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RELEASE OF AN HTML VERSION OF THE BULLETIN AND CHANGES TO THE BULLETIN HOME PAGE

In September 2001, the *NSW Public Health Bulletin* launched a new home page within the NSW Department of Health's intranet and internet sites. The home page has been redesigned to resemble other departmental home pages within these sites; and an HTML version of each issue of the Bulletin since January 2001 has been added.

Until now the Bulletin has been available in PDF format, which allows readers to access a facsimile of the printed version. Disadvantages of the PDF version include:

- readers need an Acrobat Reader before they can download the Bulletin;
- readers must download a whole issue rather than single articles of interest;
- internet search engines cannot index the subject, author, and contents of each issue.

The PDF version will continue to be available.

The HTML version of the Bulletin will allow:

- readers to download the Bulletin without an Acrobat Reader;
- readers to download individual articles rather than a whole issue;
- search engines to index the subject, author, and contents of each issue.

The HTML version of the Bulletin contains a separate link to each article within an issue. Each link contains the text of the article, hyperlinks to tables and figures within the article, and 'return to where you were' and 'return to top' buttons for navigation between tables, figures, and text.

The home page contains brief information about the history and purpose of the Bulletin, as well as the following links:

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- *Current issue*—in both HTML and PDF formats;
- *Back issues*—all back issues in PDF format between May 1990 and December 2000, and in PDF and HTML formats since January 2001;
- *Index*—separate subject and author indexes in a searchable HTML format, which are updated annually in early January;
- *Mailing List*—details of how to subscribe to NSW-ANNOUNCE, a list that announces when each new issue is available on Health Net and Health Web;
- *Information for Authors*—which explains the Bulletin house style, referencing convention, and details of how to prepare and submit manuscripts for review;

- *Contact us*—details of how to contact the editor and managing editor;
- *Online subscription*—how to subscribe to a printed version of the Bulletin.

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- publications,
- electronic journals and bulletins,
- NSW Public Health Bulletin.

The Web address for the Bulletin home page is www.health.nsw.gov.au/public-health/phb/phb.html. ■■■

THIRD AUSTRALIAN COMPUTER ASSISTED TELEPHONE INTERVIEWING (CATI) FORUM : CATI HEALTH SURVEYS IN AUSTRALIA—THE CHALLENGES AHEAD

Date: Tuesday 27 and Wednesday 28 November 2001

Venue: Powerhouse Museum, Sydney

Conference themes

- current progress on CATI health surveillance in Australia;
- measurement and monitoring of inequalities in health;
- how health surveillance can influence policy development;
- challenges of maximising survey participation and data quality;
- strategies to meet the challenges ahead.

The Forum will provide a timely meeting for exchanging knowledge and examining the future directions of CATI Health Surveys in Australia. It is intended to bring together researchers representing a diverse set of approaches and perspectives—including survey practitioners, statisticians, social scientists, epidemiologists, and others concerned with health policy and survey development.

Key speakers

Dr Kathy Douglas from the Health Promotion–NCD Prevention and Surveillance Department with the World Health Organization and formerly with the US Behavioural Risk Factor Surveillance System, Centres for Disease Control and Prevention.

Dr. Bernard Choi is Chief Epidemiologist of Surveillance and Risk Assessment at Health Canada. He is also Associate Professor of Public Health Sciences at the University of Toronto, and Adjunct Professor of Epidemiology and Community Medicine at the University of Ottawa. Dr Choi currently conducts research in the field of national and global health surveillance, including a number of projects in Canada, China, Southeast Asia, and Central and South Americas.

Dr Norman Swan (guest dinner speaker) is a multi-award winning producer and broadcaster. His career has been dedicated to keeping the Australian public informed of health developments as they happen. Dr Swan is the Presenter of *Health Minutes* and the *Health Report* on Radio National; edits his own newsletter, *The Health Reader*, which is published in the United Kingdom and Australia; has been a guest reporter on ABC Television's science programs and the current affairs program *Four Corners*. He has also created, written, and narrated a four-part series on disease and civilisation, *Invisible Enemies*, which has been broadcasted on SBS Television in Australia and on Channel 4 in the United Kingdom.

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This conference is hosted by the National Public Health Partnership Computer Assisted Telephone Interview—Technical Reference Group (CATI–TRG); and is sponsored by the Commonwealth Department of Health and Aged Care and the NSW Department of Health.