**Wednesday, September 30, 2015**

3:00pm  Hotel Check-In  
4:00pm  6:00pm  Conference Registration in Lobby  
6:00pm  8:00pm  Opening Reception - Old Man Rafferty’s - *three blocks from hotel* - Shuttle available

**Thursday, October 1, 2015**

7:00am  8:30am  Continental Breakfast - Livingston Lobby  
7:30am  8:30am  Registration in Lobby  
8:30am  8:45am  Welcome and Opening Remarks  
**Livingston 1 & 2**  
Christina Tan, MD, MPH State Epidemiologist / Assistant Commissioner  
New Jersey Department of Health  
Arturo Brito, MD, MPH Deputy Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Health  
Jasjit S. Ahluwalia, MD, MPH, MS  Dean, Rutgers School of Public Health

8:45am  10:15am  Opening Plenary  
**Livingston 1 & 2**  
Moderator: Andre Weltman, MD, MSc  Pennsylvania Department of Health  
*Emerging Infectious Diseases in Theory and Practice*  
Matthew L. Cartter, MD, MPH  
State Epidemiologist & Director of Infectious Diseases, Connecticut Department of Public Health  
*The Changing Epidemiology of Youth Tobacco Use*  
Cristine D. Delnevo, PhD, MPH  
Professor and Chair of Health Education and Behavioral Science, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, School of Public Health

10:15am  10:45am  Break / Vendor Exhibits

10:45am  12:40pm  **Concurrent Breakout Sessions - Infectious Disease**  
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**Livingston 1 & 2**  
Moderator: Marcelle Layton, MD  New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene  
*Shoe-Leather Epidemiology in the 21st Century*  
Robert Fitzhenry, PhD  New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene  
*Lassa Fever in New Jersey, 2015*  
Lindsay Hamilton, MPH  CDC/CSTE Applied Epidemiology Fellow at New Jersey Department of Health  
*Q Fever Outbreak among Travelers to Germany Linked to Live Cell Therapy — United States and Canada, 2014*  
Misha Robyn, DVM, MPH  New York State Department of Health  
*Recurrent Clusters of Legionellosis in a New York City Hotel*  
Robert Fitzhenry, PhD  New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

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Moderator: Antoinette Stroup, PhD Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey

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Angie Maxted, DVM, PhD New York State Department of Health

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Moderator: David Lee, MPH, MBA New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Development of a Standardized Occupation Reference Code List for MAVEN: Collaboration Between Infectious Disease and Occupational Health
Angela Laramie, MPH and T. Scott Troppy, MPH, PMP Massachusetts Department of Public Health

Pinar Erdogdu, MPH New Jersey Department of Health

Development and Application of Syndromic Surveillance for Severe Weather Events in New Jersey Following Hurricane Sandy
Stella Tsai, PhD New Jersey Department of Health

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**Concurrent Breakout Session - Cross-Cutting**
Moderator: Teresa Hamby, MSPH New Jersey Department of Health

**Assessment of Local Health Department Capabilities -- Optimizing Statewide Epidemiological Response**
Kimberly Cervantes, MA, MPH, CIC New Jersey Department of Health

**Trends in Mortality Disparities by Area-based Poverty in New York City, 1990–2010**
Amita Toprani, MD, MPH and James Hadler, MD, MPH New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

**Characterization of Evacuations as a Result of Hurricane Sandy - New Jersey, October–November 2012**
Prathit Kulkarni, MD Centers for Disease Control and Prevention / New Jersey Department of Health

**Panel Discussion: Opioid Analgesic Misuse and Overdose Deaths in NYC: A Multi-Pronged Approach to Address the Crisis**

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**3:15pm - 3:40pm**

Break / Vendor Exhibit

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**3:45pm - 5:15pm**

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**Concurrent Breakout Session - Infectious Disease (A)**
Moderator: Namitha Reddy, MPH New Jersey Department of Health

**Pseudomonas aeruginosa in a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit — California, 2013–2014**
Cara Bicking Kinsey, PhD, MPH, RNC Pennsylvania Department of Health

**Postpartum Invasive Group A Streptococcal Disease — Southeast Pennsylvania, 2015**
Cara Bicking Kinsey, PhD, MPH, RNC Pennsylvania Department of Health

**Heart of the problem: Investigation of 3 Bacterial Endocarditis Cases Following Oral Surgery- New Jersey 2014**
Jason Mehr, MPH New Jersey Department of Health

**I Can See Clearly Now, the Yeast is Gone: Investigating a Cluster of Candida Interface Infections and Positive Donor Tissue Cultures Following Corneal Transplant Surgery**
Elizabeth Talbot, MD New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services / Dartmouth Geisel School of Medicine

**Surveying for Superbugs: A Survey on Carbapenem-Resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE) Rates and Laboratory Testing in New Jersey, 2014**
Lindsay Hamilton, MPH New Jersey Department of Health

