

In Brief

New WHO staff based in Suva



Dr Eric Nilles was recently appointed to the post of Medical officer in the WHO Emerging Diseases Surveillance and Response Unit in Suva with Dr Jacob Kool. Dr Nilles trained at Yale University Medical Centre in the USA and later obtained a Master's degree in Tropical Medicine and International Health at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Dr Nilles has clinical and non-clinical experience in multiple environments, including complex humanitarian emergencies in

Darfur, Chad, Haiti and the Democratic Republic of Congo, where he worked on outbreak response and control of epidemic diseases, nutritional emergencies and post-displacement emergency assessments and response.

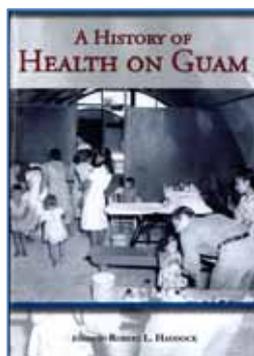
Welcome back Dr Souarès



Dr. Yvan Souarès was recently appointed Manager of SPC's Public Health Division's Disease Control, Surveillance and Research Unit. He is very familiar with the region since he served as SPC Epidemiologist from 1993 to 2002. He is also one of the founders of the Pacific Public Health Surveillance Network (PPHSN).

In his new role, and on behalf of the PPHSN Coordinating Body Secretariat, Dr Souarès intends to make PPHSN a key instrument for strengthening ties with SPC's PICT members, Coordination Body partner members and network associates. He will put both his experience and convictions to work for PPHSN, by placing the coordination, effectiveness and sustainability of services to the PICTs at the very heart of his new duties.

***A History of Health on Guam* edited by Robert L. Haddock**



This book gives a full-length picture of health history on Guam covering all health disciplines and explaining the social, cultural and economic context of the Island. It includes statistics on notifiable diseases from the early 1900s to the present, as well as information on disease outbreaks since 1686. Stories about health programmes and initiatives are also presented for each disease or discipline, such as the successful *Aedes aegypti* eradication programme launched by the military (after a dengue outbreak in 1944). This is a fantastic resource for anyone who wants to learn about health on Guam.

Copies of this book are available for USD 25.00 post paid via First Class mail. Orders can be sent to: Dr R. Haddock, P.O. Box 1840, Hagatna, GU, USA 96932-1840.