

# **Bioterrorism in the New World Order**

## **A Symposium on Managing a Multifaceted Problem**

### Goals and Objectives

The Conference will examine **biological terrorism** in the context of 9-11 and the subsequent anthrax letters. It will look at **managing the competing interests** of civil liberties, ethics, cost and security in both the public and private sectors.

**Multidisciplinary** collaboration and the utilization of **technology** will be emphasized. Bioterrorism is an international, national, regional and local problem. Clinicians, policy makers, biowarriors, technologists, intelligence and law enforcement will examine these dimensions. The conference will discuss the means to prevent, deter and respond to acts of bioterrorism. The microbial agents themselves will be examined. **The Biological Weapons Convention and Protocol** and the means to facilitate political dialogue will be discussed. The conference will include the top managers from both the former US and Soviet offensive bioweapons programs.

The conference takes place at **University Synagogue** located at 11960 Sunset Blvd. located 1 mile west of the 405 freeway **May 29-30, 2002, 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.**, There is a **\$30.00** fee that **includes lunches**. The **student** fee is **\$10.00**. Parking is free. Call the Burkle Center for International Relations (BCIR) for a reservation @ 310 825-0604

### **Sponsors**

- The conference is sponsored by **COMMET**, The Center of Medical Multimedia Education Technology (COMMET), a California non-profit organization. The co-sponsors are:
- Biological Threat Mitigation
- The UCLA Berkeley Center for International Relations (BCIR)
- The UCLA International Studies and Overseas Programs (ISOP)
- The University of California Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation (IGCC).

- The Infectious Disease Association of California (IDAC)
- The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
- The Los Angeles Terrorism Early Warning (TEW) Group " Encino-Tarzana Regional Medical Center
- The Los Angeles County Department of Health Services (DHS) - Public Health and Emergency Medical Services
- Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR)

1. **Dr. Bill Patrick**, former head of product development of the US offensive biological weapons program. He is a keynote speaker

2. **Dr. Ken Alibek**, Distinguished Professor of Medical Microbiology and Immunology, George Mason University, President of Advanced Biosystems, former First Deputy Director of Biopreparat, the Soviet offensive bioweapons program, trained as a physician, author of Biohazard. He is a keynote speaker

3. **Dr. Peter Katona**, Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine and Public Health, UCLA School of Medicine, Member, UCLA, Hospital Association of Southern California (HASC) & LA County Bioterrorism Task Forces, Conference Program Director

4. Sergeant John P Sullivan, Officer-in-Charge, Los Angeles Terrorism Early Warning (TEW) Group

5. **Dr. Al Zelicoff**, Senior Scientist, Center for National Security and Arms Control, Sandia Laboratories, expert on syndromic surveillance and the Biological Weapons Protocol (teleconferenced)

6. **Dr. Laurene Mascola**, Chief, Acute Communicable Disease Control, Los Angeles County Department of Health Services (DHS)

7. **Dr. Greg Treverton**, RAND expert on federal policy issues, worked on the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, Church Commission, National Security Council, Vice-Chairman of the National Intelligence Council

8. **Dr Miriam Cotler**, bioethicist, Chairperson, Health Sciences, CSUN

9. **Dr Michael Aratow**, NASA Ames Research Center at the California Menay Institute, ER physician

10. **Jack Weiss**, Los Angeles City Councilman, 5th District

11. **Zev Yaroslavsky**, Chairman, LA County Board of

Supervisors, 3rd District

12. **Dr Jonathan Fielding**, Director of Public Health and Health Officer, LA County DHS

13. **David Pegues**, Associate Professor of Medicine, UCLA, Chairman, BT Task Force and Infection Control Committee, UCLA Medical Center

14. **Dr Linda Neuhauser**, UC Berkeley School of Public Health, Division of Epidemiology, Principal Investigator, Center for Community Wellness and e-Health

15. **Dr Richard Burton**, Associate Director, California Department of Health Services, former President of the California Conference of Local Health Officers

16. **Jeff Modisett**, former Attorney General of Indiana

17. **Alvin Toffler**, Futurist, author of Future Shock, The Third Wave, War and Anti-War (on video)

18. **Dr. John Celentano**, Disaster Medical Officer, EMS Agency, LA County

19. **Steven Koonin**, Provost and Professor of Physics, California Institute of Technology

## **Agenda for Wednesday May 29, 2002**

8:00 Registration The History of Biowarfare and Bioterrorism - Peter Katona

9:00 What Policy, Intelligence and Law Enforcement? - Greg Treverton

10:00 Coffee Break

10:30 The Ethics of Counterterrorism - Miriam Cotler

11:30 The Past Offensive Soviet Bioweapons Program - Ken Alibek

12:30 Lunch break

1:30 The Mission Impossible Challenges for Los Angeles - Jonathan Fielding

2:30 Public Health and the Control of Exotic Bugs - Laurene Mascola

3:30 What Politicians are Thinking About - Jack Weiss, Zev Yaroslavsky, and Jeff Modisett

4:30 The Role of Technology in Homeland Defense - Steven Koonin

## **Agenda for Thursday May 30, 2002**

8:00 After the Fall: The Next Protocol for the Biological Weapons Convention and Syndrome Surveillance - Al Zelicoff (by live video feed)

9:00 Terrorism Early Warning; Intelligence Fusion for Bio Events - John Sullivan

10:00 Coffee Break

10:30 What is California To Do, Sandwiched Between the Feds and the Locals? - Richard Burton

11:30 The Past Offensive US Bioweapons Program - Bill Patrick

12:30 Lunch break

1:30\* TEW Group Plenary Session (TEW members only)

1:30\* The Role of Emergency Medical Services in Terrorism - John Celentano

2:30 How Technology Can Strengthen Community-Based Interventions - Michael Aratow and Linda Neuhauser

3:30 How Can a Hospital Possibly Prepare? - David Pegues

4:30 Video of Alvin Toffler's Thoughts about the Future recorded for the conference

Closing comments - Peter Katona

\*joint session