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Dear Colleague,

Attached please find the brochure and registration form for our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Infectious Disease Conference which will be held on November 10, 2009 at the Publick House in Sturbridge, MA. The conference entitled, "Infectious Disease Surveillance: A Team Approach" is sponsored by the Bureau of Infectious Disease Prevention, Response and Services, the Bureau of Laboratory Sciences, and the Northeast Branch of the American Society for Microbiology.

This year's program will be divided into two distinct half-day sessions. The morning session will cover the response and responsibilities of the laboratory when a Select Agent is detected, using a recent case of identification of an isolate of *Burkholderia pseudomallei*. The latter part of the day will focus on the evaluation of surveillance and prevention programs for two hospital-associated infections. The day will conclude with an update on seasonal and H1N1 influenza by Dr. Alfred DeMaria.

While the morning session is designed more for microbiologists and the afternoon session for infection preventionists, both sessions will present information useful and relevant to all, and we encourage participants to join us for the full day.

Full day and half day registrations are available. The morning session will begin with continental breakfast and conclude with lunch. The afternoon session will begin with lunch and include afternoon tea. Full day registrants will receive continental breakfast, lunch and afternoon tea. Please contact Barbara Bolstorff, MPH at 617-983-6848 if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you in November.

Sincerely,

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Linda Han, MD, MPH  
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