



# National Centre for Biosecurity



The University of Sydney

## INVITATION AND CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Biosecurity Symposium

*'Global Health Security'*

1 – 2 February 2010

Australian National University, Canberra

People and states around the globe face a diversity of infectious disease threats to health and security. In an era of accelerating globalization, problems in one part of the world are increasingly generating concern elsewhere. This symposium explores a wide range of global health security challenges including: the current H1N1 pandemic, emerging and re-emerging diseases, bioterrorism, and the dual-use dilemma in the life sciences. It aims to assess the links between these and other issues, and the requirements for integrated policy and practical responses.

Keynote speakers include:

**Professor Ray Zilinskas**, Director, Chemical and Biological Weapons Program,  
James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies

**Professor Harvey Rubin**, Director, Institute for Strategic Threat Analysis and  
Reduction, University of Pennsylvania

**Associate Professor Stefan Elbe**, Head of Department of International  
Relations, University of Sussex

The National Centre for Biosecurity invites proposals for presentations addressing the theme **'Global Health Security'** in one or more of the following areas:

- Responding to infectious disease crises in Australia and the Asia-Pacific
- The epidemiology of public health and animal health emergencies
- The development and use of biological weapons by state and non-state actors
- Ethical dilemmas and security risks of research on pathogenic micro-organisms
- International law and domestic regulation
- Relevance and applications of new technologies to biosecurity challenges
- Ethical, social and cultural dimensions of biosecurity

**Abstracts** (200 words maximum) should be emailed to Jon Herington, Executive Officer at the National Centre for Biosecurity, Australian National University, by **30 November 2009**: [Jonathan.Herington@anu.edu.au](mailto:Jonathan.Herington@anu.edu.au)

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