CDC--TEPHINET International Night
Announcement

2016 EIS CONFERENCE

The Division of Global Health Protection, Center for Global Health (CGH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Training Programs in Epidemiology and Public Health Interventions Network (TEPHINET) are co-sponsoring International Night at the 64th Annual Epidemic Intelligence Service Conference. The 2016 EIS Conference is scheduled for May 2–5, 2016 in Atlanta, Georgia. International Night is planned for the evening of Wednesday, May 4th.

Trainees and graduates (January 2013) of field-based training programs in applied epidemiology, laboratory, and public health practice are invited to submit abstracts (in English only) for consideration (see details below). Priority will be given to current trainees. Abstracts can cover investigations or projects undertaken and completed during training and within the past two years (December 1st 2013). We are interested in abstracts describing outbreak investigations, implementation and evaluation of public health programs or surveillance activities, and other areas in applied epidemiology or public health practice. In particular, abstracts and presentations should emphasize how the results of the investigation or an analysis were used to direct public health actions, and also describe or estimate the public health impact.

Abstracts submitted for consideration should be original. In particular, the abstract should not represent work already published in peer-reviewed journals, or previously presented at an international conference.

Please refer to the attachments for guidance on abstract format, suggestions, and evaluation criteria.

Five abstracts will be selected for oral presentation, and fifteen abstracts for poster presentation.

SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS:
• **Deadline for final abstracts.** The deadline for abstracts to be received via TEPHINET is *Friday, January 22, 2016 at 5pm EST.* There will be no extensions to this deadline.

• **Submission of abstracts:** Individuals submitting abstracts should coordinate submission with their program directors. Program Directors should encourage and assist their fellows/residents to submit abstracts to the program.

• **Program Rankings:** Because of limited space for presentations during International Night and a desire to maintain a broad representation of programs, a **maximum of 10 abstracts can be submitted from any single program and 1 abstract per person (first authors).** Nonetheless, programs are encouraged to submit all viable abstracts. In the case of a program submitting multiple abstracts for consideration, program directors/resident advisors should rank them and provide those ranking to the International Night organizers. The results of the independent peer-review will take precedence in determining abstract acceptance; however, if there are ties or minimal differences in final scores within a given program’s submissions, the director’s/Resident Advisor’s input will be considered in determining the final selection. Priority for financial support will be given to the abstracts accepted for oral presentation.

• **Web-based abstract collection.** Abstracts will be collected from Program Directors through a web-based system. This system will be setup at the TEPHINET website. [http://www.tephitract.org/conference/abstract/index.php?lang=en](http://www.tephitract.org/conference/abstract/index.php?lang=en)

{**NOTE: Please do not send abstracts for International Night consideration to the EIS office.**}

• **Evaluation.** All abstracts submitted for International Night will be reviewed by three epidemiologists.

• **Acceptance.** Program directors will be notified of abstract(s) acceptances by *February 19, 2016.*

• **Conflict of interest and biographical information.** Authors of selected abstracts will be asked to submit a conflict of interest form; biographical information also will be collected to facilitate continuing education accreditation of the conference.

• **Additional information.** Please see attachments at the end of this email for detailed instructions and suggestions for abstract preparation to share with FETP and FELTP trainees and graduates.

**WILLIAM H. FOEGE AWARD**

The Division of Public Health Systems and Workforce Development and TEPHINET will present the 14th William H. Foege Award at International Night. This award recognizes the abstract that best exemplifies an outstanding public health intervention and highlights investigations in which epidemiology leads to improvements in program implementation or other public health actions.
The Award is given in honor of Dr. William H. Foege, who was one of the pioneers of WHO’s strategy of disease surveillance and containment that successfully eradicated smallpox from the world. Dr. Foege also served as director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and was on the Global Task Force for Child Survival. He helped persuade the pharmaceutical company Merck to contribute over nine million doses to treat and prevent river blindness around the world. He serves as a powerful advocate for using epidemiology to improve the health of the public, especially children.

Only abstracts accepted for oral presentation at International Night will be considered for the award.