plepys at clepys@asph.org. From ASPH Friday Letter #1394.

ASPH 2006 Legislative Meeting – March 7-8, 2006

Washington, DC. For more information contact Porsha Hands (phands@asph.org). From ASPH Friday Letter #1368.

Spring Training for Health Champions – March 14-16, 2006

The Association for Community Health Improvement's "Spring Training for Health Champions" conference is an educational and networking event for community health and healthy communities professionals. The 2006 ACHI Annual Conference will take place in Phoenix, AZ, and will be concurrent with the CHA/VHA 2006 Community Benefit Conference. For more information, please click [here](#). From ASPH Friday Letter #1378.

Homeland Defense Training Conference – March 29-30, 2006

The Homeland Defense Training Conference, "Managing the Un-thinkable in the Era of Pandemic Disease and Asymmetrical Threats," will be held from Wednesday, March 29 – Thursday, March 30 in Arlington, Va. For more information or to register, visit <http://www.homelanddefensejournal.com/> or contact Ms. Pamela Greenstein at (703) 807-2728 or pgreenstein@marketaccess.org. From ASPH Friday Letter #1397.

4th Biodefense and Pandemic Vaccine and Therapeutics Conference – April 24-26, 2006

ASPH is pleased to announce that it is a sponsoring organization of the 4th Bio-Chem Defense & Pandemic Vaccines and Therapeutics Conference to be held from Monday, April 24 – Wednesday, April 26 at the Almas Temple Club in Washington, D.C. To register and receive your ASPH discount or obtain more information about this event, visit <http://www.infocastinc.com/biovac06.html> or call (818) 888-4444. From ASPH Friday Letter #1396.

National Public Health Leadership Development Network 2006 Annual Conference – April 26 – 28, 2006

The National Public Health Leadership Development Network 2006 Annual Conference will be held Wednesday, April 26 – Friday, April 28 in St. Louis, Mo., at the Drury Plaza Hotel. For more information, visit <http://www.heartlandcenters.slu.edu/nln/>, or contact Ms. Alexis Bruce-Staudt, project coordinator for NPHLDN at abrucest@slu.edu. From ASPH Friday Letter #1397.

"Making Decentralization Work: Tools for Health Policy Makers and Managers" Course – May 1-12, 2006

The Harvard School of Public Health will offer the course "Making Decentralization Work: Tools for Health Policy Makers and Managers," from May 1 – 12, 2006. For more information about the course and or for an application, visit http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/ihsq/DC06_brochure.doc. From ASPH Friday Letter #1395.

CEHA Educational Seminar – May 8-12, 2006

The California Environmental Health Association is also hosting a week long annual educational seminar at the Crown Plaza Resort in Anaheim, CA from May 8th-12th, 2006. Topics to be discussed include food safety and sanitation, food borne illnesses, water quality, land use, hazardous materials, vector control and environmental health legislations. For updates and more information, please visit <http://www.ceha.org/>. From ASPH Friday Letter #1370.

HRSA Training Course in MCH Epidemiology – May 21-25, 2006

As part of its ongoing effort to enhance analytic capacity in state and local health agencies, the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) is offering a training course in MCH Epidemiology with sponsorship from the CDC. The course will be held from Sunday, May 21 – Thursday, May 25 in New Orleans, La. Applications are available [here](#). For more information call 1-866-CRPHRSA between 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. (Eastern). From ASPH Friday Letter #1397.

Harvard School of Public Health Announces New Dates for Short Course – May 22-June 2, 2006

The Harvard School of Public Health has announced new dates for its short course, "Making Decentralization Work: Tools for Health Policy Makers and Managers." For more information or for an application, visit [here](#). From ASPH Friday Letter #1397.

33rd Annual Conference on Global Health – May 30 - June 2, 2006

The Global Health Council will host the 33rd Annual Conference on Global Health, "Excellence, Innovation and Influence: Pathways to Results," from Tuesday, May 30 – Friday, June 2 in Washington, D.C. For more information, visit <http://www.globalhealth.org/conference/>. From ASPH Friday Letter #1397.

Registration opens for Community-Campus Partnerships for Health's Ninth Conference – May 31 – June 3, 2006

Community-Campus Partnerships for Health's ninth conference, "Walking the Talk: Achieving the Promise of Authentic Partnerships" will be held in Minneapolis, MN from May 31 - June 3, 2006. Registration for the conference is now available online at <http://depts.washington.edu/ccph/conf-registration.html>. From ASPH Friday Letter #1383.

17th American Statistical Association's Radiation and Health Conference – June 18-21, 2006

The 2006 American Statistical Association's Conference on Radiation and Health continues a decades-long tradition of bringing scientists working in the bio-physical, biological, biostatistical and public health aspects of radiation epidemiology, together in a beautiful and relaxed atmosphere. Partial travel support is available for new investigators. There will be a contributed poster session for new investigators and other attendees. More information about the conference, including the program, procedures for submitting poster session abstracts and application deadlines for New Investigator awards, is available [here](#). From ASPH Friday Letter #1395.

