

A Web site for the PHS&CDC Section

The Public Health Surveillance and Communicable Disease Control Section has set up a bilingual Web site which can be accessed directly at the following address:
<http://www.spc.org.nc/phs> or through the Secretariat of the Pacific Community's Web site (<http://www.spc.org.nc>). The summary provides, in particular, a description of the Section's activities, the training programmes, the objectives and framework of the Pacific Public Health Surveillance Network (PPHSN).

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The site's real interest lies in disseminating regional health information and providing certain publications in an electronic format. This makes it possible to download the latest SPEHIS (South Pacific Epidemiological and Health Information Services) tables or to receive summaries of published articles, e.g. those from the monograph on Public Health Surveillance in the Pacific. The quarterly bulletin Inform'Action and various technical reports are also available on the Web site.

The site has given a lot of space to the PACNET listserver. Graphs allow visitors to follow the flow of messages depending on the status of various epidemics and to see the geographic distribution and make up of PACNET members. A direct link to the listserver allows archives to be consulted on-line, although access to this service is limited to PACNET members. Finally, contacts for Pacific health professionals working in health ministries or in associated agencies are also provided.