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Climate Change Projected To Profoundly Impact Human Health World Experts meet in Toronto June 18th to the 21st, 2009

June 8, 2009 (Ottawa) - "*The Changing Climate of Infectious Diseases*" is the theme for the upcoming 26th International Congress of Chemotherapy and Infection (ICC-09) to be held in Toronto at the Sheraton Centre from June 18th to the 21st, 2009. This enhanced programme line-up promises to be nothing less than outstanding as medical experts from around the world provide state-of-the-art clinical reviews, share their findings on human infectious diseases such as H1N1 influenza and explore how climate change impacts the emergence of new and old infectious diseases and their effect on human health.

"By unifying forces of national and regional scientific societies, the ICC-09 will improve international collaboration on clinical research for the future benefit of our patients suffering from emerging infectious diseases," says Dr. Kurt Naber, President of the International Society of Chemotherapy Infection and Cancer, Germany.

"Humans are still at the mercy of new infectious diseases"

Margie Beilharz, *Climate Change Raises The Disease Threat. Article in ScienceAlert* December 18, 2008

"12 pathogens could spread into new regions as a result of climate change"

The Wildlife Conservation Society, *Human Disease Threats in the Age of Climate Change.* IUCN World Conservation Congress, Barcelona, Spain October 7, 2008

Headlines such as these indicate the need for experts to take advantage of opportunities to collaborate on the global challenges we face. This is the platform for the 26th ICC-09, a joint international conference held in collaboration with the Association of Medical Microbiology and Infectious Disease Canada, the Canadian Association for Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases and the International Society of Chemotherapy.

Medical specialists from more than 20 countries will confront global health challenges with the latest research on topics such as *Swine-origin H1N1 influenza, Climate Change and Implications for Waterborne Disease in Canada and Abroad* and *Challenges in Forecasting Patterns of Zoonotic Disease in Response to Climate Change*. "The focus is on current information and how our efforts now, will predict and impact future outcomes," says Dr. Raphaël Saginur, President of the 26th ICC-09 and Chief of the Division of Infectious Disease at the Ottawa Hospital-Civic Campus.

This clinical congress is devoted to microbiology, epidemiology, diagnosis and therapy of human infectious diseases as well as antimicrobial chemotherapy. Original presentations focused on our evolving understanding of these rapidly changing fields will be complemented

by overviews from world authorities. An estimated 1500 delegates from around the world will attend.

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