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United States Department of State

**DISEASE AND DIPLOMACY: FOREIGN POLICY, U.S. INTERESTS AND MEETING  
THE GLOBAL CHALLENGE OF EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES**

*A Conference Jointly Sponsored by the Department of State  
Bureau of Intelligence and Research, the Foreign Service Institute,  
the Bureau of Oceans, Environment and Sciences  
and the National Intelligence Council*

**Friday October 31, 1997**

**National Foreign Affairs Training Center  
Arlington, Virginia**

**8:00 Registration and Coffee** (Room C-3116/ Lobby Area)

**8:30 The Global Challenge of Emerging Infectious Diseases**  
*Rafe Pomerance - Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for  
Oceans, Environment and Science*

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| <i>Dr. Peter Jahrling</i>    | <i>USAMRIID</i>                                    |

**10:30: Break**

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*Nancy Carter-Foster - Director, Office of Emerging Infectious  
Diseases, Department of State*

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**12:30 Conference Adjourns**

# **Disease and Diplomacy: Foreign Policy, U.S. Interests and Meeting the Global Challenge of Emerging Infectious Diseases**

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## **Participants**

**Gail H. Cassell** is the Charles H. McCauley Professor and Chairman of the Department of Microbiology at the University of Alabama School of Medicine and Dentistry. During her eight year tenure as Chairman, the Department of Microbiology has ranked first every year in the amount of research funding received from the National Institute of Health. Dr. Cassell is a former President of the American Society for Microbiology, and has just completed a three year term as a member of the National Institute of Health Director's Advisory Committee and as a member of the Advisory Council of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases at the National Institute of Health.

**Nancy Carter-Foster** is the Director of the Department of State's Emerging Infectious Diseases and HIV / AIDS Program in the Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs. Ms. Carter-Foster has extensive experience in international negotiations, international population and women's issues, as well as health, environmental issues, and international trade and management. She is responsible for having the HIV / AIDS issue put on the agenda in the bilateral and international forums, and is presently coordinating the Federal Government's international effort to establish a global early warning and response network to combat the challenge of emerging infectious diseases.

**Laurie Garrett** is a medical writer for *Newsday*. She is currently on leave from *Newsday*, and is teaching science writing at the University of California School of Journalism in Berkeley. Ms. Garrett was previously a Science Correspondent for National Public Radio. She has a degree in biochemistry from the University of California in Santa Cruz, and was a Ph.D candidate at the University of California in Berkeley in immunology before taking leave to work in journalism. She is a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and President of the National Association of Science Writers. Ms. Garrett's book The Coming Plague: Newly Emerging Diseases in a World Out of Balance was published in 1994, and was translated into German, Japanese, and Portuguese in 1996.

**Donald Ainslie Henderson** is the Distinguished Service Professor at the School of Hygiene and Public Health at The Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Henderson also served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health and the Senior Science Adviser for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services from 1993 to 1995. He was also the Associate Director for Life Sciences at the Office of Science and Technology Policy in the Executive Office of the President from 1991 to 1993. Prior to these positions, Dr. Henderson was the Edgar Berman Professor in International Health at Johns Hopkins from 1990 to 1993, and the Dean of Epidemiology and International Health at The Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health from 1977 to 1990.

**James M. Hughes** is the Director of the National Center for Infectious Diseases and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Dr. Hughes previously served as the Deputy Director of the NCID from 1988 to 1992. Prior to this, he served as Director of the Hospital Infections Program at CDC from 1983 to 1988. Dr. Hughes has worked extensively on foodborne, waterborne, and other diarrheal diseases, and is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians and the Infectious Diseases Society of America.

**Peter B. Jahrling** is a Senior Research Scientist for Medical Defenses Against Infectious Diseases at the U.S. Army Research Institute for Infectious Diseases. Dr. Jahrling also served at USAMRIID as the Chief of the Virology Division in 1992, and the Chief of the Department of Pathogenesis and Immunology from 1984 to 1992. He was also a consultant for the World Health Organization from 1968 to 1972, and is currently a guest editor at CDC / NIH for *Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories*. Dr. Jahrling has published extensively in a variety of medical journals, and is also a member of the American Society for Microbiology and the American Society for Virology.

**Michael T. Osterholm** is the State Epidemiologist and Chief of the Acute Disease Epidemiology Section of the Minnesota Department of Health. He is also an Adjunct Professor at the University of Minnesota's School of Public Health. Dr. Osterholm is the author of more than 150 papers and 12 book chapters regarding various areas of infectious disease epidemiology. He is a frequent consultant to the World Health Organization, the National Institutes of Health, the Food and Drug Administration, and the Center for Disease Control. Dr. Osterholm has won five major research awards from the NIH and CDC, and he currently serves as a principal investigator for the CDC Emerging Infections Program.

**Clarence James Peters** is the chief of the Special Pathogens Branch in the Division of Viral and Rickettsial Diseases at the Center for Disease Control. Prior to holding this position, Dr. Peters was Chief of the Disease Assessment Division at the U.S. Army Research Institute for Infectious Diseases from 1984 to 1991. He has also served at USAMRIID as the Chief of the Medical Division from 1982 to 1984, and the Chief of the Department of Viral Pathogenesis and Immunology in the Virology Division from 1980 to 1982. Dr. Peters is the author of the recently published book *Virus Hunter*, as well as numerous books and articles dealing with disease issues.

