

Scientific Symposium on Antimicrobial Resistance

Programme Rundown

7 April 2011 (Thu)	
Scientific Symposium on Antimicrobial Resistance Lecture Theatre, G/F, Centre for Health Protection Building	
Time	Programme
9:15	Registration
9:30	Welcome Remarks by Dr WONG Tin Yau, Andrew
9:45	Strategies on Control of MDROs by Prof Herman Goossens
10:45	Break
11:00	Local Situation in Antimicrobial Resistance by Dr TSANG Ngai Chong, Dominic
11:20	The Four-Ten Antimicrobial Resistance Containment Strategy by Dr HO Pak Leung
11:40	Local Survey on Use of Antibiotics and Antimicrobial Awareness by Dr HO Mei Lin
12:10	Discussion & Closing Remarks by Dr CHOI Kin Wing

Curriculum Vitae of Speakers

Professor Herman Goossens

Herman Goossens is Professor of Medical Microbiology at the University of Antwerp in Belgium. He is the Director of the Laboratory of Clinical Pathology of the University Hospital Antwerp and Head of the Research Laboratory of Medical Microbiology at the University of Antwerp.

He received research fellowships of the University of Geneva (1985-86), the University of Tokyo (1987), and the University of Utrecht (1988). Herman Goossens received several honours and awards, including the American APUA (Alliance for the Prudent Use of Antibiotics) award in 2006. He was a Fellow of the British Council in 1987 and 1988.

Herman Goossens published 330 full papers in peer-reviewed scientific journals and he published more than 25 chapters in textbooks. He is the founder and Vice-Chair of the Belgian Antibiotic Policy Coordination Committee (BAPCOC). He chaired the WHO Conference on the Use of Quinolones in Food Animals and Potential Impact on Human Health in Geneva (1998). Herman Goossens was a member of the ICAAC Program Committee (2001 – 2005) and member of ECCMID Programme Committee. He coordinates several European projects funded by DG Research, DG SANCO and ECDC, such as the European Surveillance of Antibiotic Consumption (ESAC) project and Genomics to Combat Resistance against Antibiotics in Community-acquired LRTI in Europe (GRACE). Herman Goossens was the organiser of the European Conference on Antibiotic Use in 2001 on behalf of the Belgian EU Presidency, of the International Workshop on Educational Campaigns regarding antibiotic resistance in 2004, of the European Workshop on indicators for quality prescribing in primary care in 2005, and of the European Conference on Health Care Associated Infections and Antibiotic Use in 2010 on behalf of the Belgian EU Presidency. He is the chair of the Technical Advisory Committee at ECDC for the annual European Antibiotic Resistance Day.

His main fields of research are antibiotic use and resistance, developing point-of-care diagnostic tests, and biofilms.

Note: - The antibiotic national campaign in Belgium is the most renowned and successful in Europe. Professor Herman Goossens is the lead person of this programme.

Dr TSANG Ngai Chong, Dominic

Dr. TSANG Ngai Chong, Dominic (MBBS, MRCPPath, FRCPath) is currently Chief Infection Control Officer of Hospital Authority, Cluster Clinical Director (Infection Control) in Kowloon Central Cluster, Consultant Medical Microbiologist of Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Honorary Senior Lecturer at Department of Microbiology in University of Hong Kong and Adjunct Clinical Associate Professor at Department of Microbiology in Chinese University of Hong Kong.

Currently, Dr TSANG is President of the Hong Kong Society for Microbiology and Infection, President of the Hong Kong Association of Medical Microbiologists, Chairman of Scientific Committee on Infection Control of Centre for Health Protection, Member of Scientific Committee on Emerging and Zoonotic Diseases of Centre for Health Protection and Examiner of Clinical Microbiology and Infection of Hong Kong College of Pathologists.

Dr TSANG received Bronze Bauhinia Star (BBS) honor from The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) government in 2004.

Dr TSANG has also received a lot of awards from Hospital Authority and Queen Elizabeth Hospital. These include Hospital Authority Outstanding Team award (PCR laboratory network on Influenza) in 2010, Hospital Authority Outstanding Staff award in 2004, Queen Elizabeth Hospital Outstanding Staff award in 2004, Queen Elizabeth Hospital Outstanding Team award in 2004, Queen Elizabeth Hospital Outstanding Team award (AIDS Service) in 2002, Hospital Authority Outstanding Team award (AIDS Service) in 2002 and Hospital Authority Outstanding Team Award (Avian Influenza Laboratory Network) in 1999.

Dr HO Pak Leung

Dr HO Pak Leung (MBBS, MD, MRCP, FACP, FRCPath, FRCPA, FHKCPath, FHKAM) is currently President of the Carol Yu's Centre for Infection at the University of Hong Kong, Chairman of the Health Protection Program for Antimicrobial Resistance in the Centre for Health Protection, Chairman of the Specialty Board in Clinical Microbiology and Infection at the Hong Kong College of Pathologists, and Honorary Consultant in the Department of Clinical Microbiology, Queen Mary Hospital.

Dr HO is both a clinician and an active researcher with a pronounced output of over 170 scientific publications, primarily in the fields of emerging antimicrobial resistance, clinical microbiology and infectious diseases. His publications have been cited more than 1800 times (ISI, Journal citation report). Five of his publications were ranked as Highly Cited Papers, meaning that the number of citations of the articles received places them in the top 1% within its field according to the Essential Science Indicators.

On teaching, he is founding member of the most popular Infectious Diseases course for postgraduate medical doctors and other healthcare professionals since the Postgraduate Diploma and Infectious Course Program was launched in 1998. The program has since been attended by over 3000 doctors in Hong Kong. As supervisors, he has successfully trained over 50 postgraduates under various Diploma, Master and Doctorate programs. In the fields of Clinical Microbiology and Infection, he provides leadership and contributes to maintaining the standard of specialist training, continuing medical education (CME) for specialists/non-specialists via active participation in various professional committees. He is Editor and lead author of the antimicrobial reference book, IMPACT guideline which is now in the third edition. Besides being available at the Department of Health and the Hospital Authority's home pages, over 15000 hardcopies of this antibiotic reference have been printed for use by doctors and other healthcare professionals in Hong Kong. His work has led to the launch of a territory-wide program on optimizing antimicrobial usage in all the public hospitals in February 2006 and several Department of Health initiatives for containment of antimicrobial resistance in the community (e.g. mandatory notification of community-associated MRSA, addition of the 7-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine to the childhood immunization program).

On the Community fronts, he seeks to enhance the standard of healthcare quality, public health and professional standards for the good of the public in large. He has served as Expert witness for medicolegal cases, external examiner for the Specialist Examination held by the Macau Department of Health, and Grant Reviewer to the United Kingdom Department of Health. He is a popular resource person and opinion leader, much sought after by local and international media (e.g. BBC, CNN) for views on matters related to public health, infectious diseases and germs.

Dr HO Mei Lin

Dr HO Mei Lin (MBBS, MRCP, MPH, FFPH, FHKCCM, FHKAM) is currently working as a Senior Medical & Health Officer at the Infection Control Branch of the Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health.