



CALENDAR OF CROSS-BORDER EVENTS



This calendar features both opportunities that are of interest for educational and collaborative purposes and large public events that may be of cross-border/public health significance.

February 2011

- 10-11 2011 ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES (ALPHA) WINTER SYMPOSIUM – SHAPING THE ISSUES**
This two-day event will feature a mix of plenary discussions as well as business meetings for Board of Health members and Medical Officers of Health. There will also be an Orientation Session for new board of health members on the first day. This Symposium is a chance to not only hear updates on key public health challenges, but to provide direct input on provincial programs and directives.
Novotel Toronto Centre
Toronto, Ontario, Canada
<http://www.alphaweb.org/files/draft%20feb%202011%20registration%20pkg1.pdf>
- 15 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE COMPACT (EMAC): A BASIC UNDERSTANDING AND USE OF THE SYSTEM BY PUBLIC HEALTH & MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS - WEBINAR**
During a major emergency or disaster event, public health and medical personnel play a critical role in providing emergency health and medical services through mutual aid. EMAC can effectively enhance interstate movement of health and medical goods and services. This one-hour webinar focuses on basic information that all health and medical personnel need to know about EMAC and the relationship of Mission Ready Packages (MRPs) to the EMAC operations system.
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM EST (11:00 a.m. – Noon PST)
Space is limited. Reserve your place now at: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/786644091>
- 22-25 2011 PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS SUMMIT – THE NATIONAL HEALTH SECURITY STRATEGY: BUILDING A RESILIENT NATION**
This summit aims to strengthen and enhance capabilities of public health professionals and others to plan and prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters and public health emergencies. The National Health Security Strategy and companion Biennial Implementation Plan present significant public health preparedness initiatives with implications at all levels of government and the private sector. This Summit will provide opportunity for attendees to better understand goals and objectives of these plans and provide feedback to national leaders regarding development of these initiatives.
Atlanta Marriott Marquis, Peachtree Center
Atlanta, Georgia, USA
<http://www.phprep.org/2011/?CFID=12888805&CFTOKEN=67006148&jsessionid=f03044d17c8e1458df1922a231b2b476ab56>

March 2011

- 1 10TH ANNUAL MICHIGAN EPIDEMIOLOGY CONFERENCE**
Annual conference includes plenary and breakout sessions focusing on contemporary issues such as infectious disease, epidemiology careers and chronic disease. The 2011 Conference will feature a speaker on epidemiological aspects of disaster relief and preparedness.
University of Michigan School of Public Health, Crossroads Building
Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA
<http://www.mipha.org/epi/index.htm>

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28-31 45TH NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION CONFERENCE

The goals of this Conference are to provide information that will help participants provide comprehensive immunization coverage for all age groups and explore innovative strategies for developing programs, policy, and research to promote immunization coverage for all age groups.

Hilton Washington

Washington, D.C., USA

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/nic/default.htm#abstract>

April 2011

5-8 ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES (ALPHA) / ONTARIO PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION (OPHA) / ONTARIO AGENCY FOR HEALTH PROTECTION AND PROMOTION (OAHPP) ONTARIO PUBLIC HEALTH CONVENTION –

EXCHANGING EVIDENCE, IDEAS AND TECHNOLOGY

The OAHPP, OPHA and alpha are hosting the inaugural Ontario Public Health Convention, to advance public health in Ontario by increasing the level of knowledge and skills in the workforce. It will include a mix of research presentations to share new knowledge and educational workshops that build and refine practical skills. It will have a strong focus on training and skills development, while providing opportunities for collaboration, network creation, and the sharing of the latest scientific knowledge and best practices; it hopes to attract front-line public health professionals, such as health promoters, epidemiologists, public health nurses, physicians, researchers, policy-makers and others.

Westin Harbour Castle

Toronto, Ontario, Canada

<http://www.alphaweb.org/index.asp>

http://www.oahpp.ca/about/whatsnew/201002_03.html

20 IMPLEMENTATION OF EFFECTIVE SHARING OF INFORMATION AND INTELLIGENCE RELATED TO THE IMPORTATION AND TRANSPORTATION OF FOOD – COURSE

This one-day course will equip participants with skills necessary to utilize surveillance, tracking and intelligence systems related to the food supply chain. The course is divided into five core modules presented over one day, including a hands-on practical exercise utilizing the skills learned.

