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MEDIA ADVISORY— AVIAN FLU

**Media Conference in Peterborough on Monday, May 5, 2008
11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. at Trent University,
in Peter Gzowski College, Room 117**

**For the Sixth Symposium of the International Consortium on Anti-Virals
“Avian Flu And Public Health: Leads To Drugs To Markets”**

Wednesday, April 30, 2008, Peterborough

During this media conference, the current status of the avian flu virus and global public health pandemic preparedness strategies will be discussed. Media will have the opportunity to ask questions of the following experts:



Dr. Albert Osterhaus, Head of Department of Virology the University of Rotterdam. World-leading virologist, and the first to identify human infection of the avian flu strain H5N1.



Dr. Frank Plummer, Chief Scientific Advisor, Public Health Agency of Canada, the Scientific Director General of the National Microbiology Laboratory in Winnipeg and Distinguished Professor at the University of Manitoba.



Dr. Malik Peiris, Department of Microbiology University of Hong Kong
Leading researcher in evolution and pathogenesis of animal and human influenza, the disease burden of human influenza and new diagnostic methods

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Dr. Hassan Lawal, recently appointed as the Minister of Health for Nigeria. Dr. Lawal (left) was a recipient of the 2007 national honours awards at a ceremony held at the International Conference Centre, Abuja, Nigeria, on February 14, 2008. *Photo: Soji-Eze Fagbemi*

Media are welcome and encouraged to attend this conference.

For more information about the conference, please visit:

http://www.icav-citav.ca/viral_global_threat/2008_toronto/2008_meeting_toronto.php

Directions:

Peter Gzowski College is located on the east bank of Trent University at 2510 Pioneer Road, Peterborough. For driving directions, please visit www.trentu.ca/howtofindus .

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