"Human Resources Strategies & Innovative Human Resources Management for Achieving Millennium Development Goals in Health" Course – June 19-30, 2006

The Harvard School of Public Health will offer the course "Human Resources Strategies & Innovative Human Resources Management for Achieving Millennium Development Goals in Health," from June 19-30, 2006. Applications for the course are due Wednesday, April 19. For more information or for an application, visit [here](#). From ASPH Friday Letter #1395.

Second American Congress of Epidemiology – June 21-24, 2006

Seattle, WA. For more information please visit: www.epicongress2006.org/. From ASPH Friday Letter #1363.

41st Graduate Summer Session in Epidemiology – July 9-28, 2006

The University of Michigan School of Public Health will hold the 41st Graduate Summer Session in Epidemiology from July 9 – 28, 2006. One and three week courses will be offered for all public health professionals and those interested in health research. For an application or further information, visit: www.sph.umich.edu/epid/GSS. From ASPH Friday Letter #1390.

2nd Annual Summer Institute in Maternal-Fetal Pharmacology – July 23-29, 2006

The National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) and the Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Institute of Human Development, Child and Youth Health (IHDCYH) at the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) are pleased to announce the 2nd Annual Summer Institute in Maternal-Fetal Pharmacology (Summer Institute), to be held Sunday, July 23 through Saturday, July 29, 2006 in Denver, CO. To receive additional information regarding this unique training opportunity, please go to <http://www.circlesolutions.com/summerinstitute>. From ASPH Friday Letter #1396.

Predictive Health Symposium To Feature National Experts Discussing New Model of Healthcare – December 19-20, 2006

A field of national healthcare leaders will assemble at Emory University this month, to offer new perspectives on predictive health – a new model of healthcare that will harness advances in bioscience to identify individuals at risk for disease long before symptoms appear and to halt disease before it begins. "Seeking Ponce's Dream: The Promise of Predictive Health" will be the introductory event of the new Emory-Georgia Tech Predictive Health Initiative, a collaboration between the two universities that will redirect the focus of medicine from treatment of disease to prediction and prevention by combining technological breakthroughs with an accessible and cost-effective new system of healthcare. The Predictive Health Symposium takes place Monday and Tuesday, December 19 and 20 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Emory Conference Center at 1615 Clifton Rd., Atlanta. Registration is open to the scientific and business communities and to the general public, and is available through the Web site at http://www.whsc.emory.edu/public_events.cfm. From ASPH Friday Letter #1390.

States to Hold Influenza Pandemic Planning Meetings

U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Michael Leavitt is holding a series of pandemic-planning summits in every state in the coming months. These summits will allow for the public health community, including APHA members and Affiliates, to reach out to and develop relationships and coordinate with political, economic and community stakeholders in each state. For additional information and meeting dates, see www.pandemicflu.gov or your state's Web site. From APHA Member News, January 2006.

Christine Mirzayan Science and Technology Policy Graduate Fellowship Program – Various Due Dates

This Graduate Fellowship Program of the National Academies—consisting of the National Academy of Sciences, National Academy of Engineering, Institute of Medicine, and National Research Council—is designed to engage graduate and postdoctoral students in science and technology policy and to familiarize them with the interactions among science, technology, and government. Both forms are available on the Web at <http://national-academies.org/policyfellows>. From ASPH Friday Letter #1379.

NIH: Centers of Excellence in Genomic Science (CEGS) - Various Due Dates

The National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI) along with the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) has issued a program announcement to fund Centers of Excellence in Genomic Science (CEGS). The expiration date for this program is October 2, 2007. For full details, visit <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-05-163.html>. From ASPH Friday Letter #1378.

NIH: Recent HIV Infection: New Prevention Challenges and Opportunities - Various Due Dates

NIH is soliciting innovative basic or applied research applications that will advance prevention opportunities to reduce transmission risk or minimize neuro-cognitive impairment in persons with recent HIV infection (i.e., 0-6 months post-exposure). Principal Investigators are urged to develop new research that extends knowledge of the basic biological processes of acute and early HIV disease to address the specific prevention needs of highly infectious, newly infected persons who may account for a disproportionate share of secondary HIV transmissions. Various application due dates apply with an expiration date of September 2, 2008. For full details visit <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-05-164.html#SectionII>. From ASPH Friday Letter #1378.

The National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) 2005-2006 Competition is open for applications – Various Due Dates

The fellowship provides three years of financial support including a \$30,000 annual stipend and \$10,500 cost of education allowance. U.S. citizens, nationals, or permanent resident aliens at or near the beginning of research-based graduate studies in relevant science, technology, engineering, and mathematics disciplines are eligible to apply. For application and deadline information, go to: <http://www.fastlane.nsf.gov/>. For additional program information, go to: www.nsf.gov/grfp.

