

PREPAREDNESS PLANNING IN THE COMMUNITY: INFLUENZA AND OTHER HEALTH THREATS

27 November 2001, Brussels

Agenda

08:30 hrs Registration
09:10 hrs Hosting and Chair - *F Sauer, DG Health and Consumer Protection, Director Public Health*
09:15 hrs Welcome - *Commissioner D Byrne*

I. Are we prepared for an influenza pandemic in Europe?

09:30 hrs Introduction: Pandemic threats in Europe - *A Osterhaus, Director of the Dutch Influenza Centre*
09:45 hrs Scientific perspective - *RG. Webster, Memphis*
10:00 hrs Surveillance perspective - *K van der Velden, EISS*
10:15 hrs Civil Protection Contingency Planning: prevention, intervention and restoration - *P Alevantis, EC*
10:30 hrs Coffee break
11:00 hrs A Member State's perspective of preparedness planning – UK
J Leese, Dept. of Health
11:15 hrs Industry perspective: the role of vaccine - *D Fedson, Aventis Pasteur*
11:30 hrs Industry perspective: the role of antiviral drugs - *P Ward, Roche*
11:45 hrs The WHO perspective - *K Stöhr, WHO*
12:00 hrs Community research perspective - *JM Wood, NIBSC*
12:15 hrs The EMEA – current involvement - *J Purves, EMEA*
12:30 hrs Rapid response and EU-outbreak investigation capacity
F van Loock, Scientific Institute of Public Health
12:45 hrs Lunch

II. Towards a European Pandemic Preparedness

14:00 hrs Panel Discussion: "Role of the Community in pandemic planning" (*Panel: Speakers*)
Chair: *A Osterhaus*; Rapporteur: *R Haigh, EC*
Main topics:

- Access to vaccines and antiviral drugs in the Community
- Intersectoral cooperation: Veterinary aspects
- EU co-ordination with stakeholders
- Key elements for a Community preparedness plan for influenza and beyond

15:45 hrs Conclusions of the panel: - *R Haigh*
16:00 hrs Next steps for the Commission - Future perspectives
R Coleman, Director General DG Health and Consumer Protection
16:15 hrs Coffee/End