

Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, has proclaimed

November 14 – 20, 2005
Valley Fever Awareness Week

in recognition of the outstanding treatment and research conducted by the Valley Fever Center for Excellence (VFCE) at the University of Arizona and the Southern Arizona Veterans Administration Healthcare System. The VFCE is planning a full schedule of events in recognition of Valley Fever Awareness Week. Highlights of the week include:

Tuesday, November 15th 2005

12:00 pm, Kiewit Auditorium, Arizona Cancer Center

The 10th Annual Farness Lecture: Demosthenes Pappagianis, MD, PhD, Department of Medical Microbiology and Immunology, School of Medicine, University of California, Davis will present “**The importance of coccidioidomycosis to the public health of the southwest.**” Sponsored by the Valley Fever Center for Excellence and the Arizona Respiratory Center in conjunction with the College of Public Health Grand Rounds.

2:00 – 4:30 pm, North Ballroom, Student Union Memorial Center

Valley Fever Awareness **Poster Session** depicting the scope of research currently underway in Arizona. Sponsored by the Valley Fever Center for Excellence and BIO5 Institute. See below for topics.

Wednesday, November 16th 2005

8:30 – 5:00 pm, Duval Auditorium, Arizona Health Sciences Center

Conference on Issues in Design and Analysis of Trials in Community-acquired Pneumonia, co-sponsored by the C-Path Institute, DIA and FDA. Online registration available at www.diahome.org

Thursday, November 17th 2005

8:30 – 12:00 pm, Duval Auditorium, Arizona Health Sciences Center

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Friday, November 18th 2005

12:00 - 1:00 pm, Telemedicine Lecture

“**Coccidioidomycosis for Arizona Physicians,**” a research conference moderated by Peter Kelly, MD, AZ Department of Health Services (AZDHS). Presenters: Peter McKellar, MD, Infectious Disease Practitioner, Shauna Anderson, AZDHS, John Galgiani, MD, VFCE, and Kenneth Ryan, MD, Dean, Academic Affairs, College of Medicine.

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The Valley Fever Vaccine Project of the Rotary Clubs will be presented at various Rotary Meetings throughout the Phoenix area. Meeting fees vary depending on format. Please contact the VFCE for further information.

Tuesday, November 8, 2005	Glendale Rotary Noon
Thursday, November 10, 2005	Del Sol Rotary 7:00 am
Tuesday, November 15, 2005	Surprise Rotary 6:30 am
	Wickenburg Rotary Noon
Thursday, November 17, 2005	Bullhead City Rotary
Tuesday, November 22, 2005	Sun City Rotary

Valley Fever Awareness Poster Session Topics

TLR2 is required for activation of human peripheral blood monocytes by the coccidioidal antigen preparation T27K, N Ampel, D Nelson, A Herman

Quantitation of fatigue in human coccidioidomycosis, O Mourani, J Muir Bowers, N Ampel

Ultrastructural morphology of *Coccidioides* spp in murine lung granulomata, S Dial, C Langdon, D Bentley, L Shubitz

Efficacy of ambrutucin analogs against coccidioidomycosis in a mouse model of infection, L Shubitz, J Galgiani, Z-Q Tian, Z Zhong, L Katz, P Timmermans

Modeling Climate Effects on *Coccidioides* Growth and Dispersion via Coccidioidomycosis Incidence, A Comrie

Role of B Cells in Vaccine-Induced Immunity against Coccidioidomycosis, DM Magee, R Friedberg, M Woitaske, SA Johnston, R Cox

Coccidioides Spherules Induce Human Dendritic Cell Maturation and Activation, S Dionne, Y Ruiz, A Podany, N Ampel, D Lake

Population Genetics of Southern Arizona Isolates of *Coccidioides posadasii*, B Barker, M Orbach, J Galgiani, S Kroken

Evaluation of a Peroxisomal Matrix Protein (PMP) from *Coccidioides posadasii* as a Vaccine, T Peng, K Orsborn, E Kellner, P Haynes, L Shubitz, J Galgiani

Development of a Microsatellite Genotyping Assay for Clinical *Coccidioides* sp. Isolates in Arizona, K Jewell, G Cage, E Clark

Preliminary results of a population based epidemiological study of coccidioidomycosis in greater Tucson, Arizona, J Tabor, MK O'Rourke

Biosynthesis of nikkomycin Z by *Streptomyces tendae*, A Dahlgran, V Bandarian

Proteomic analysis of *Coccidioides* spp. for the Identification of Potential Protein Vaccine Targets, J Rohrbough, P Haynes, J Galgiani

Some Like it Hot: Differences in Thermotolerance of *Coccidioides* species, B Barker, S Statt, J Galgiani, M Orbach

Serial Analysis of Gene Expression in *Coccidioides posadasii*, E Kellner, MA Mandel, J Galgiani, M Orbach

Evaluation of an Enhanced Diagnosis and Treatment Program for Coccidioidomycosis, Kern County, CA, L Burwell, S Fridkin, B Park