

## COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH DEAN'S LECTURE SERIES



**Dr. Bernard Nahlen, Captain U.S. Public Health Service**

**Deputy Coordinator, President's Malaria Initiative**

**“Global Malaria Eradication: Calibrating Aspirations, Technology  
and Commitment”**

**Friday, April 3, 2009**

**12:00 – 1:00 pm**

**College of Public Health Auditorium – Room 1023A**

Admiral Tim Ziemer, Coordinator of the President's Malaria Initiative (PMI), has named Dr. Bernard Nahlen to serve as Deputy Coordinator of PMI, effective March 5, 2007. Dr. Nahlen is a Commissioned Officer in the U.S. Public Health Service assigned to the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Bureau for Global Health and has most recently served as Senior Advisor, Monitoring and Evaluation, at the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (Global Fund).

As PMI's Deputy Coordinator, Dr. Nahlen will assist the Coordinator in directing PMI. Specific responsibilities include serving as the Senior Technical Advisor to the Coordinator, providing guidance on malaria technical issues and program interventions; assisting in-country programs, program facilitation, policy coordination, coherence and implementation among all U.S. Government (USG) agencies and other recipients of USG funds for malaria prevention and treatment; engaging other donors, host countries, the Global Fund, Roll Back Malaria (RBM), WHO, UNICEF, and other relevant organizations; and ensuring implementation of a monitoring and evaluation program, transparency of programs, clear results, and outcomes.

Dr. Nahlen was born in Little Rock, Arkansas, where he graduated from medical school after completing undergraduate studies at the University of Notre Dame. He completed a residency in Family Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco, before joining the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (HHS/CDC) in 1986 as an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer assigned to the Malaria Branch. In 1989, he completed a second residency in preventive medicine and later served as Deputy Director of the Los Angeles County AIDS Epidemiology Program.

Dr. Nahlen's commitment to malaria prevention and control subsequently took him to Kenya in 1992 as Director of the HHS/CDC field research station in collaboration with the Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI). During his seven years in Kenya, the HHS/CDC/KEMRI group conducted several landmark studies, demonstrating the efficacy of insecticide-treated mosquito nets in reducing child mortality in an area of intense transmission; the efficacy of intermittent preventive treatment for malaria in improving the health of pregnant women and their newborns; and interactions between malaria and HIV in pregnant women and their infants.