

**GISAID-ISIRV-WHO Workshop on
'Genetic Analyses of Influenza Viruses'
29th August 2016 (8am-5pm)**

Weinberg Computer Laboratory, Northwestern University, Chicago

The purpose of the training workshop is to instruct participants in the use of GISAID's new EpiFlu™ 2.0 database (which is used to share influenza genetic sequence data and related metadata among laboratories of the WHO Global Influenza Surveillance and Response System) and its novel features and advanced analysis tools. The skills obtained will enable laboratories to contribute to and benefit from the extensive genetic and related data on influenza viruses, in relation to understanding the epidemiology of influenza, the evolution of the viruses and the emergence and spread of novel genetic and antigenic variants. A phylogenetic Tree Tool, which includes annotation with amino acid changes, allows non-experts to easily conduct detailed genetic analyses of viruses in their region and understand changes in relation to evolution globally, while FluServer assists the interpretation of mutations underlying the evolution and antigenic variation of human and animal influenza viruses, and the emergence of antiviral resistance. Enhanced capability to analyse and understand the relationships among influenza viruses is also aimed at stimulating increased interaction among institutions involved in human and animal influenza surveillance and research.

0800 am – 0830 am	Registration
0830 am – 0915 am	Introduction to GISAID 2.0 Catherine Smith, CDC, USA
0915 am – 1000 am	Browsing, Retrieving and Downloading Data Naomi Komadina, VIDRL, Australia
1000 am – 1015 am	Coffee/Tea Break - Method Atrium
1015 am – 1100 am	Uploading Data to GISAID Rebecca Garten, CDC, USA
1100 am – 1130 am	Data Curation Annotation and Post-Processing of Data Anne Pohlmann, FLI, Germany

1130 am – 0100 pm	Lunch Break – Ryan Family Atrium
0100 pm - 0130 pm	Creating and Sharing Worksets Catherine Smith, CDC, USA
0130 pm - 0215 pm	FluSurver Tool Sebastian Mauer-Stroh, Bioinformatics Institute, A*STAR, Singapore
0215 pm – 0300 pm	NextFlu Tree tool Richard Neher, Max Planck Institute for Developmental Biology, Germany
0300 pm – 0315 pm	Coffee/Tea Break - Method Atrium
0315 pm – 0430 pm	Hands-On Practice of Tools Question/Answer Period
0430 pm – 0500 pm	Roundtable Discussion Workshop Conclusion

Instruction will be provided by:

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