

CALL FOR PAPERS - 2010 Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting
April 14 – 18, 2010 – Washington, DC

Special Sessions: Modeling H1N1

Sponsors: Spatial Analysis and Modeling Specialty Group, Health and Medical Geography Specialty Group

Announcement:

The Spring 2009 response to the H1N1 outbreak was an opportunity to explore geographic and temporal characteristics of the disease using new and developed technologies in a way that hadn't been done previously for a pandemic. From local to national response, modeling played an important role in understanding the dynamics of the disease and how it affected populations while complementing traditional epidemiology. The timing of the conference should allow for incorporation of H1N1 activity during Fall 2009 – Winter 2010.

Topics within this area, but not limited to it include:

1. Characterization of the geographic and temporal spread of H1N1.
2. Identification of at-risk populations of H1N1 infection, and characterization of the built environment.
3. Historical perspectives: Trends of past pandemics and their spatial distributions as compared to H1N1.
4. Cluster detection methods and the use of syndromic surveillance systems as an early warning mechanism for H1N1.

If you are interested in participating in these sessions, please e-mail Chris Goranson (cgoranso@health.nyc.gov) or Kevin Konty (kkonty@health.nyc.gov) by October 23rd, 2009 to indicate your interest. Abstracts will be collected and reviewed to develop individual sessions around common themes prior to the AAG submission deadline, October 28th, 2009.

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