

Preliminary Programme

Day # 1: February 6th, 2025

Welcome (30 minutes)

Symposium organizer: (GHSI – CEWG)

- Assistant Deputy Minister Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety Branch (ADM HECSB) of Health Canada
- The Global Health Security Initiative (GHSI) and the Chemical Events Working Group (CEWG) co-chairs

Symposium virtual host: (NCCEH)

- National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health (NCCEH)

Keynote Opening Remarks

- **Poison Centres and Public Health:** Lesley J Onyon, Head of Chemical Safety and Health Unit, Department of Environment, Climate Change and Health, **World Health Organization**, Geneva, Switzerland

Logistics & Scene Setting (10 minutes)

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- An overview of the incident
- Response actions undertaken by poison centres and public health authorities
- Challenges faced during the response
- Key lessons learned for future preparedness and response efforts

There will be one scheduled bio break throughout the session

Speakers: Dr. Irma Makalinao, Dr. April Llaneta, Dr. Ziad Kazzi, Dr. Badria Alhatali, Dr. Mohammed Al Busafi, Dr. Alvin Bronstein, Dr. Hannah Hays, CAPT. Jill Shugart

Closing Remarks for Day 1 (10 minutes)



Day # 2: February 13th, 2025

Welcome and Opening Remarks (10 minutes)

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Speakers: *Dr. Winai Wananukul, Dr. Pairoj Surattanawanich, Dr. Raquel Duarte, Dr. Ruben Thanacoody, Dr. David McVea, Dr. Jin Hee Kim*

Closing Remarks for Day 2 (10 minutes)



Day # 3: February 20th, 2025

Purpose of Day 3 Townhall Discussions

- To understand the values of collaboration between poison centres and public health entities in emergency management (i.e., preparedness, vigilance, response, recovery, mitigation) of chemical incidents
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 - Highlight values of collaboration between Poison Centres and Public Health Entities in emergency management of chemical incidents
 - Enable discussions on best practices and challenges to collaboration, and
 - Identify opportunities for guidance/a roadmap to foster/harden collaboration between poison centres and public health entities

Summary of Case Study Presentations & Live Q&A

Each case study presentation from the previous two sessions will be summarized by the speakers. This will be followed by a live questions and answers session, allowing participants to ask questions and engage directly with the presenters to gain deeper insights.

Closing Remarks (15 min)

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