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The H1N1 influenza pandemic that began in 2009 taught us that emerging diseases will continue to challenge us and defy our expectations. Emerging in North America rather than Asia, of swine and not avian origin and spreading rapidly but with less mortality than predicted, the outbreak of H1N1 influenza A surprised even the most informed observers.

Once again, pandemic brought emerging infectious diseases to the center of the world's attention. The realization that new infectious diseases may be recognized at any time, in any place, has dramatically sharpened our awareness. What are the most important emerging disease threats? How can we quickly detect their occurrences in order to respond in a timely and appropriate way?

The Program for Monitoring Emerging Diseases (ProMED), is pleased to invite you to the IMED 2011, following highly successful meetings in 2007 and 2009. Along with our co-sponsors, the Wildlife Conservation Society, the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), the European Commission, and the European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases, we are developing a conference that will bring together the public health community, scientists, health care workers and other leaders in the field of emerging infectious diseases. The meeting will embrace the "One Health" concept recognizing that, just as diseases reach across national boundaries, so do they transcend species barriers. We therefore welcome the full participation of both the human and animal health communities.

Centrally located in Europe, the beautiful host city of Vienna is rich in history and culture. IMED 2011 will be organized by the International Society for Infectious Diseases, which has over 25 years experience in running international biomedical meetings.

With outstanding plenary speakers, symposia, and both oral and poster presentations of submitted abstracts, IMED 2011 is certain to be the year's major conference for those involved in the detection, monitoring and study of emerging pathogens and to those in the front lines of response.

Summary: IMED 2011 is co-sponsored by ProMED-mail, the Wildlife Conservation Society, the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), the European Commission, and the European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (ESCMID), and organized by ISID. It covers emerging infectious diseases of humans and animals and their surveillance.

Meeting Venue: Hilton Hotel, Vienna, Austria

Target Audience: ProMED-mail participants, physicians, veterinarians and other health care workers, public health leaders, pharmaceutical and biotechnology industry, journalists, other interested persons.

<http://imed.isid.org>

Schedule: Opening session on Friday afternoon followed by two full days of sessions Saturday and Sunday and one half day on Monday morning. There will be plenary sessions, invited symposia and panels, and both oral and poster presentations of submitted abstracts

Topics: Planned session topics include:

- Disease Surveillance, Detection and Reporting and Outbreak Modeling
- Vectorborne and Zoonotic Diseases
- Foodborne and Waterborne Infections
- Infections Related to Travel and Migration of Humans and Animals
- Animal Reservoirs for Emerging Pathogens
- Agents of Bioterrorism/Biological Warfare
- Specific Disease Threats: Pandemic Influenza, Anthrax, *C. difficile*, Q fever, Rift Valley Fever, West Nile Virus, Hemorrhagic Fevers, Bluetongue, Chikungunya, TSEs, Healthcare Associated Infections, and Others.
- Antibiotic Resistance
- Vaccines and Diagnostics for Emerging Diseases
- Submitted Abstracts (Oral and Poster)

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Social Program: An attractive social program will be organized for participants and accompanying persons. Travel packages, including skiing trips, will be available for attendees preceding and following the meeting.

Official Language: The official language of the meeting will be English

Preliminary Program: The preliminary program will be available in July 2010. It will be found at <http://imed.isid.org>

Abstract Submission: The deadline for abstract submission is December 1, 2010

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