



Visitors to the NICD

Microbiology Division

ENTERIC DISEASES REFERENCE UNIT

Lars Skoglund, President and CEO, IDL Biotech, Bromma, Sweden, 9 March 2007

Yiva D'Amico, Development Manager, IDL Biotech, Bromma, Sweden, 26-30 March 2007

Afifah Ibrahim, Head of Production, Malaysian Biodiagnostics Research, Selangor, Malaysia, 26-27 March 2007

EXTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE

Dr Sébastien Cognat and Dr Kazunobu, WHO/EPR Lyon office

Dr William Perea, WHO/EPR Geneva office

Dr JB Ndiokubwayo and Dr Bekithemba Mhlanga, WHOAFRO, Brazzaville Congo

Dr Pierre Hance (France), Dr Lila Rahalison (Madagascar), Dr Leonard Meyer (CDC Atlanta), Dr Jeannine Petersen (CDC Fort Collins), Ms Jenny Luchavez (Philippines), Dr Li Machao (China)

MYCOLOGY REFERENCE UNIT

Thomas C. Chiller, MD, MPH, Deputy Branch Chief, Mycotic Diseases Branch, Division of Bacterial and Mycotic Diseases, Centers for Disease Control, Atlanta, USA

Beth Arthington-Skaggs, PhD, Head of Antifungal Drug Testing Unit, Mycotic Diseases Branch, Division of Bacterial and Mycotic Diseases, Centers for Disease Control, Atlanta, USA

Wieland Meyer, PhD, Associate Professor, Head of Molecular Mycology Research Laboratory, Centre for Infectious Diseases and Microbiology, Western Clinical School, University of Sydney

Thomas G. Mitchell, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Molecular Genetics and Microbiology, Director, Molecular Mycology and Pathogenesis Training Program, Duke University, North Carolina, USA

Anastacia Litvinseva, PhD, Department of Molecular Genetics and Microbiology, Duke University, North Carolina, USA

NATIONAL MICROBIOLOGY SURVEILLANCE UNIT

Anne Schuchat, MD, Director: Center for Respiratory Diseases and Immunization, Centers for Disease Control, Atlanta, USA

Chris Van Beneden, MD, MPH, ABCs Program Director, Respiratory Diseases Branch, Centers for Disease Control, Atlanta, USA

Stephanie Schrag, PhD, Team Lead: Epidemiology, Respiratory Diseases Branch, Centers for Disease Control, Atlanta, USA

Elizabeth Zell, Statistician, Respiratory Diseases Branch, Centers for Disease Control, Atlanta, USA

PARASITOLOGY REFERENCE UNIT

Drs Antonio Barragan and Victor Fernandez, Swedish Institute for Infectious Disease Control

Ms Jen Daily, Clinton Foundation HIV/AIDS Initiative

Ms J Luchavez, Research Institute for Tropical Medicine, Philippines

RESPIRATORY & MENINGEAL PATHOGENS REFERENCE UNIT

Dr Leonard Meyer, Chief Meningitis Laboratory, Respiratory Diseases Branch, Division of Bacterial Diseases, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, Georgia, USA, visited the unit for two days, 3 and 4 September.

Ms Stacey W. Martin, MSc, Epidemiologist, Division of Bacterial Diseases, and Amanda Cohn, MD, Meningitis and Vaccine Preventable Diseases, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, Georgia, USA visited our unit on 12 October 2007, to discuss surveillance for meningococcal disease, and potential opportunities for collaboration.

Ms Elizabeth Zell, Senior Biostatistician, Respiratory Diseases Branch, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Atlanta, Georgia, USA, held meetings with NICD staff related to ongoing RMPRU research projects during her visit to Bara RMPRU, 3-14 December 2007.

SPECIAL BACTERIAL PATHOGENS REFERENCE UNIT

Dr Peter Turnbull, Arjemptur Technology Ltd and Biological Defense Research Directorate, Naval Medical Research Center, Silver Spring, Maryland, USA

Dr J Petersen, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Fort Collins, Colorado, USA

Dr L Rahalison, Institut Pasteur, Antananarivo, Madagascar

SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS REFERENCE CENTRE

Professor Jean-François Delfraissey, Director, Agence Nationale de Reserches sur la SIDA et les hépatites virales (ARNS), Paris, France.