NIH: NICHD Institutional Predoctoral Training Program in Reproductive, Perinatal, and Pediatric Epidemiology – Various Due Dates

The NICHD Institutional Predoctoral Training Program in Reproductive, Perinatal and Pediatric Epidemiology has issued a funding announcement to support broad and fundamental, early stage graduate research training in reproductive, perinatal, and pediatric epidemiology via institutional training grants. Because the nature and scope of the proposed research training will vary from application to application, it is anticipated that the size and duration of each award will also vary. For more information visit: http://www.asph.org/press/fridayletter/article_view.cfm?FLE_Index=2333&FL_Index=1367. From ASPH Friday Letter #1367.

Regional Forums on Transportation Reform to Be Held

The federal law, the [Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users \(SAFETEA-LU\)](#) was enacted Aug. 10, 2005, as Public Law 109-59. The first meeting is planned for Charlotte, N.C., Jan. 19-20, 2006. APHA will be working with our Sections and Affiliates to identify appropriate individuals to ensure public health is represented in these discussions. The new law is an unprecedented opportunity to promote bike paths, sidewalks and mass transit options. All can promote the public health of a community. Details regarding how to sign up will be available shortly as will the schedule of the remaining meetings. From APHA Member News, November 2005.

Online Bio-Terrorism Course -- ABIH and PACE-approved

Kirkwood Community College's Hazardous Materials Training and Research Institute is pleased to announce its latest online training course, "Biological Agents of Terrorism." Students can complete this training by logging on to <http://www.et-online.org/> or requesting a CD. Registration is accomplished by phone, E-mail or fax. A tuition fee of \$178.00 for the two-credit course or \$100.00 for each of the five one-CEU courses is assessed. From ASPH Friday Letter #1384.

CSTE Accepting Applications for Masters and/or Doctoral candidates for One Chronic Disease Position

In response to the need for a skilled workforce in applied epidemiology at state and local health departments, the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) has established the Applied Epidemiology Fellowship Program in partnership with CDC and ASPH. Please visit the CSTE Web site [here](#) for more information. Questions should be directed to Ms. Adrienne Gil at (770) 458-3811 or E-mail fellowship@cste.org. Applications for this position will be accepted until the position is filled. From ASPH Friday Letter #1384.

New Online Course: Public Health Emergency Training (PHET)

The University of Minnesota School of Public Health Center for Public Health Preparedness announces the launch of the Public Health Emergency Training modules (UM PHET). The modules are free and can be found [here](#). From ASPH Friday Letter #1384.

Practicing Cross-Cultural Communication: Hepatitis A Outbreak

The New York-New Jersey Public Health Training Center is pleased to announce a new module in its online, "Communicate to Make a Difference" training series. This interactive case study, "Practicing Cross-Cultural Communication: Hepatitis A Outbreak," focuses on the communication skills needed to address a hepatitis A outbreak in a Mexican-American community, and builds on the competencies introduced in the first module, "Exploring Cultural Communication." Both modules, developed by the University at Albany (SUNY) School of Public Health are available, free-of-charge, at <http://www.nynj-phtc.org/>. From ASPH Friday Letter #1384.

New Online Course: Preparedness & Community Response to Pandemics

With the flu season approaching and avian influenza a looming threat to global public health, the University at Albany SUNY School of Public Health's Center for Public Health Preparedness is pleased to announce its newest online course: "Preparedness & Community Response to Pandemics." The course is accessible through the Center for Public Health Preparedness E-Learning Center: <http://www.ualbanycphp.org/learning/default.cfm>. Please contact Lindsay Benson at lbenson@uamail.albany.edu with any questions or comments. Participants are invited to provide feedback on the course. From ASPH Friday Letter #1383.

Fulbright Scholar Program – Multiple Due Dates

Applications continue to be accepted for some Fulbright Scholar awards for U.S. faculty in public health to lecture or conduct research abroad during the 2006-2007 academic year. Visit our website at www.cies.org and contact the relevant program officer for more information.

Advanced Public Information Officers Course: Health Departments & Hospitals – Multiple Due Dates

This course is a modified version of the Emergency Management Institute's (EMI) popular Advanced Public Information Officers, to meet the needs of a health-related emergency. To apply, complete a FEMA Form 75-5, General Admissions Application with student signature and supervisor or sponsoring office signature and submit through the state emergency management training office via fax to the National Emergency Training Center Admissions Office at (301) 447-1658. To obtain a Form 75-5 and for further information, please refer to the EMI web site at: <http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/apply> or contact Pete Vogel, course manager at (301) 447-1101 or pete.vogel@dhs.gov. From ASPH Friday Letter #1382.

University of Alabama at Birmingham to Host Series about Problems Faced After Katrina – Multiple Dates

The University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Public Health (SPH) will host the "Katrina Dialogs," a series of community/academic discussions focused on the array of problems brought to light by Hurricane Katrina. Each session will feature a panel of community and academic leaders. Discussions are free and open to the public. For more information, contact the UAB School of Public Health at (205) 934-4993. From ASPH Friday Letter #1382.

University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey School of Public Health, Tobacco Dependence Program – Multiple Due Dates

The Tobacco Dependence Program of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey School of Public Health has been specializing in providing intensive training for Tobacco Dependence Treatment Specialists since 2000. To register for the course, visit www.tobaccoprogram.org.