CCIM Symposium

Climate change and infection: The rising challenge

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Climate change and infection: The rising challenge of management, prevention and control

Climate change and its impact on human life and ecosystems will be the ultimate challenge in the coming decades. Arctic medicine has accumulated extensive experience with climate-related issues over time. One notable concern is the release of viruses from thawing permafrost soils, where they been preserved for long periods of time. The global consequences of this phenomenon are still unknown.

Birgitta Evengard and Jean-Michel Claverie, both renowned experts in the field of infectious diseases, have attracted international attention for their international research on these issues, as reported by CNN online: www.cnn.com/2023/03/08/world/permafrost-virus-risk-climate-scn.

There are several approaches to tackling this problem, and one of them is to reduce the carbon footprint of hospitals. A panel discussion featuring individuals with diverse experiences and innovative proposals will further examine this issue.

We look forward to presentations and discussions with leading infectious disease specialists, as well as one-on-one interaction with the audience.

Heinz Burgmann and Elisabeth Presterl
Organization Committee

Programme

2.00 – 2.10 pm
Welcome and chairs
Heinz Burgmann and Sophie Weiβgärber

2.10 – 4.30 pm
Without healthy ecosystems there is no human health – climate change and human health form the Arctic perspective
Birgitta Evengard

Eukaryotic viruses revived from ancient permafrost – “Zombieviruses” on the rise?
Jean-Michel Claverie

Reduction of the carbon footprint of hospitals – save the environment but do not shoot the working horse!
Elisabeth Presterl

Panel discussion
Changing climate and challenges for healthcare – new bugs, antimicrobial resistance and strategies to overcome

Heinz Burgmann, Comprehensive Center of Infection Medicine and Department of Medicine I, Division of Infectious Diseases and Tropical Medicine, MedUni Vienna/University Hospital Vienna, Austria

Jean-Michel Claverie, Institute de Microbiologie de la Méditerranée, Aix Marseille University, France

4.30 pm
Mingle with drinks and snacks in library

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