

Pre-Conference Session

INTERNATIONAL PREPAREDNESS

Tuesday, June 15, 2010

1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

**Summit Committee Program Coordinator
Sophie Naji**

The Presenters

- **Professor Michael Seng, John Marshall Law School (JMLS);**
 - **Professor Louis Rowitz, UIC/School of Public Health and Director, MARPHLI¹
(via Skype);**
 - **Judith W. Munson, JD, Executive Director, ICPHEP²**
 - **International Collaborative for Public Health Emergency Preparedness and
Adj Professor at JMLS;**
- and,**
- **Two MARPHLI Meta-Leadership Team Members**
--Peter Eckart, Dir of Health Information Technology, Ill Public Health Institute
--Karla Rihova, RNDr, Head, Dept of Occupational Head,
Regional Public Health Authority, Olomouc, Cz Rep (via Skype Technology)

Special Guest Presenters

CONFIRMED!

Damon Arnold, MD, MPH, Director of IDPH

CONFIRMED!

***Michael Vit, MD, PhD, Chief Public Health Officer of the Czech Republic
(via Skype Technology)***

OUTLINE OF SESSION

¹ Mid-America Regional Public Health Leadership Institute at the University of Illinois at Chicago, School of Public Health.

² International Collaborative for Public Health Emergency Preparedness, www.ICPHEP.org

INTRODUCTIONS:

- **Sophie Naji will Introduce Judith W. Munson**
- **Judith W. Munson will introduce the Session and the Speakers**

The international platform has changed dramatically since SARS—the first epidemic of the new millennium--circled the globe in 2003. This session will focus on two of the important changes: efforts to bring international leadership training to public health practitioners and, legal measures which have been enacted to safeguard populations from the threat of emerging infectious diseases and other threats which may constitute a public health emergency of international concern.

INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH LEADERSHIP PREPAREDNESS

This segment of the session will brief attendees on Illinois leadership strategies internationally. Leaders of our state's public health and legal institutions are active in the field of international public health preparedness. Some of the significant features of their recent experiences in the Czech Republic will be presented.

As a part of this segment of the session, representatives from the Meta-Leadership Team in the Year 18 Leadership Institute will share their observations on the “Benefits and Barriers” to international public health leadership training and development.

INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH LEGAL PREPAREDNESS

In the wake of the SARS epidemic of 2003, the Member States of the World Health Organization engaged in a massive two-year effort to revise the International Health Regulations (IHR 2005). They came into force in May of 2007. What do YOU need to know about them? What IS the Annex 2 that everyone is talking about, anyway? What impact have they made in the threat of an Avian Influenza epidemic, and how have they affected the global public health response to the Swine Flu pandemic--the first pandemic of the 21st Century?

In addition, Illinois' efforts transatlantically have been facilitated by the use of technology. These efforts will be showcased and the technology used to facilitate them will be demonstrated.

Learning Objectives:

- *Participants will understand the efforts of establishing meaningful relationships internationally in both public health and legal sectors;*
- *Participants will understand the relevance of international leadership training to the work they do and the benefits of, as well as the barriers to, participation in it, both transatlantically and technologically;*
- *Participants will understand the role of the revised International Health Regulations, IHR (2005), on the work they do in surveillance and response to infectious diseases (specifically, the use of Annex 2) and the application of the IHRs to the World Health Organization's (WHO) response to the Swine Flu pandemic;*
- *Participants will understand the efforts of the United States to internationalize public health preparedness strategies in cross-border initiatives.*

*** * * ***

INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH LEADERSHIP PREPAREDNESS—Moderator: JWMunson

**International Preparedness and International Public Health Leadership—A Dynamic Duo
 (“The Champions”)**

Professor Michael Seng – Began leading delegations of Chicago attorneys to the (then) Czechoslovakia in 1993 (the Communist government fell in 1989)--now, the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic (Slovakia).

Professor Louis Rowitz – Began the first state-based Leadership Institute in the U.S. in October 1992. Now encompassing sometimes four or more states, the MARPHLI is now in Year 18.

Their efforts converged in 2010 when the Czech Ministry of Health invited the International Collaborative to assist in putting together a program for the Swine Flu Workshop in Brno, Czech Republic which was held in March 2010.

That historic event was remarkable in many ways. Professors Seng and Rowitz will speak to the process which brought it into being, what took place and what is happening now because of it.

- First, Professor Michael Seng**
 - Engaging internationally—what works, what doesn't;**
 - Engaging practitioners—engaging academicians**
 - Other**

- Secondly, Professor Rowitz³**
 - Delivering the leadership message at the Brno Workshop—March 22, 2010;**
 - Workable messages—barriers to delivery—language, translation;**
 - Other**

Peter Eckart and Karla Rihova will speak about their experiences as a part of the Meta-Leadership Team of the Year 18 MARPHLI. This Team is putting International META-Leadership into practice. The Meta-Leadership Team at the MARPHLI this year is Exhibit A--with an International Fellow from the Czech Republic⁴. They will speak to the “Benefits and Barriers” to international leadership training and development strategies.

- First, Peter Eckart**
 - Perceived and realized benefits**
 - Predicted and actualized barriers**

³Note: He will be speaking remotely via Skype).

⁴ This was made possible by the historic international engagement of the Czech Republic by Professor Seng and brought into the public health preparedness arena via the establishment of the ICPHEP—the entity which facilitates the collaborative efforts here and in the Czech Republic between public health entities—both academic and governmental--and law schools.

- Second, Karla Rihova⁵**
 - Perceived and realized benefits**
 - Predicted and actualized barriers**

--Lastly, Peter Eckart and Karla Rihova

They will give an overview of the Meta-Leadership Team's Case Study on public health preparedness and response to floods—the Illinois experience compared and contrasted with the experience in the Czech Republic in 1997. Additionally, they will also address the convergence of this topic at this very moment in time when the Moravian district of the Czech Republic is experiencing devastating flood conditions.

BREAK

PUBLIC HEALTH INTERNATIONAL LEGAL PREPAREDNESS

- **Judith W. Munson**
 - The United States and its engagement in International PH Preparedness**
 - Ppt presentation: GHSI; Cross-Border initiatives of the U.S. Congress; Congressional Resolution (Hand-out);**
 - Ppt Presentation re: What You Need to Know About the International Health Regulations (IHR 2005) and the Reservations taken by the U.S. when they were adopted;**
 - The importance of Annex 2—Hand-Out--Discussion**
 - The Swine Flu Pandemic and the WHO's implementation of the IHR 2005.**

➤ Open Discussion with Speakers and Participants

HAND-OUTS

- **Session Description**
- **Prof. Louis Rowitz – Meta-Leadership Champions-- Ppt Presentation**
- **IHR (2005) Annex 2**

REFERENCE MATERIALS

- **Global Health Security Initiative, <http://www.ghsi.ca/english/index.asp>**
- **Joint Resolution of Congress: International Emergency Management Assistance MOU, adopted October 17, 2007 <http://www2a.cdc.gov/phlp/docs/Mutual%20Aid%20-IEMAMOUhjr59.pdf>**
- **International Health Regulations of the World Health Organization**

⁵ Dr. Rihova will be participating remotely via Skype technology.

FINAL!FINAL! – June 12, 2010-- PH Preparedness Summit--International Preparedness Session,.Tues,June 15, 2010. 1:30 – 4:30 pm.jwm

Revision of the International Health Regulations (IHR) 2005

- Note: The IHR (2005) entered into force in June, 2007
- Entire 60-page document available at:
http://www.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/WHA58/A58_55-en.pdf