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[NZ] NEW FACILITY OPENS AT THE NATIONAL CENTRE FOR BIOSECURITY AND INFECTIOUS DISEASE – WALLACEVILLE

NZ Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry News Release
March 02, 2010

“New Zealand's ability to manage a major disease outbreak was strengthened today with the opening of a new multipurpose facility at the National Centre for Biosecurity and Infectious

Disease (NCBID) at Wallaceville, Upper Hutt.

The facility provides a centralised coordination and emergency response centre for both animal and human disease outbreaks, biosecurity investigations and also chemical and biological threats and events.

MAF Biosecurity New Zealand Director Investigation and Diagnostics Hugh Davies says this collaborative effort brings together the Environmental Science and Research (ESR) lab facilities, MAF's Investigation and Diagnostic Centre, AsureQuality's tuberculin unit and AgResearch's Infectious Disease Diagnostic team.

"It now means that response management staff, sourced from a number of agencies can work closely with NCBID epidemiologists and laboratory staff under one roof.

"The facility, which includes a response centre, seminar room, cafeteria and campus administration area, will significantly increase New Zealand's capability to safeguard human and animal health and to protect the economy."

ESR Chief Executive Dr John Hay said the centre has proved to be a very wise and timely investment.

"The scientific expertise and facilities clustered at Wallaceville, were pivotal to New Zealand's ability to respond to the H1N1 influenza pandemic. ESR's National Influenza Centre scientific staff were joined by staff from MAF and AgResearch in the pandemic response, realizing the national centre's original vision of providing a comprehensive scientific coordination and emergency response centre to emerging biosecurity threats.

AgResearch Chief Executive Dr Andrew West said the facility is a big step forward - "this scientific and operational collaboration is important for human and livestock health. It's good to be a founding partner and in for the long haul."

The NCBID - Wallaceville project had its beginnings back in 2005 when funding was made available. Establishing the centre has been a joint effort between many parts of the local community and the scientific institutions already on site at Wallaceville.

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The full article can be found at: <http://www.maf.govt.nz/mafnet/press/2010/030310-new-wallaceville-facility.htm>

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[HANFORD NUCLEAR RESERVATION] - HANFORD TOURS HOT TICKET, SOLD OUT FOR YEAR

By Annette Cary
The TriCity Herald
March 10, 2010

"Nuclear waste isn't all that's hot at Hanford.

So are tickets to tour the closed nuclear reservation.

In 13 hours and 9 minutes all 2,544 seats for Hanford public tours this year from April through September had been claimed.

Registration for the free tours opened at 12:01 a.m. Tuesday and 500 seats were reserved in the first minute. By 12:31 a.m. 1,000 seats were taken.

The last registration for the tours was accepted at 1:10 p.m.

All registration was done on the internet and Hanford officials know that people from 41 states and 287 U.S. cities visited the tour sign-up page.

If you didn't get a seat on the bus, you're not out of luck for the year. When cancellations are received, openings are reposted without notice at www.hanford.gov.

The tours, which leave from Richland, last more than five hours and give visitors an idea of the size of the 586-square-mile nuclear reservation and the scope of environmental cleanup of contamination and waste left from the past production of plutonium for the nation's nuclear weapons program.

Visitors also get a look inside Hanford's historic B Reactor, the nation's first full-scale production reactor. It made the plutonium for the nation's first nuclear explosion and the atomic bomb dropped on Nagasaki, Japan, helping to end World War II."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.tri-cityherald.com/2010/03/10/933200/hanford-tours-hot-ticket-sold.html>

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TRANSFORMATIONAL MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES INITIATIVE (TMTI) PARTNERSHIP SYMPOSIUM

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March 2010

"The TMTI Program Office will host a Partnership Symposium May 3-4, 2010 at the National Conference Center in Lansdowne, VA. Professionals from government, academia,

biotechnology, and pharmaceutical industries are invited for a unique opportunity to learn about TMTI, network with TMTI's current performers, and discuss collaborative opportunities with the program, the current state of medical countermeasure preparedness, and plans for enhancing national capabilities to respond to emerging and novel biological threats.

Please check TMTI's website, www.tmti-cbdefense.org, often for updates and registration information or send an e-mail to tmtiwebsite@dtra.mil."

The full article can be found at: https://www.cbrniac.apgea.army.mil/Documents/nltr_v11_n1_doc.pdf

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JAPAN CONFIRMS COLD WAR-ERA 'SECRET' PACTS WITH US

By Malcolm Foster

The Associated Press on Yahoo! News

March 09, 2010

"Japan confirmed Tuesday secret Cold War-era pacts with Washington that tacitly allowed nuclear warships in Japanese ports in violation of a hallowed postwar principle, effectively acknowledging that previous governments had lied about them for decades."

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"The revelations came after an investigation by a panel of experts appointed by Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama's government, which swept to power last fall on promises to bring more openness to government. His left-leaning party defeated the long-ruling conservatives who repeatedly denied the existence of such agreements.

The findings themselves aren't much of a shock because declassified U.S. documents have already confirmed such 1960s agreements, and a few former Japanese bureaucrats have spoken out about them in recent years."