**Assessment of Infection Control and Prevention Capacity and Infrastructure in Acute Care Hospitals in Connecticut Using National Healthcare Safety Network Annual Surveys**
Richard Melchreit, MD Connecticut Department of Public Health

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**Livingston 3**

**Concurrent Breakout Session - Infectious Disease (B) (Continued on following page)**
Moderator: Tabeth Jiri, MPH, CPH, DrPH (ABD) New Jersey Department of Health

**Automated Methods to Improve the Completeness of Key Data Elements in Infectious Disease Response**
MaryKate Martelon, MPH Massachusetts Department of Public Health

**Novel Use of a Surveillance System to Enhance Communication with General Public and Local Boards of Health**
T. Scott Troppy, MPH Massachusetts Department of Public Health

**Collaboration Creating and Utilizing a new Foodborne Illness Complaint Module**
T. Scott Troppy, MPH Massachusetts Department of Public Health
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  Catherine Choy, MPH  NYU School of Medicine
- **The Role of Childhood Violence Exposure, Self-esteem and Depressive Symptoms on Consistent Contraception Use Among Young, Sexually Active Women**
  Deborah Nelson, PhD  Temple University College of Public Health
- **Partnering with Travel Agents to Develop Health Education Outreach among New York City Residents Visiting Friends and Relatives Abroad, 2013-2014**
  Stacy Wright-Woolcock, LMSW and Camille Adolphe  New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

9:45am - 10:45am

**Late Breaker Presentations**

*Moderator: Benjamin Chan, MD, MPH  New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services*

- **Outbreak of C. Perfringens at a Summer Camp in Dutchess County, NY - July 2015**
  Katie Wheeler-Martin, MPH  Dutchess County Department of Health
- **Results from a Pilot Surveillance System of Harmful Algal Bloom-associated Illnesses in New York State, 2015**
  Mary Figgatt, MPH,  CDC/CSTE Applied Epidemiology Fellowship/New York State Department of Health
- **New York State Counties With High Potentially-Avoidable Antibiotic Prescribing for Upper Respiratory Infections: Identification and Intervention**
  Sarah Kogut, MPH, CIC  New York State Department of Health
- **Outbreak of Community Acquired Legionnaires’ Disease in New York City, New York -- July-August 2015**
  Keren Landman, MD New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
- **Effects of Living in an Underserved Area on Fruit and Vegetable Purchases Among Households participating in the New Jersey Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)**
  Janice Okeke, MPH  CDC/CSTE Applied Epidemiology Fellowship / New Jersey Department of Health
- **The Sustainability of Traveler Monitoring for Emerging Infectious Diseases: Lessons Learned from Active Monitoring of Traveler’s from West Africa for Ebola Virus Disease in CT, October 2014–July 2015.**
  Terry Rabatsky-Ehr  Connecticut Department of Public Health
  James Hadler, MD, MPH Yale School of Public Health – Connecticut Emerging Infections Program
- **Three Recent Laboratory-Associated Brucella Incidents Resulting in >70 Exposures, New York City, 2015.**
  Joel Ackelsberg, MD, MPH  New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
- **Identification of Areas with High Concentrations of Persons with Poorly-controlled Diabetes in NYC Using Spatial Pattern Analyses**
  Steve DiLonardo, MS  New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
11:00am  11:30am  **Public Health Partners Updates**  
Moderator: Christina Tan, MD  New Jersey Department of Health  

**Livingston 1 & 2**

**Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists - Update**  
Jeffrey Engel, MD  Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE)  

**CDC Epidemiology Workforce Branch, Epidemic Intelligence Service Update**  
Michael Gronostaj, MD, PharmD, MPH Centers for Disease Control and Prevention / Epidemic Intelligence Service  

11:30am  12:30pm  **State of the States**  

12:00 pm  1:00pm  Lunch available *(eat in or take out, included)* at Christopher’s Restaurant  

12:00pm  Hotel Checkout  

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Keren Landman  
*Marci Layton*  
Stephanie Ngai

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**Chronic Disease**

*New Jersey Department of Health:*
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*Melissa Santorelli*  
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*Winfred Wu*  

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**Cross-Cutting**

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In Hotel Lobby

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Paterson & Spring Streets

Counter Burger
341 George Street

Harvest Moon Brewery
392 George Street

Hotoke
350 George Street

Old Man Rafferty’s
Route 27 / Albany & George

Due Mari
106 Albany & Neilson St

Old Bay Restaurant
Neilson & Church Streets

Shaka Burrito and Tiki Bar
120 Albany @ Spring Street

Brother Jimmy’s BBQ
5 Easton Ave.

Effes Turkish
32 Easton Ave.

Edo - 1/2 Price Sushi
68 Easton Ave.

Thomas Sweet Ice Cream
55 Easton Ave.