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5TH INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON EMERGING DISEASES

Organized by the International Society for Infectious Diseases (ISID) and its Program for Monitoring Emerging Diseases (ProMED-mail), IMED 2014 will be held in Vienna, Austria from October 31 to November 3, 2014. This conference brings leading scientists, clinicians, and policy makers to Vienna to present new knowledge and breakthroughs while discussing how to discover, detect, understand, prevent, and respond to outbreaks of emerging pathogens. Planned session topics include: methods and models of disease surveillance, detection and reporting, emerging zoonoses and animal health threats, vaccines against emerging diseases, and many more. To register for this conference, please visit: <http://imed.isid.org/>.

THE WORLD CONGRESS ON CONTROVERSIES, DEBATES, & CONSENSUS IN VETERINARY MEDICINE

The World Congress on Controversies, Debates, & Consensus in Veterinary Medicine will meet in Prague, Czech Republic from October 23 to 26, 2014. The Congress focuses on controversial topics in veterinary medicine, with a special emphasis on stimulating open debate, finding solutions, and reaching partial or full consensus in cases where no agreed-upon answers exist. Worldwide experts and leading animal health companies will provide scientists and veterinarians with fresh insight and take-home messages that ameliorate disease treatment and clinical management in the most difficult situations. For more information, please visit <http://congressmed.com/covet>.

CANADIAN HUMANITARIAN CONFERENCE

The 2014 Canadian Humanitarian Conference will set the stage for a national conversation showcasing Canadian expertise in humanitarian response and related fields. A wide range of sectors will convene, representing the depth of Canadian contributions to humanitarian response, including in disaster risk management, logistics, health, governance and more. The conference this year will be held at The Delegation of the Ismaili Imamat in Ottawa, Canada on December 4 and 5, 2014. To learn more, please visit <http://www.humanitarianconference.ca/>.

4TH WORLD CONGRESS ON VIROLOGY

The fourth World Congress on Virology will be held in San Antonio, Texas on October 6–8, 2014. Hosted by Omics Group, the conference theme this year is “Anti-Viral Immunity and Countermeasures to Control Disease Pathogenesis.” Sir Dr. Harald zur Hausen, Nobel Prize winner for physiology/medicine in 2008, will be an honorable guest and keynote speaker. See <http://virology2014.conferenceseries.net/index.php> for more information.

2ND INTERNATIONAL URBANIZATION AND GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE CONFERENCE

The 2nd International UGEC Conference on “Urban transitions and transformations: Science, synthesis, and policy” will be held in Taipei, Taiwan from November 6–8, 2014. The aim of the conference is twofold: to synthesize our knowledge of the bidirectional interactions between urbanization and

global environmental changes, and to reflect on the key lessons learned and identify transformative pathways for a future urban world that is increasingly complex and uncertain. The two themes of this year's conference are urbanization patterns and processes and urban responses to climate change: adaptation, mitigation, and transformation. To register, visit <http://www.ugec2014.org/>.

2014 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PRACTICE

Columbia University will host the Second Annual International Conference on Sustainable Development Practice on September 17 and September 18, 2014. This year's theme is *Advancing Evidence-Based Solutions for the Post-2015 Sustainable Development Agenda*. The conference aims to discuss the many ways that organizations and people are leading the way in advancing sustainable development solutions in various disciplinary areas and sectors, focusing on themes such as Health for All and Macroeconomics, Population Dynamics, and Planetary Boundaries. See the conference website for more details: <http://events.ei.columbia.edu/sdp-conference-2014/>.

16TH ANNUAL BIOECON CONFERENCE

The BIOECON Partners are pleased to announce the Sixteenth Annual International BIOECON conference on the theme of "Biodiversity, Ecosystem Services and Sustainability". The conference will be held once again on the premises of Kings College Cambridge, England on the 22nd–23rd September 2014. The conference will be of interest to both researchers and policy makers working on issues broadly in the area of biodiversity, ecosystem services, sustainable development, and natural capital, in both developed and developing countries. The conference takes a broad interest in the area of resource management, development, and conservation, including but not limited to: the role of biodiversity and ecosystem services in economic development, plant genetic resources and food security issues, deforestation and development, and more.

Please visit http://www.bioecon-network.org/pages/16th_2014.html for more information.

54TH INTERSCIENCE CONFERENCE ON ANTIMICROBIAL AGENTS AND CHEMOTHERAPY

ICAAC 2014 will be held in Washington, DC from September 5–9. This premier conference on antimicrobial agents and infectious diseases showcases the latest-breaking science and lectures from top researchers from around the world. The program offers an educational forum that includes evaluating the spread of infectious diseases throughout the world and introducing new antimicrobial agents. For more information, please visit: <http://www.icaac.org/index.php/meeting/icaac-2014>.

3RD GRF ONE HEALTH SUMMIT

The 3rd GRF One Health Summit 2014 will be held from October 5–8, 2014 at the Davos Congress Centre in Davos, Switzerland. The Summit will further develop and strengthen the One Health paradigm and its global movement. In particular, this 3rd global gathering will focus on the added value of a global One Health approach and a stronger involvement of the private sector and policy. The conference seeks to promote and foster an integrative approach in managing health risks at the interface of human-, animal- and environmental health with a strong link to food safety and security and to agriculture by striving for intensified collaboration among experts and practitioners from the different sectors and disciplines tangent to such a comprehensive health perspective. Learn more at <http://onehealth.grforum.org/home/>.

7TH ANNUAL ESP CONFERENCE 2014

The 7th International Ecosystem Services Partnership will be held September 8–12, 2014 in Costa Rica. The conference will be on the use of the ecosystem services concept at the local level, focusing on Latin America with a special emphasis on Costa Rica. Scientists representing several EU-funded projects will present their results on Community Based Ecosystem Management: CiVi.Net, COBRA, Eco-ADAPT, CombioServe, and COMETLA. Visit www.esconference.org to register for this conference.