Kendall Center, Western Michigan University

Battle Creek, Michigan, USA

http://www.ifpti.org/Importation_Transportation_of_food_2011

26-28 FOURTH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON AGROTERRORISM

The Heart of America Joint Terrorism Task Force (HOA-JTTF) and the Kansas City Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) have developed the International Symposium on Agroterrorism. The Fourth International Symposium on Agroterrorism will focus on the need closely to communicate and coordinate among private industry, law enforcement, government agencies, science, academia, and the health and medical professions in order to protect the global food supply.

Hyatt Regency and Westin Crown Center Hotels

Kansas City, Missouri, USA

<http://homelandsecuritynewswire.com/fourth-international-symposium-agroterrorism-announced>

May 2011

1-5 2011 INTEGRATED MEDICAL, PUBLIC HEALTH, PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE TRAINING SUMMIT – INTEGRATION ACROSS BORDERS: MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

This Training Summit brings together U.S. Department of Health & Human Services partners including the National Disaster Medical System, Medical Reserve Corps, Emergency System for Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals, and U.S. Public Health Service. This forum permits

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coordination, collaboration and interaction amongst the target audience - the leaders and members of these preparedness and response partner organizations. The Summit will enhance the knowledge, skills and abilities of participants, to improve their capability to deliver public health and medical care services during all disasters. Expert faculty will present on key focus areas; Healthcare Systems & Clinical Care Services, Leadership, Public Health, Resource Management & Patient Movement, and Response Integration.

Gaylord Texan Hotel and Convention Center

Grapevine, Texas, USA

<http://www.integratedtrainingsummit.org/>

3-5 GREAT LAKES HOMELAND SECURITY TRAINING CONFERENCE AND EXPO

This Conference brings together emergency management and homeland security partners from all levels of government and the private sector, who attend training workshops and network with exhibitors. Workshops provide training and updated information in areas such as public health, critical infrastructure protection, school protection, communications, response, preparedness, bomb threat planning, and technology.

DeVos Place

Grand Rapids, Michigan, USA

http://www.michigan.gov/msp/0,1607,7-123-1593_3507-236690--,00.html

4-5 2011 GREAT LAKES BORDER HEALTH INITIATIVE (GLBHI) ANNUAL CONFERENCE

This one-day conference (May 5) is an opportunity for public health, clinical, lab, legal, food protection and emergency management professionals who work along the international borders of Canada and the U.S. to gather and discuss ongoing collaborative work on infectious disease surveillance. Invitations are extended to local, state/provincial, Tribal/First Nation and federal stakeholders from Ontario and the Great Lakes States of Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin; and professionals from Canada, Mexico, and the U.S. who want to learn more about our processes and progress. The GLBHI Steering Committee and primary Subcommittees will meet the afternoon of May 4.

The Conference Center Niagara Falls

Niagara Falls, New York, USA

Conference details: http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-54783_54875-231727--,00.html

Save-The-Date Flyer #1:

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdch/2011GLBHIConferenceSaveTheDate1_344548_7.pdf

GLBHI website: <http://www.michigan.gov/borderhealth>

17-18 EASTERN BORDER HEALTH INITIATIVE (EBHI) ANNUAL CONFERENCE

For information, contact Richard Buck, Border Health Manager, New York State Department of Health; rjb06@health.state.ny.us; 518-474-2893.

Marriott Courtyard

Burlington, Vermont, USA

Save-The-Date Flyer #1: <http://www.pbphpc.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/01/Basic-save-the-date-EBHIMay-2011.pdf>

**24-26 PACIFIC NORTHWEST CROSS BORDER WORKSHOP –
THE HEALTH IMPACTS OF DISASTERS: INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND BEYOND**

Workshop focuses on building and maintaining cross-border public health surveillance, communication and mutual assistance relationships.