**Rafe Pomerance** is the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Environment and Development. Prior to this appointment, Mr. Pomerance served as a Senior Associate at the World Resources Institute from 1986 to 1993. He has participated in the negotiations of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer and in the work of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, as well as on the International Negotiating Committee on Climate Change. Mr. Pomerance has served as President of the Friends of the Earth, and was the coordinator of the Urban Environment Conference and the National Clean Air Coalition.



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**Washington, D.C. 20520**

October 17, 1997

TO: ONAP - LaHona Romocki

FROM: INR/RES - Robert E. McCreight

SUBJECT: Special Conference on "Disease and Diplomacy" - October 31

You are cordially invited to attend a special conference on Friday, October 31, at the National Foreign Affairs Training Center (FSI), 4000 Arlington Boulevard, Arlington, on the topic, "Disease and Diplomacy: Foreign Policy, U.S. Interests and Meeting the Challenge of Emerging Infectious Diseases." Conference registration will begin promptly 8:00 a.m. at FSI in Room C-3116. A conference agenda and map to FSI is attached. All attendees must RSVP at the number given below by October 29. Because this is a Department of State facility, all employees from other agencies without State Department badges must RSVP to Ms. Joanne Bramble at (202)-736-4572 by **COB Wednesday October 29**, providing your name and social security number, to ensure access to the event.

This conference will underscore the importance of coordinating the foreign affairs and public health communities to focus on the global impact of emerging infectious diseases (EID) and their effects on mission goals, national security and regional priorities. Leading national experts on the subject of EID have been assembled to discuss specific ways in which diplomatic efforts and U.S. foreign policy can be refocused to address the significant EID challenges ahead. This conference is jointly sponsored by the Department of State and the National Intelligence Council and is considered "off the record" and not for attribution. We look forward to seeing you at the conference October 31.

Attachments:

Conference Agenda  
Map to FSI

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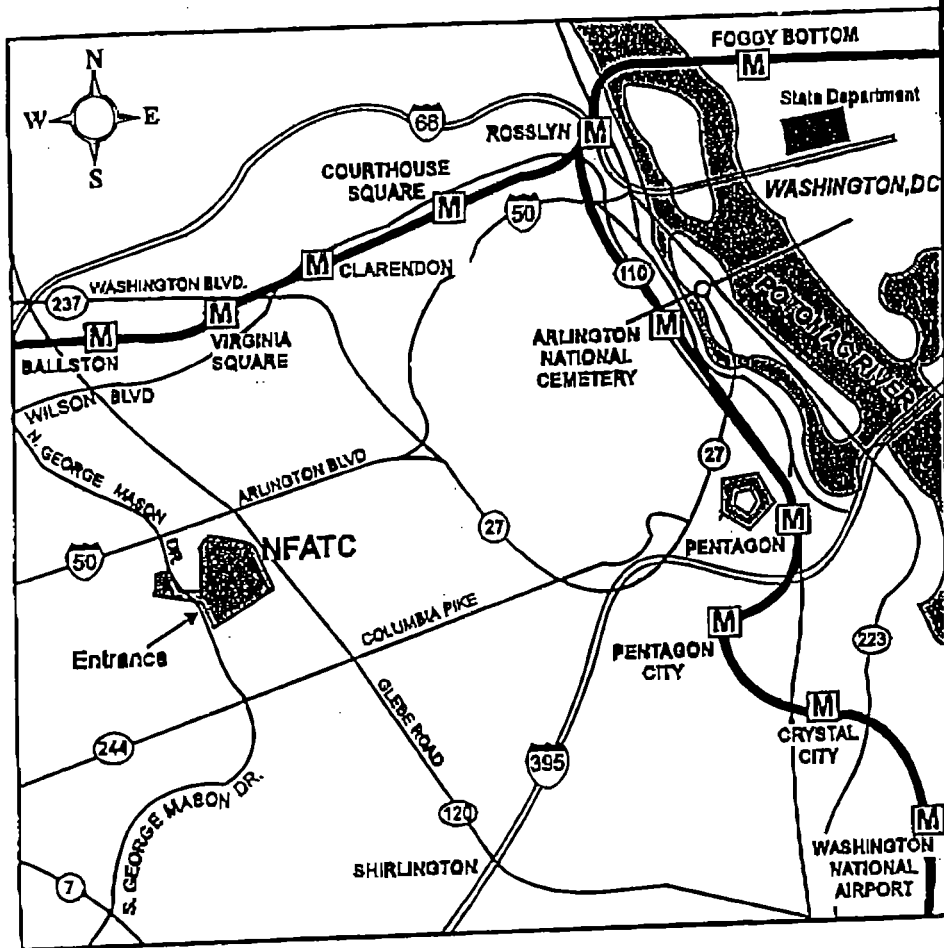
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