Dr. Brigitte Bazin , International Co-ordinator, Agence Nationale de Reserches sur la SIDA et les hépatites virales (ARNS), Paris, France.

Professor Bertran Auvert, Professor of Public Health, University of Versailles, Paris, France

Professor Teresa Lagergård, Department of Microbiology and Immunology, Göteborg University, Göteborg, Sweden

Dr. Mary Kamb, CAPT. US Public Health Service, International Coordinator, Division of STD Prevention , Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), Atlanta, USA

Dr. Jami Leichliter, Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), Atlanta, USA

Ms Alison Friedman, Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), Atlanta, USA

Dr. Thu-Ha Dinh, Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), Atlanta, USA

Dr. Jochen Felbel, PlasmAcute AS (Germany)

Dr. Odd Odinsen, PlasmAcute AS (Norway)

VECTOR CONTROL REFERENCE UNIT

Prof W Takken and Dr B Knols, University of Wageningen, The Netherlands

Dr M Thomas, CSIRO, Canberra, Australia

Prof K Louis,

Profs F Collins and G Madey, University of Notre Dame, Illinois, USA

Virology Division

AIDS VIRUS RESEARCH UNIT

Virology Laboratory

Dr. Julie McElrath (University of Washington, Seattle, USA)

Dr. David Katzenstein (Stanford University, California, USA)

Dr. Souleymane Sawadogo and Dr. Andreas Shiningava (Namibia Institute of Pathology)

Prof. Graham Brown, Head (Department of Medicine, University of Melbourne)

Nathan Ford of Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF)

Dr. Louise Kuhn (Columbia University, USA)

Dr. Pat da Souza (NIH/DAIDS/PPD)

Dr. Marcella Sarzotti-Kelsoe (Duke University)

Immunology Laboratory

Dr. Rafick Sekaly (University of Montreal)

Dr. Rick Koup (Vaccine Research Center)

Dr. Michael Betts (University of Pennsylvania)

Dr. Guido Ferrari (Duke University)

Dr. Steve de Rosa (University of Washington)

Dr. Mario Roederer (Vaccine Research Center)

Dr. Saladin Osmanov (WHO-UNAIDS)

Dr. Tony Moody (Duke University)

Dr. Eleanor Riley (London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine)

Dr. Jennifer Serwanga (MRC Uganda)

Dr. Gibson Kibiki (Dept of Medicine, Tanzania)

Dr. Huyen Cao (California Dept of Health, USA)

RESPIRATORY VIRUSES UNIT

Dr Nancy Cox, Director, WHO Collaborating Centre for the Surveillance, Epidemiology and Control of Influenza, CDC Influenza Branch, Atlanta, Georgia, USA

Dr Mwaka Monze, Virology Unit Head, University Teaching Hospital, Lusaka, Zambia

SPECIALIZED MOLECULAR DIAGNOSTICS

Mr Keith Shaba, Regional Data Manager/AFRO Vaccine Preventable Diseases Unit/DDC, Harare, Zimbabwe

Mr Aboubacar Ndi'Aye, Regional Data Manager/AFRO, Vaccine Preventable Diseases Unit/DDC, Harare, Zimbabwe

Dr Fem Julia Paladin, Virologist/immunologist, Strategy Implementation Oversight and Monitoring, Geneva, WHO

Dr Charles Byabamazima, Virologist Scientific Medical Officer, Vaccine Preventable Diseases Unit/DDC, Harare, Zimbabwe

Dr Paul Chenoweth, Global Data Coordinator, Molecular Virology Section, MS G-10, CDC, MS-G17, Atlanta, Georgia, USA

Dr Karen Ching, Virologist, Molecular Virology Section, MS G-10, CDC, MS-G17, Atlanta, Georgia, USA

Ms Jane Iber, Virologist, Molecular Virology Section, MS G-10, CDC, MS-G17, Atlanta, Georgia, USA

Ms Chen Qi, Virologist, Molecular Virology Section, MS G-10, CDC, MS-G17, Atlanta, Georgia, USA

SPECIAL PATHOGENS UNIT

Professor Kouichi Morita from the Department of Virology, Institute of Tropical Medicine, Nagasaki University Japan from 23 January to 2 February 2007.

