

Inaugural Conference
WATER CONTAMINATION EVENTS: COMMUNICATION WITH CONSUMERS

**Renaissance Houston Hotel Greenway Plaza
Plaza Ballroom
January 30 & 31, 2006**

PROGRAM

Monday

- 8:00 AM Welcome and Introduction
Jennie Ward Robinson, Ph.D. - Executive Director, IPWR (USA)
- 8:15 AM Setting the Stage: Water Safety Plans and Communication with the Consumer
Paul Byleveld, Ph.D. - New South Wales Department of Health (Australia)
- 8:45 AM Setting the Stage: Public Right-to-Know Requirements from the National Level
Veronica Blette - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USA)

Session 1: Medium to Large Water Systems

- 9:15 AM Contamination Events in Systems with Normally Safe Water
John Gray, Ph.D. - Drinking Water Inspectorate (UK)
- 9:45 AM Responding to Acute Contamination Events
J. Alan Roberson, P.E. - American Water Works Association (USA)
Jeanne M. Bailey - Fairfax Water (USA)
- 10:15 AM Longer Term/Sporadic Contamination Events
Virginia Murray, FFOM, FRCPPath, FRCP, FFPH - Health Protection Agency (UK)
- 10:45 MORNING COFFEE

Session 2: Community Managed Water Systems

- 11:00 AM Community Managed Supplies in Latin America
Graciela I. Ramirez-Toro, Ph.D - Inter American University of Puerto Rico
Harvey A. Minnigh - RHI/RCAP (Puerto Rico)
- 11:30 AM Community Managed Supplies in Africa
Paul Jagals, DTech: Environmental Health - University of Johannesburg
(South Africa)
- 12:00 PM Community Managed Supplies in North America
Steve E. Hrudey, Ph.D., DSc (Eng), PEng - University of Alberta (Canada)
- 12:30 PM Open Discussion on Sessions 1 & 2
Vincent R. Nathan, Ph.D., MPH - Department of Environmental Affairs,
City of Detroit (USA)
- 1:00 PM LUNCH

Session 3: Symposium - Getting Water and Safety Issues to “Marginalized” Communities

- 2:00 PM Native Populations: North America
Yolanda Barney - Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency (USA)
- 2:30 PM Impoverished Communities
Eng. Marco Campos - CARE (Peru)
- 3:00 PM Immigrant Communities
Qutub Syed, MBBS, MSc, FFPHM - Health Protection Agency NW (UK)
- 3:30 PM Round Table Discussion
Kenneth Olden, Ph.D.- National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (USA)
- 4:00 PM BREAK

Session 4: Communicating to Other Special Groups

- 4:15 PM Vulnerable Groups
Phyllis Nsiah-Kumi, M.D. - Northwestern University (USA)
- 4:45 PM Health Care Providers
Tee L. Guidotti, M.D., MPH - George Washington University (USA)
- 5:15 PM Food Service Industry
Daniel H. Henroid, Jr., MS, RD, CFSP – University of Houston (USA)
- 6:00 PM CLOSE
- 7:00 PM CONFERENCE DINNER

Tuesday

Session 5: Symposium - Communication During Severe Events

- 8:00 AM Hurricanes
Pavani K. Ram, M.D. - State University of New York at Buffalo (USA)
- 9:00 AM Terrorist Attacks/Deliberate Contaminations
Gary Winston, Ph.D. - Ministry of Health (Israel)
- 9:30 AM Tsunamis
Paul Byleveld, Ph.D. - NSW Department of Health (New South Wales, Australia)
- 10:00 AM OPEN DISCUSSION
- 10:30 AM MORNING COFFEE

Session 6: Communication Skills

- 11:00 AM Getting the Message Across
Patricia A. Kendall, Ph.D., R.D. - Colorado State University (USA)
- 11:30 AM Communication Strategies
Gabriella Rundblad, Ph.D. - Kings College London (UK)
- 12:00 PM Engaging the Media
Dan C. Rutz, MPH - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (USA)
- 12:30 PM LUNCH
- 2:00 PM Behavior Change: Where and When Communication Fails
David F. Drury - Drinking Water Inspectorate (UK)
- 2:45 PM When to Act
Paul R. Hunter, MBA, MD, FRCPath, FFPH - University of East Anglia (UK)
- 3:30 PM Key Messages of the Conference
Paul R. Hunter, MBA, MD, FRCPath, FFPH University of East Anglia (UK)
Timothy Gilbertson, Ph.D. - Utah State University (USA)
- 4:30 PM Afternoon Tea and Conference Close