

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**

The symposium is free, but requires pre-registration at:

<https://bit.ly/2RVCq8s>

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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Dr. Itai Bar-Or, Central Virology Laboratories, Sheba Medical Centre

15:30-15:45 Closing Remarks

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