

Speakers Needed for an Epidemiology Interest Group Panel Session

The PHS Epidemiology Interest Group is soliciting speakers for an Epi Interest Group (EIG) panel session to be held on Wednesday, June 22nd from 3:45pm-5:45 PM during the COF Symposium in New Orleans. The focus of the panel is "The Role of Epidemiology During PHS Deployments."

To be considered as a potential speaker, we ask that you submit a brief Statement of Interest (SOI) describing a deployment you served on within the last five years in which you applied epidemiologic techniques (surveillance, data collection, data analysis, coordinating with states and localities, etc). Statements should be submitted by the end of March and the deadline may close earlier if we identify 4-5 panelists before this date. We are looking for a diverse range of panelists in terms of locations and kinds of deployments, officer rank, and agency in which officers are assigned. Deployments can be through OFRD, your agency, or other mechanisms.

Statements of Interest (SOI) should be no more than two pages and should address the following questions:

1. What is your name, rank and agency?
2. Which entity deployed you (your agency, OFRD, etc.)?
3. What was the name of the deployment and where were you deployed?
4. What kind of work/tasks did you perform on the deployment?
5. What groups did you have to work with on the deployment? (e.g. other US agencies, NGOs, etc) What skills did you need to succeed?
6. What challenges did you face?
7. What impact do you believe your work had?
8. What advice might you give to other epidemiologist interested in deploying?
9. What other information can you provide about your deployment that may be of interest to our EIG members?

Please submit your SOIs to CDR Claudine Samanic via email at samanicc@mail.nih.gov.

An EIG selection committee will review the SOIs submitted and inform you if you have been selected to participate in this panel. Please note that the sooner you send in your SOI the higher your chance of being selected for this panel.

We look forward to hearing from you soon!

The Epidemiology Interest Group Strategic Planning Committee