Delta Victoria Ocean Point Resort and Spa

Victoria, British Columbia, Canada

<http://www.pnwbha.org/?p=271>

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June 2011

- 5-8 **2011 ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORIES (APHL) ANNUAL MEETING & FIFTH STATE ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY CONFERENCE – LABORATORIES AT THE CROSSROADS**
This conference will discuss issues ranging from environmental to emerging infectious diseases and emergency preparedness, from informatics to food safety, newborn screening and global health. Attendees include state, county, city and local public health lab directors, environmental and ag lab directors, senior lab staff, government and private lab personnel and others interested in lab issues.
Qwest Center
Omaha, Nebraska, USA
<http://www.aphl.org/profdev/conferences/2011AM/Pages/default.aspx>
- 18-22 **115TH ASSOCIATION OF FOOD AND DRUG OFFICIALS (AFDO) ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE – REGULATORY COOPERATION IN 2011 AND BEYOND – THE ROAD TO A FULLY INTEGRATED SYSTEM**
The conference is a forum for delegates from the United States, Canada and around the world for discussion of cutting-edge food and drug safety, security and defense initiatives.
Marriott Dallas/Plano, Legacy Town Center
Plano, Texas, USA
<http://www.afdo.org/>
- 19-22 **CANADIAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION 2011 CONFERENCE – PUBLIC HEALTH IN CANADA: INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIPS FOR ACTION**
The Conference will explore the role of partnerships in creating the conditions in which people can lead flourishing lives and will showcase innovative collective actions that support the maintenance and improvement of the health of populations. We are interested in how partnerships help us 'do things differently', how they 'bridge divides' in the broad field of public health, as well as how they are conceived, developed, implemented and sustained.
Palais des congrès
Montreal, Quebec, Canada
<http://www.cpha.ca/en/conferences/conf2011.aspx>
- 29 **MICHIGAN FOOD & AGRICULTURE BORDER GATEWAY SUMMIT**
For information, contact Brad Deacon, Emergency Management & Administrative Law Coordinator, Michigan Department of Agriculture; deaconb9@michigan.gov; 517-241-4085.
Southeast Michigan, USA

July 2011

- 20-22 **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY & CITY HEALTH OFFICERS (NACCHO) ANNUAL 2011 CONFERENCE – MOVING PUBLIC HEALTH FORWARD IN CHALLENGING TIMES**
NACCHO Annual 2011 is an opportunity to join a thousand colleagues for the year's largest gathering of local health officials in the U.S. NACCHO is the only national organization that hosts annual conferences that specifically address the needs and concerns of local health officials. This Conference will provide an interactive setting for local health officials and their public health partners from around the country to examine strategies, share ideas, and plan actions necessary for public health leaders to create and build upon a forward-looking vision of local public health through disease-prevention interventions and wellness promotion, elimination of health inequities among individuals and communities, and expanded leadership capacity within local health departments.
Connecticut Convention Center
Hartford, Connecticut, USA
<http://www.naccho.org/na/2011/>

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August 2011

- TBD** **28TH STREET METRO CRUISE**
Public event has cross-border/public health significance: two-day community event hosting approximately 200,000 people.
Grand Rapids, Michigan, USA
<http://www.28thstreetmetrocrui.se.com/>

September 2011

- 19-22** **15TH ANNUAL PULSENET UPDATE MEETING & 7TH ANNUAL OUTBREAKNET MEETING**
These two meetings will consist of a keynote session, general sessions, breakout sessions, a poster session, coffee talks, and a social event over the course of 2½ days.
Hilton Hotel
Long Beach, California, USA
<http://www.aphl.org/profdev/conferences/pulsenet15/Pages/default.aspx>

October 2011

- 13-14** **MICHIGAN'S 2010 PREMIER PUBLIC HEALTH CONFERENCE**
Two-day conference brings together Michigan's public health professionals to plan together how best to improve the health of Michigan's citizens.
Location to be determined
Michigan, USA
- 15** **ANNUAL MEETING OF THE INFECTIOUS DISEASES SOCIETY OF AMERICA 2011**
Pennsylvania Convention Center
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA
<http://www.bvents.com/event/368957-annual-meeting-of-the-infectious-diseases-society-of-america>
- 29-30** **AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION (APHA) 139TH ANNUAL MEETING & EXPOSITION**
(thru
11/2) *The APHA Annual Meeting and Exposition is the oldest and largest gathering of public health professionals in the world, addressing current and emerging health science, policy and practice issues in an effort to prevent disease and promote health.*
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Washington, D.C., USA
<http://www.apha.org/meetings/>

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