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"The six-member panel of academics examined more than 4,000 files and documents surrounding four pacts, and confirmed three existed.

Most controversial was the finding that past governments had given tacit permission to U.S. nuclear-armed warships to make calls at Japanese ports — a violation of Japan's so-called three non-nuclear principles not to make, own or allow the entry of atomic weapons.

The panel, led by University of Tokyo professor Shinichi Kitaoka, said that while documents showed that Washington and Tokyo appeared to have differing interpretations about allowing nuclear-armed ships into Japanese waters, it was likely that Tokyo and Washington shared an unspoken understanding permitting them to make port calls in Japan without

consent.

The panel also acknowledged that Tokyo and Washington had secret agreements allowing the U.S. to use military bases in Japan without prior consent in case of emergency on the Korean Peninsula during the Korean War.”

The full article can be found at: http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20100309/ap_on_re_as/as_japan_us_secret_pacts

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NNSA LAUNCHES NEW MILITARY ACADEMIC COLLABORATIONS

US National Nuclear Security Administration News Release

March 09, 2010

“The National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) today announced that its Office of Defense Programs has created a new collaboration between NNSA’s laboratories and production sites and the U.S. Military Academies and Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) programs at universities throughout the country.

The new program, called the Military Academic Collaborations (MAC) program, will provide cadets and midshipmen from West Point, the Naval Academy, the Air Force Academy and the Coast Guard Academy, as well as ROTC candidates, the opportunity to engage in NNSA’s nuclear security mission.

“Enhancing collaborations between NNSA and the military is a great opportunity for us to showcase the work done by the talented men and women working across the nuclear security enterprise and an important part of our effort to recruit the next generation of nuclear security professionals,” said Brig. Gen. Garrett Harencak, Principal Assistant Deputy Administrator for Military Application at NNSA. “The Military Academic Collaborations program and initiatives like it will enhance our commitment to engaging top military talent in the effort to support the full range of nuclear security missions.”

The centerpiece of the program is a military academy cadet/midshipman and officer program that will reconstitute past military academic research programs conducted at the labs. The MAC program will place military academy cadets/midshipmen and officers in tours of duty within science, technology, engineering, national security and relevant fields at any of the NNSA sites. Participants from USNA, USMA, USAFA and USCGA will expand their understanding of the NNSA national security enterprise and Defense Department programs while working closely with nationally recognized staff and researchers on national security programs.

This summer, the first class of about 25 cadets and midshipmen will participate at two NNSA labs, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California and Sandia National Laboratories in New Mexico as part of NNSA’s Military Academic Collaborations program. The future officers will intern at the labs and participate in a variety of activities at each lab.

In addition, several ROTC students from across the country will have the same experience with summer appointments to these sites. Students will work closely with a senior researcher or team and have the benefit of a dedicated mentor. Two academy faculty members will also spend a portion of their summers at these two labs contributing to ongoing research programs.

As the MAC program continues to develop, NNSA anticipates additional benefits for program participants, including: providing several-month long appointments at NNSA sites to recent graduates, ROTC internships, ROTC Days throughout the country, enabling experts at NNSA sites to take sabbaticals to teach at a service academy and providing reciprocal opportunities to service academy faculty, guest lectures at NNSA and academy staff visiting lectures, collaboration between the academies and NNSA sites on pilot initiatives, and strengthen existing collaborations."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.nnsa.energy.gov/2858.htm>

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The National Academies

March 08, 2010

"Project Title: Review of the Design of the Dynasafe Static Detonation Chamber (SDC) System for the Anniston Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (Anniston)

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Major Unit: Division on Engineering and Physical Sciences

Sub Unit: Board on Army Science & Technology

RSO: Braun, Bruce

Subject/Focus Area: National Security and Defense

Committee Membership

Date Posted: 03/08/2010"

[NOTE: Proposed members named and short c.v.'s provided]

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"Comment on Provisional Committee Appointments

Viewers may communicate with the National Academies at any time over the project's duration. In addition, formal comments on the provisional appointments to a committee of the National Academies are solicited during the 20-calendar day period following the posting of the membership and, as described below, these comments will be considered before committee membership is finalized. We welcome your comments (Use the Feedback link below).

Please note that the appointments made to this committee are provisional, and changes may be made. No appointment shall be considered final until we have evaluated relevant information bearing on the committee's composition and balance. This information will include the confidential written disclosures to The National Academies by each member-designate concerning potential sources of bias and conflict of interest pertaining to his or her service on the committee; information from discussion of the committee's composition and balance that is conducted in closed session at its first meeting and again whenever its membership changes; and any public comments that we have received on the membership during the 20-calendar day formal public comment period. If additional members are appointed to this committee, an additional 20-calendar day formal public comment period will be allowed. It is through this process that we determine whether the committee contains the requisite expertise to address its task and whether the points of views of individual members are adequately balanced such that the committee as a whole can address its charge objectively."

The full article can be found at: <http://www8.nationalacademies.org/cp/CommitteeView.aspx?key=49199>

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