

Research Contracts & IP Services, University of Cape Town presents a

# Café Scientifique

## Vaccine rapid response: Is South Africa ready?

### The Influenza Virus



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What would South Africa do if a new influenza pandemic struck?

What could we do if the new Middle East coronavirus got to South Africa?

Could we make the emergency response vaccines we would need to protect ourselves?

Professor Ed Rybicki will talk about these possibilities as well as possible solutions. He will encourage lively debate and general discussion around the topic – all in the great tradition of a Café Scientifique gathering. See [www.cafescientifique.org](http://www.cafescientifique.org) for more information.

Over a glass of wine, Professor Ed Rybicki, one of South Africa's most prominent molecular biotechnology scientists, will talk about these possibilities, as well as about potential solutions.



Professor Ed Rybicki is a Professor in Microbiology at the University of Cape Town. He is a member of the Institute of Infectious Disease and Molecular Medicine and of the Department of Molecular and Cell Biology. He works on novel virus vaccines for animals and humans, made in a variety of expression systems, but mainly in plants. He is South Africa's most prominent molecular biotechnology patent holder.



In addition to the Café Scientifique event, you will be welcome to view the current exhibition at the gallery.

**Date:** Tuesday 16th July 2013

**Time:** 6 for 6:30 to 8pm

**Venue:** The Irma Stern Museum

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**RSVP:** Please email [nandie.makatesi@uct.ac.za](mailto:nandie.makatesi@uct.ac.za) if you are interested in attending, indicating number of people and postal address. If space is available, an admission ticket will be sent to you.

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