Dr Basia Sordyl, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Wroclaw, University of Environmental and Life Sciences.

Mr Michel Pepin, European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), Lyon, France.

VIRAL DIAGNOSTICS

Enterovirus Section

Mr Keith Shaba, Regional Data Manager/AFRO, Vaccine Preventable Diseases Unit/DDC, Harare, Zimbabwe

Mr Aboubacar Ndi'Aye, Regional Data Manager/AFRO, Vaccine Preventable Diseases Unit/DDC, Harare, Zimbabwe

Epidemiology Division

SAFELTP

Dr Olive Shisana, President and CEO of the Human Sciences Research Council

Dr Neil Cameron, Department of Community Health, Stellenbosch University

Dr Stephen Knight, Department of Community Health, University of KwaZulu-Natal

Professor John Matjila, Head, Department of Community Health, University of Pretoria

Dr Lindiwe Makubalo, Cluster Manager, Health Information Evaluation Epidemiology and Research, National Department of Health

Dr Kathleen McEnerney, Dean, College of Health Sciences, Tennessee State University

Visitors from CDC, Atlanta, Georgia, USA:-

Dr Patricia Simone, Director, Division of Global Public Health Capacity Development

Dr Ed Maes, Associate Director of Science, Division of Global Public Health Capacity Development

Dr Peter Nsubuga, Branch Chief, Division of Global Public Health Capacity Development

Dr Tom Chiller, Chief, Epidemiology Unit, Mycotic Diseases Branch

Mr Eric Gogstad, Public Health Advisor, Division of Global Public Health Capacity Development

Dr Pascale Krumm, Health Communications Specialist, Division of Global Public Health Capacity Development

Ms Elliot Churchill who served for 18 years as the director of CDC's publishing office, which publishes the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR)

Special Programmes

NATIONAL TUBERCULOSIS REFERENCE LABORATORY

Professor Gilla Kaplan, Molecular Geneticist, Immunologist, and Head, Laboratory of Mycobacterial Immunity and Pathogenesis(LMIP), Public Health Research Institute (PHRI), International Center for Public Health (ICPH), Newark, New Jersey (NJ)

Dr Barry Kreiswirth, Molecular Geneticist and Director, PHRI Tuberculosis Center, ICPH, Newark, NJ

Barun Mathema, Molecular Epidemiologist, LMIP, PHRI, ICPH, Newark, NJ and PhD student, Columbia University, New York, USA

Dr Catherine Mundy, Principal Program Associate for Laboratory Services, Arlington, Virginia, USA

Dr John Ridderhof, Laboratory Systems Development, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, Georgia, USA

Dr Thomas Shinnick, Chief, Mycobacteriology Laboratory Branch, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, Georgia, USA

Dr Linda Parsons, Team leader, Clinical and Opportunistic Infections Monitoring Team, International Laboratory Branch, National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD and TB Prevention, Global AIDS Program, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, Georgia, USA

Dr Akos Somoskovi, Clinical and Opportunistic Infections Monitoring Team, International Laboratory Branch, National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD and TB Prevention, Global AIDS Program, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, Georgia, USA

Dr Oni E Idigbe, Director-General, Nigerian Institute of Medical Research, Yaba, Lagos, Nigeria

Dr Callista C Osuocha, Senior Laboratory Advisor, Family Health International, Global HIV/AIDS Initiative, Nigeria.(GHAIN), Abuja, Nigeria

Dr Christoph Hamelmann, Department for International Development, UK and GHAIN, Abuja, Nigeria

Dr Mohammed Ibrahim, GHAIN, Abuja, Nigeria

Dr Veronique Vincent, TB/HIV and Drug Resistance, TB Department, World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland

Dr Giorgio Roscigno, Chief Executive Officer, Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics, Geneva, Switzerland