



*International Health Regulations Seminar
11th June 2009*

09.30 – 09.55

Registration and Coffee

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Welcome by President of CIEH SIG and Exec Secretary of APHA

10.00 – 10.45

Dr Graham Bickler, Regional Director HPA S.E - The HPA's role in Port Health, a National Perspective

Graham trained in general practice, but then switched to public health.

He has been the Regional Director for the South East Region of the Health Protection Agency (HPA) for 4 years, and before this was a Health Authority and PCT Director of Public Health. Apart from being responsible for the HPA's work in the SE, he also has wider responsibilities for port health, immunisation and heatwave planning.

He chairs the HPA's Port Health Management Board and is responsible for developing the HPA's work in and approaches to port health.

10.45 – 11.30

Sandra Westacott, APHA/Southampton PHA – Core Capacities and the IHR's

An Environmental Health Practitioner since 1984, the last nineteen years specialising in port health activities in Southampton.

As team leader in Southampton Port Health Authority, her role concerns the delivery of imported food and infectious disease control services in the port of Southampton. Through her work in the Association of Port Health Authorities, she seeks to develop good and better practice and influence legislative change. Southampton anticipates 10,000 ship arrivals and 1 million passengers cruise passengers travelling through the port in 2009. The team enforces disease control legislation on board all vessels as part of the UK strategy for preventing and controlling outbreaks of infectious diseases. Many thousands of tonnes of food are imported through Southampton from all over the world providing nutritious food all year around and wonderful variety to our diets...and there's also the 'dodgy stuff'. It is the team's job to detect unsafe food and prevent it getting into the food supply. Sandra has studied food safety control and business at Masters level and represents the UK at the World Health Organization, developing guidelines for international health controls at points of entry and on conveyances. An enthusiastic communicator, she is keen to share information with others.

11.30 – 12.00

Val Cameron, Team Leader States of Jersey - Competency Framework for Port Health Regulators

Val qualified in 1979 in Cleveland, in the North East of England. She has worked in a variety of locations including Newcastle, Shetland, Orkney and Jersey, where she is currently employed as Team Leader Public Protection in the States Public Health department. She has responsibility for food law policy and implementation, community infection control and port health.

In her former role as Director of Professional Development with the Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland, Val was involved in the development of the competence framework for health and safety regulators.

In 1999, Val was seconded to Ascension Island, South Atlantic, to investigate public health matters. She was involved in the APHA Port Health benchmarking exercise and development of the good practice guides. She has been involved in a number of research projects including algal toxins in shellfish and is currently researching for a PhD on the impacts of indoor environments on pre-existing asthmatics at work.

12.00 – 12.45

David Oldbury, Manchester City Council - Vector Control

Qualifying in 1972 David has spent a considerable amount of his career specializing in urban pest management and its impact on public health. He is a Chartered Environmental Health Practitioner & Group Manager of the pest control service at Manchester City Council. In the earlier part of his career he worked as Technical Director for a commercial pest control company in Ontario Canada.

His experience in pest management is wide ranging include innovative pest management programmes for large blocks of domestic housing stock, integrated pest management programmes in retail food outlets in the city's Chinatown & "Curry Mile" districts, in addition to the management of pests at a number of hospitals within the city.

He has previously been involved in the development of residual disinsection procedures on aircraft in the UK with a number of partner organizations, and is currently carrying out research work with Salford University, HPA and Manchester Airport on mosquito disease vectors and the development of monitoring and control strategies.

David is an examiner for the Royal Society for Public Health and lectures to students of environmental health and trainee pest control technicians at the University of Salford & Manchester.

He is secretary to the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health, National Pest Advisory Panel and is an author and co – author of a number of papers on pest management.

12.45 – 13.00

Question and Answer Session

13.00 – 13.45

Lunch

13.45 – 14.30

Shabeg Nagra, London Borough of Hillingdon – Implementation of the IHR's at Airports

Shabeg is the Port Health Manager for Heathrow Airport responsible for most Environmental Health Matters in relation to the world's busiest international airport.

He has been a member of APHA since 1994 and served on most committee's and have represented the Association at meetings with central government bodies.

He has been an active Board member of APHA for the last 3 years representing our airport member authorities.

Nilesh Lad

Team Leader Airport Services. Employed by Hillingdon for the past 10 years taking the lead on all matters of food safety, health & safety and port health at Heathrow.

14.30 – 15.15

Matthias Plemp, Dutch Government - The Dutch approach, an introduction to IHR SSC inspections in The Netherlands

Veterinarian training University of Utrecht

Switched to general management/law:

Quality Management and implementation of BRC/IFS in the food industry.

4 year plant manager in food industry (production of hen egg powder)

2 years advisor at the department Hygiene & Prevention from the Amsterdam Municipal Health; GGD Amsterdam

Since January 2008 advisor at the National Centre for Hygiene and Prevention (LCHV-RIVM): Active in the implementation of the WHO/IHR Ship Sanitation for 16 Dutch Ports. Developing of database, schedule of requirements and training of inspectors.

Inspector Ship Sanitation Port Health Amsterdam

Also active for WHO-IHR as advisor SSC and cooperating in the EU Shipan Trainet work packages Food safety, Pest management and Training the trainers.

15.15 – 15.30

Coffee

15.30 – 16.00

Peter Devlieghere, Saniport Belgium – SANIPORT: Belgian Control regarding the International Health Regulations on Board of Ships and Aircrafts

In 2002 Peter graduated as Master of Law at the ‘Free University Brussels’.

From March 2005 till September 2008 I have worked as a Legal adviser at the Directorate-General for Primary Health Care and Crisis Management of the Federal Public Service (FPS) Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment (Brussels).

In 2008 I graduated as Master of Maritime Science (Inter-university) at the ‘Ghent University’.

Since September 2008 I’m responsible for the Saniport Project at the Directorate-General for Primary Health Care and Crisis Management of the Federal Public Service (FPS) Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment (Ghent). The Project runs till April 2010.

Tasks:

- Legal Implementation of the International Health Regulations regarding Ships and Aircrafts.
- Reorganisation of Saniport taking into account the new International Health Regulations.
- The Draft of a Manual for the Inspectors of Saniport.
- The Draft of new “Working Time Regulations” for the Inspectors of Saniport.

16.00 – 16.30

Matthias Kalkowski, The Hamburg Port Health Center and the Arbeitskreis der Küstenländer für Schiffshygiene – Risk Rating System for Vessels

Matthias is a "front line" port health officer in the port of Hamburg and I work in the team of Dr. Clara Schlaich.

Dr. Schlaich asked me to represent the Hamburg Port Health Center in the meeting of International Health Regulations 2005 (The Port Health Special Interest Group and the Association of Port Health Authorities) June 11th at Walbrook Wharf, London. I am delighted to participate. I am aware that the deadline for reservation an application has run out. Our team was very buisy with the influenza A1N1 outbreak and me personally I was stationed at the Hamburg airport for more than 2 weeks.

Mr. Robinson and Dr Clara Schlaich had agreed on discussing a risk rating system for the inspection of vessels as common project following the Memorandum of Understanding between APHA and Arbeitskreis der Küstenländer für Schiffshygiene. As a representative of the Hamburg Port Health Center I may give a short presentation on this topic from the german view (max 10 min). A vivid discussion on this topic with UK and The Netherlands will be advancing this bilateral project.

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Question and Answer Session
Closing Remarks by APHA/SIG