



Professor Paul Morley

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6pm for 6.45pm**

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*Light refreshments will be served
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2009

Ian Beveridge Memorial Lecture

**“Animal infections and risks
for veterinary personnel...
do we really act wisely?”**

with Professor Paul Morley,

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Zoonotic diseases are a large and increasing group of infectious diseases which animals and humans share. Swine influenza, SARS, rabies and anthrax are only some of a great number of zoonotic diseases that threaten public health through illness and death.

With an ever-growing human population, these diseases are becoming more of a global problem with greater impact. Although many of the agents that cause zoonotic diseases were identified decades, even centuries ago, an alarming number are re-emerging and there are newly discovered agents. Prominent examples include enteropathogenic *E.coli*, methicillin resistant *Staph.aureus* (“golden staph”), *Salmonella enterica* (salmonellosis), *influenza virus* (e.g. swine flu) and bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE or “mad-cow” disease).

For veterinary personnel; zoonotic diseases are occupational hazards faced on a daily basis. Despite our extensive knowledge about the cause, distribution and control of zoonotic disease, veterinary personnel *and* the general public practice often fail to observe appropriate precautions to effectively mitigate the risks for infection.

The Beveridge Principal of “One Medicine” is perhaps more relevant now than ever. There is a need to address this serious group of diseases across species and the reality of the risks that we take.