ADVANCED VECTOR SURVEILLANCE WORKSHOP

Salty Dog Conference Centre, Snells Beach 30 October - 1 November 2013

This is a 3 day training workshop for Public Service staff who are involved in border health surveillance work with respect to mosquitoes and other medical vectors of Public Health importance. Its focus is to enhance the ability of the individual to operate in the field environment. Public Health Service nominees must have previously attended the National Border Health Protection Course.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE WORKSHOP ATTENDEES WILL BE ABLE TO:

- Demonstrate an understanding of the Biosecurity Act 1993 and its enforcement by persons accredited or authorised by the Chief Technical Officer (Health)
- Demonstrate an understanding of Section Five Border Health Protection of the Environmental Health Protection Manual and provide considered input to a discussion about the surveillance requirements of the section
- Describe the most probable exotic medical vectors that could become established in New Zealand and which may cause a public health threat, including biological and habitat differences and the implications of this for surveillance programmes
- Development of effective surveillance plans for container-breeding and saltmarsh mosquitoes and other medical vectors, including identification of high risk sites, involvement of stakeholders and other agencies
- Present surveillance plans for containerbreeding and saltmarsh species, and other medical vectors
- Demonstrate survey methods used in effective surveillance programmes for medical vectors in particular exotic mosquitoes at our borders and saltmarsh mosquitoes, including adult surveys, larval surveys, specimen collection, data acquisition, processing and distribution
- Describe the effective measures to respond to incursions or interceptions of medical vectors of public health significance

THE WORKSHOP WILL INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO:

- Updating and revising information on medical vectors of public health significance
- Demonstrating practical sample preparation and ID skills for medical vectors
- Demonstrating the conduct of SSM and Container Breeder Surveys
- Site visits

THE WORKSHOP STRUCTURE WILL PROVIDE FOR:

- A variety of expert speakers
- Problem Solving Syndicated Workshops
- Vector Identification
- Competency assessments
- Field Exercises and visits of interest

WORKSHOP FEE:

Attendance at this course is fully subsidised by SMS. Costs associated with registration, air travel, airport transfers, course notes, presenter fees, accommodation, and meals for one person per Public Health Service (four from Auckland and three each from Wellington and Canterbury).

Completion of the Workshop may be regarded as re-qualification training for Authorised Persons.

REGISTER NOW BY:

Completing a course registration form and forwarding it to the Academic Administrator, Allison Graham, via:

- Post: SMS Training, P O Box 1364, Invercargill, Ph: (03) 214 2375
- Email: allison.graham@smsl.co.nz
- Fax: (03) 214 2410

Registrations close on 27 September 2013.

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