Day 1 - Monday 7 May 2018

OPENING REMARKS AND COURSE INTRODUCTION

Hassan Zaraket (Faculty of Medicine, American University of Beirut, Lebanon) John Wood (National Institute for Biological Standards and Control, UK. Retired) Welcome to Beirut and Introduction to the School and ISIRV

Ghazi Zaatari (Chairman, Department of Experimental Pathology, Immunology, and Microbiology, Faculty of Medicine, American University of Beirut, Lebanon) AUB introduction

EPIDEMIOLOGY AND ECOLOGY

09.00 - 09.40 Alicia Fry (Centers for Diseases Control and Prevention, USA)
Human influenza, burden of disease

09.40 - 10.10 Mamunur Rahman Malik (Easter Mediterranean Regional Office, World Health Organization, Egypt) Influenza in the Eastern Mediterranean region

10.10 - 10.40 Nada Ghosn (MOH, Lebanon)
SARI surveillance Lebanon

10.40 - 11.00 Hassan Zaraket (American University of Beirut, Lebanon)
Outpatient influenza surveillance in Lebanon

11.00 - 11.30 Coffee & Networking

11.30 - 12.00 Isabella Monne (OIE reference laboratory / FAO reference centre for avian influenza and Newcastle disease, Italy)
Animal influenza

12.00 - 13.00 TBC _Influenza at the human animal interface

13.00 - 14.00 Lunch

14.00 - 14.45 Ziad Memish (Alfaisal University, Ministry of Health, KSA; Emory University, USA)
MERS-CoV, influenza and Hajj: burden and challenges

14.45 - 15.30 Ziad Memish (Alfaisal University, Ministry of Health, KSA; Emory University, USA)
MERS-CoV surveillance and ecology

VIROLOGY

15.30 - 16.30 Maria Zambon (Public Health England, UK)
Influenza virus structure, replication, and pathogenesis

16.30 - 17.00 Coffee & Networking

17.00 - 18.00 Maria Zambon (Public Health England, UK)
MERS-CoV structure, replication, and pathogenesis
Day 2 - Tuesday 8 May 2018

DIAGNOSIS AND ANALYSIS TOOLS
09.00 - 10.00 Maria Zambon (Public Health England, UK)
Influenza and MERS-CoV Diagnostic tools: current and future perspectives

10.00 - 11.00 Isabella Monne (OIE reference laboratory / FAO reference centre for avian influenza and Newcastle disease, Italy)
Genetic databases and analysis tools (NCBI and GISAID)

11.00 - 11.30 Coffee & Networking

11.30 - 12.00 Ali Ellebedy (Washington University, USA)
The immune response to influenza infections and immune correlates of protection

PREVENTION AND CONTROL: VACCINES I
12.00 - 13.00 TBC—Influenza vaccines

13.00 - 14.00 Lunch

14.00 - 15.00 John Wood (Formerly NIBSC, UK)
Influenza vaccine virus selection process

15.00 - 16.00 Stanley Perlman (University of Iowa, USA)
Role of host immune responses in protection, in immunopathological disease and in diagnosis in patients and experimentally infected animals with MERS-CoV

16.00 - 16.30 Coffee & Networking

16.30 - 18.00 Students’ Presentations

Day 3 - Wednesday 9 May 2018

PREVENTION AND CONTROL: VACCINES II
09.00 - 9.30 Ghassan Dbaibo (American University of Beirut, Lebanon)
Effectiveness of inactivated influenza vaccines

09.30 - 10.00 Alicia Fry (Centers for Diseases Control and Prevention, USA)
Effectiveness of live-attenuated influenza vaccines

10.00 - 11.00 George Kassianos (Royal College of General Practitioners, UK)
Vaccines and strategy implementation

11.00 - 11.30 Coffee & Networking

11.30 - 12.00 Hadi Yassine (Qatar University, Qatar)
Universal influenza vaccines

12.00 - 12.30 Nada Melhem (American University of Beirut, Lebanon)
Influenza vaccine policies and implementation in the EMR

12.30 - 13.00 Kayvon Modjarrad (Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, USDA)
Advances in Countermeasures for MERS-CoV
Day 3- Wednesday 9 May 2018 (continued)

13.00 - 14.00 Lunch

14.00 - 15.00 Ralph Wagner (Paul Ehrlich Institute, Germany)
Regulatory challenges for influenza vaccines

THERAPEUTIC STRATEGIES I

15.00 - 16.00 Larissa Gubareva (Centers for Diseases Control and Prevention, USA)
Mechanisms of action and resistance

16.00 - 16.30 Coffee & Networking

16.30 - 17.30 Alicia Fry (Centers for Diseases Control and Prevention, USA)
Effectiveness of licensed antivirals

17.30 - 18.00 Students’ Presentations

Day 4- Thursday 10 May 2018

THERAPEUTIC STRATEGIES II

09.00 - 10.00 Larissa Gubareva (Centers for Diseases Control and Prevention, USA)
Future antivirals: monoclonal antibodies, short peptides, polymerase inhibitors

10.00 - 11.00 Students’ Presentations

11.00 - 11.30 Coffee & Networking

11.30 - 13.00 Jonathan Van Tam (Deputy Chief Medical Officer, England)
Title: TBD

13.00 - 14.00 Lunch

14.00 - 14.30 Ghazi Kayali (Human Link, Egypt)
Update on avian influenza viruses in human and birds in Egypt

PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS/ LAB PRACTICE

14.30 - 15.30 Chloe Sellwood (National Health Service, London, UK)
Pandemic preparedness

15.30 - 16.00 Coffee & Networking

16.00 - 17.00 (Trainees divide into two groups)
Group I: Pandemic preparedness group exercise- Chloe Sellwood (National Health Service, London, UK)
Group II: Lab practice: Virus isolation in eggs and cells; titration; detection- CIDR lab

17.00 - 18.00
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Group II: Pandemic preparedness group exercise- Chloe Sellwood (National Health Service, London, UK)
Day 5- Friday 11 May 2018

GUEST LECTURES: Research workshop

09.00 - 09.30 Hadi Yassine (Qatar University, Qatar)
Immunogenicity testing using viral pseudo-types

09.30 - 10.00 Ali Ellebedy (Washington University, USA)
Broadening vaccine efficacy: harnessing the HA stalk immune response

10.00 - 10.30 Hassan Zaraket (American University of Beirut, Lebanon)
New avenues for antiviral discovery

10.30 - 11.00 Coffee & Networking

KEYNOTE TALKS

11.00 - 12.00 Ab Osterhaus (RIZ, Hannover, Germany and Erasmus University, Netherlands)
How to prevent a major disease outbreak - from SARS to MERS

12.00 - 13.00 TBC - Influenza in the past, present and future

13.00 - 14.00 Lunch

14.00 - 15.00 CLOSING REMARKS & DIPLOMAS

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