

SECRETARIAT OF THE PACIFIC COMMUNITY**REGIONAL WORKSHOP 'LABNET 2006'**
IRD, Noumea, New Caledonia, 31st July to 4th August 2006**TIMETABLE**

Day 1 – Monday – July 31				
	Session	Time	Description	Presenter(s)
1.	Registration	8:30-9:00	Meeting registration	
2.	Opening Ceremony	9:00-9:15	Introduction speeches Introduction of participants	Mr. Richard Mann Dr. Isabelle Bergeri
3.	Meeting Objectives	9:15-10:00	Election of meeting chairpersons, vice-chairpersons and reporter Meeting aims and objectives Description of agenda	<i>Dr. Tom Kiedrzyński</i> <i>Ms. Christelle Lepers</i> <i>Mr. Albert Gurusamy</i>
4.	LabNet Background and Current Updates	10:00-10:30	PPHSN activities, history of LabNet, current updates Future LabNet goals WHO twinning initiative	<i>Dr. Tom Kiedrzyński</i> <i>Dr. Alain Berlioz-Arthaud</i> <i>Mr. Albert Gurusamy</i> <i>Dr. Isabelle Bergeri</i>
Tea Break		10:30-11:00	Group photo	
	cont. LabNet Background	10:30-12:00		
Lunch		12:00-1:30		
5.	Group Session	1:30-3:00	Election of chairperson and reporter for each group Review and complete first part of LabNet questionnaire	<i>All Participants</i>
6.	Plenary Session	3:00-3:30	Presentation of summaries from group session	<i>Elected Chairpersons</i>
Tea Break		3:30-4:00		
6.	WHO/Fiji Lab Training Program	4:00-4:30	Presentation of HIV/STI training program conducted by WHO and Fiji Ministry of Health	<i>Mr. John Elliott</i> <i>Ms. Sue Best</i> <i>Mr. Uraia Rabuatoka</i>
7.	Social Activity	6:00-9:00	Welcome cocktail reception – with STOP TB group and HIV group	

Day 2 – Tuesday – August 1				
	Session	Time	Description	Presenter(s)
1.	Country Presentations	8:00-9:00	Brief presentations by each country of current shipping mechanisms	<i>All Participants</i>
2.	IATA Shipping Rules	9:00-10:00	Discussion on IATA classifications, diagnostic specimens, dangerous goods, resources	<i>Mr. Subroto Bannerji</i>
Tea Break		10:00-10:30		
3.	Specimen Packaging	10:30-12:00	Procedures to package specimens: containers to use, packing devices and boxes, labeling	<i>Mr. Subroto Bannerji</i>
Lunch		12:00-1:30		
4.	Specimen Shipping	1:30-3:00	Shipping protocols: airline requirements, forms to fill out, labeling	<i>Mr. Subroto Bannerji</i>
Tea Break		3:00-3:30		
	cont. Specimen Shipping	3:30-4:30		

Day 3 –Wednesday – August 2				
	Session	Time	Description	Presenter(s)
1.	Quality Control	8:00-9:00	Quality control (QC) concepts: QC testing, QC materials to use, testing frequency, evaluation, troubleshooting mechanisms	<i>Mr. John Elliott</i>
2.	Quality Assurance: Instrumentation	9:00-10:00	Quality assurance (QA) activities: equipment in the lab	<i>Mr. Albert Gurusamy</i>
Tea Break		10:00-10:30		
3.	Quality Assurance: Inventory/Supplies	10:30-12:00	Mechanisms for a good inventory and procurement system	<i>Mr. Albert Gurusamy</i>
Lunch		12:00-1:30		
4.	Lab EQA	1:30-3:00	Presentation of lab external quality assurance (EQA)	<i>Mr. John Elliott</i> <i>Ms. Christine Story</i>
Tea Break		3:00-3:30		
5.	Implementing QA Activities in Your Lab	3:30-4:30	Presentation of QA program in the Tonga lab Presentation of QA program at Mataika House Mechanisms to consider for implementing a QA program	<i>Ms. Ane Ika</i> <i>Mr. Uraia Rabuatoka</i> <i>Mr. John Elliott</i> <i>Ms. Sue Best</i>

Day 4 – Thursday – August 3				
	Session	Time	Description	Presenter
1.	Lab Based Surveillance and Sample Epidemiology Reports	8:00-9:00	a. Disease surveillance mechanisms and how they are supported by LabNet activities: b. Presentation of Wallis epi report c. Presentation of Guam epi report	<i>Dr. Narendra Singh</i> <i>Dr. J. F. Yvon</i> <i>Dr. Justus Benzler</i>
2.	Lab Based Surveillance Projects	9:00-10:00	a. Presentation of the SPC-CDC lab based influenza surveillance project b. Presentations of New Caledonia Leptospirosis survey	<i>Dr. Seini Kupu</i> <i>Ms. Melissa Pontre</i> <i>Dr. Alain Berlioz-Arthaud</i>
Tea Break		10:00-10:30		
3.	Performance Updates From L3 and L2 Labs	10:30-12:00	Presentations from L3 labs on their provisions a. WHO-CC Melbourne b. NRL c. Pasteur Institute New Caledonia d. Guam Public Health Lab e. Fiji Public Health Lab – Mataika House	<i>Dr. Ian Barr</i> <i>Ms. Sue Best</i> <i>Dr. Alain Berlioz-Arthaud</i> <i>Mr. Albert Gurusamy</i> <i>Dr. Joe Koroivueta</i>
Lunch		12:00-1:30		
4.	Lab Testing for PPHSN Target Diseases	1:30-2:30	Discussion on current testing methods for PPHSN target diseases: a. Dengue, Leptospirosis b. HIV c. Influenza	<i>Dr. Alain Berlioz-Arthaud</i> <i>Ms. Sue Best</i> <i>Mr. Albert Gurusamy</i>
5.	Lab Testing Demonstrations	2:30-3:30	Demonstrations of some LabNet test methods a. Dengue Pentax particle agglutination b. Influenza rapid test c. Influenza fluorescent staining	<i>Dr. Alain Berlioz-Arthaud</i> <i>Mr. Albert Gurusamy</i> <i>Ms. Melissa Pontre</i>
Tea Break		3:00-3:30		
	cont. Lab Testing Demonstrations	3:30-4:30		

Day 5 – Friday – August 4

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	Session	Time	Description	Presenter(s)
1.	HIV Testing	8:00-10:00	Discussion on HIV testing a. HIV testing plan for Fiji b. HIV testing plan for other SPC countries	<i>Ms. Sue Best Mr. John Elliott Mr. Uraia Rabuatoka Mr. Albert Gurusamy</i>
Tea Break		10:00-10:30		
2.	LabNet Development Plan – Group Session	10:30-12:00	Break-up into groups to work on a development plan for labNet goals and objectives - using standardized test methods - implementing QA activities in the lab - information sharing (using PacNet-Lab) - influenza testing-regular and avian-pandemic influenza (in-country and at L3)	<i>All participants</i>
3.	Meeting Closing	12:00-12:30	Summary of meeting activities and closing remarks	<i>Dr. Tom Kiedrzyński Mr. Albert Gurusamy</i>

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