Tiberio Swartz Research Forum on Epidemiology of Infectious Diseases and Biosecurity

Symposium on: Progress on Elimination of Measles, Rubella and Polio

February 25, 2020 | Max and Anna Webb Auditorium | Tel Aviv University

9:00-9:30 Registration and Refreshments

9:30-9:45 Opening Remarks
Prof. Daniel Cohen, School of Public Health, Tel Aviv University & Tiberio Swartz Research Forum on Epidemiology of Infectious Diseases and Biosecurity
Prof. Siegal Sadetzki, Head, Public Health Services, Israel Ministry of Health

First Session
Chair- Dr. Emilia Anis
Division of Epidemiology, Israel Ministry of Health

9:45-10:15 Measles Elimination/Eradication- Global Update
Dr. Patrick O’Connor, Team Lead, Accelerated Disease Control (ADC), World Health Organization

10:15-10:45 Measles Epidemic – Israel 2018-2019
Dr. Eric Haas, Director, Department of Routine Immunizations, Division of Epidemiology, Israel Ministry of Health

10:45-11:00 Laboratory Issues
Dr. Viki Indenbaum, Head, National Center for Measles, Mumps and Rubella, Central Virology Laboratory, Sheba Medical Centre

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-12:00 Update from the National Verification Committee on Measles and Rubella
Prof. Manfred Green, School of Public Health, University of Haifa

12:00-12:45 Panel Discussion- Lessons Learned from the Israeli Measles Epidemic
Moderator-TBA
Dr. Mark Muscat, Technical Officer, World Health Organization
Dr. Emilia Anis, Director, Division of Epidemiology, Israel Ministry of Health & Braun School of Public Health and Community Medicine, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Dr. Chen Stein-Zamir, Director, Jerusalem District Health Office, Israel Ministry of Health & Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Prof. Eli Somekh, Head, Pediatric Ward Maayanei Hayeshua Medical Center

12:45-13:45 Lunch

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Second Session- Polio
Chair- Prof. Eli Somekh
Division of Pediatrics, Maayanei Hayeshua Center

13:45-14:15  Polio Elimination/Eradication- Global Update
Dr. Patrick O'Connor, Team Lead, Accelerated Disease Control (ADC), World Health Organization

14:15-14:30  Laboratory Issues – Polio
Dr. Merav Weil, Director, National Center for Polio and Enteroviruses, Central Virology Laboratory, Sheba Medical Centre

14:30-14:45  New Polio Vaccines
Prof. Lester Shulman, Central Virology Laboratories, Sheba Medical Centre

14:45-15:00  Update from the National Verification Committee on Polio
Prof. Manfred Green, School of Public Health, University of Haifa

15:00-15:30  Panel Discussion- Polio Elimination in Israel
Moderator - Prof. Shmuel Rishpon
Advisory Committee on Infectious Diseases and Immunization & School of Public Health, University of Haifa

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15:30-15:45  Closing Remarks
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