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5th INoPSU Conference - a success

Professor Rudi von Kries – German Surveillance Unit coordinator reports “I hope those who attended the INOPSU conference enjoyed themselves. We as hosts enjoyed receiving you. We had 13 representatives from 8 units. The morning session, held as part of the German Paediatric Society scientific meeting, gave INoPSU the chance to showcase its work and it was attended by over 30 conference delegates. They heard talks on prevention of paraffin aspiration in children (Ger); rapid response to flu complications (Aus); mad cow disease (UK), seatbelt injuries; fetal alcohol (Aus); cerebral palsy (Por) and the impact of INoPSU on disease surveillance (Can).

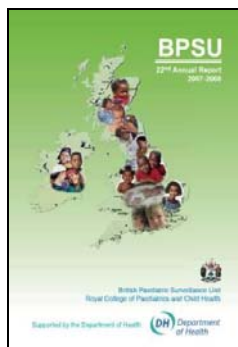
The presentations can be downloaded from <http://www.inopsu.com/publications/index.html>.



The afternoon saw the business meeting, held in a local restaurant. Here reports were received from the unit representatives. It was with concern we received news that several units are struggling; in fact it was noted that the Trinidad unit has not been developed; and that the Malaysia and Papua New Guinea units have ceased surveillance. All agreed that INoPSU needs to be stabilised before we attempt any further expansion. We were also disappointed to hear the news that EU Framework funding application had been rejected. All despaired at the EU's continued apparent lack of interest in supporting child rare disease epidemiology.

A new work programme was agreed; one aim being to increase the profile of INoPSU work at international conferences. Finally Daniel Virella of the Portuguese Paediatric Surveillance Unit will be INoPSU convenor for the next 2 years, replacing Rob Pereirar from the Netherlands who was thanked for his work along with Helen Friend and Richard Lynn who are administrating INoPSU works. Also a big thanks goes to Anja Boneberger for organising the conference.

Latest INoPSU publications



The BPSU 22ND Annual scientific report has recently been published. The report contains feedback on HIV/AIDS, PIND, congenital rubella adrenal hyperplasia, genital herpes, vitamin k deficiency bleeding, MRSA. For full details visit <http://bpsu.inopsu.com/>

The latest BPSU bulletin highlights studies on anaphylaxis following immunisation, conversion disorder, toxic shock syndrome and neonatal collapse. Visit http://bpsu.inopsu.com/publications/quarterly_bulletin.html

The APSU has recently had papers on severe combined immunodeficiency and Booster seat use by children aged 4–11 years.

Details from Yvonne Zurynski (YvonneZ@chw.edu.au).

New INoPSU studies

UK: 3 new studies to start this autumn; toxic shock syndrome, sudden unexpected neonatal collapse and on conversion disorder, visit <http://bpsu.inopsu.com/studies/current.html>. The latter will require the development of a child and adolescent psychiatry system in the Britain. And Ireland

Aus: Surveillance for severe complications of influenza was undertaken from July to September 2008

Melamine contamination of dairy products in China – public health impact

The New Zealand Paediatric Surveillance Units is undertaking surveillance of renal stones and/or acute renal failure in infants under the age of one in the past 12 months. If you are interested in finding out more contact Nigel Dickson at nigel.dickson@otago.ac.nz

More information on this topic is available from a useful article at <http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18998>

Rare disease News

Conferences

British Paediatric Surveillance Unit conference will be held on 3rd March 2009 at the Royal Institute of British Architecture. Presentations on the following themes will be given; infectious disease in children; informing policy and practice; developing partnerships. For more information visit : http://bpsu.inopsu.com/home/2009_conference.htm

Public/Patient Involvement

APSU is forging collaboration with the SMILE Foundation a charity dedicated to rare childhood diseases in Australia, with a common aim of improving experiences for families affected by rare diseases.
