



***Terrorism Preparedness: Effecting Local Response from a National Plan***

**Live Forum with Amy E. Smithson, PhD; moderator Peter Slocum, and panelists Carolyn Callner, Eric Stein and Wayne Trinor, MD**

**Monday, March 24, 2003**

**Dr. Smithson** directs the Henry L. Stimson Center Chemical and Biological Weapons Nonproliferation Project. She launched this project in January 1993 to serve as an information clearinghouse, watchdog, and problem-solver regarding chemical and biological weapons issues. Under its auspices, Dr. Smithson has conducted analytical research across the spectrum of complex topics associated with the control and elimination of chemical and biological weapons. Her research bridges the technical and policy communities to create problem-solving recommendations that both communities can feasibly execute. She is author of two recent books, *Ataxia* and *Toxic Archipelago*, has published widely in journals, testified before Congress, and is frequently consulted by the media, including NPR, the New York Times, the Washington Post, CNN, NBC Nightly News, and the BBC, to name a few. In this program, Dr. Smithson will discuss national preparedness planning in light of last year's and on-going events.

**Peter Slocum**, Vice President for Advocacy of the American Cancer Society, was a professional news journalist and is the former Director of the Public Affairs Office, NYS Department of Health.

**Carolyn Callner**: Deputy Commissioner; Schenectady County Public Health Services

**Eric Stein**: CEO of Bassett Hospital, Schoharie County

**Wayne Trinor**: Professor and ER Physician, Albany Medical College

**Objectives:** At the conclusion of the presentation, the participants will be able to:

1. Discuss the scope of U.S. plans for developing community preparedness.
2. Identify some mistakes made in the recent past related to planning and response.
3. Suggest better ways to utilize national and regional resources

**Who Should Attend:** State, county and local public health staff involved in communicable disease surveillance, epidemiology, bioterrorism preparedness and community disaster response planning; hospital and health care staff involved in infectious disease tracking, control and treatment; interested members of the print and broadcast media. Session is open to the public.

**When: Monday, March 24, 2003**

Satellite Broadcast: 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. EST

**Live Forum: 10:30 a.m. EST**

**Where: University at Albany School of Public Health**

**George Education Center Auditorium**

University at Albany East Campus, Routes 9 & 20 (near Interstate 787 & downtown Albany).

**There is no charge to attend. Reservations are requested; please reserve a seat via email: [cphp@uamail.albany.edu](mailto:cphp@uamail.albany.edu) or phone 518-402-0330.**

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