

WORKSHOP 4

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COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF PUBLIC HEALTH TRAINING FROM A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

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Purpose

To explore possible educational and research projects which could form the basis for cooperation between regional networks such as ASPHER, APACPH, ASPH, ALAESP.

Objectives

To reach a list of projects which could be developed with a view to seek funding from international agencies and a plan of action to apply for such projects.

Audience

ASPHER members and representatives of regional educational networks.

Keywords: global, training, public health

Cooperation in the field of Public Health training from a global perspective,

WS Overview

1. Introduction - Stojgniew J. Sitko, **ASPHER** EB
2. **Asian-Pacific Perspective** – Brian Oldenburg, **APACPH**, Brisbane, AUS
3. **Experiences** of global cooperation in PH education - discussion
 - What kind of common project/grants possible?
 - How to proceed to succeed?

Premises

- Many PH as well as education problems are **global**;
- **Added value** to exchange experiences on a wider scale (ie not limited to Europe);
- There are **growing contacts** and formal agreements with “sister” associations: such as ASPH, APACPH, ALAESP also with WFPHA;
- **Bilateral interest** towards common activities with WHO lately;
- Recent, **successful projects** on a larger-than-European scale (OSI-ASPHER-FIC) just ending.

Main questions

- Are the common „global” projects at all possible?
- Are there any successful examples?
- What are potential area of such cooperation?
- Where to apply for such projects?

Building regional academic capacity and engagement to improve global public health

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Building Capacity to improve Public Health in Australia

ANAPHI Case Studies Project

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Case Studies

Four current, major public health challenges:

- **Case Study 1:** Emerging Infectious Diseases (SARS)
- **Case Study 2:** Management & prevention of chronic diseases
- **Case Study 3:** Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health
- **Case Study 4:** Moving public health action upstream

Case Studies of Academic Engagement

Key questions/issues:

- **Response** of Australia's academic public health institutions to national/emerging public health challenges;
- **Judge** the efficacy of this response;
- **Examine the links** between research and workforce training & education capacity;

Asia-Pacific Academic Consortium for Public Health (APACPH)



APACPH Conference 2004

"Public Health Networks and Alliances: Building Capacity in the Asia-Pacific Region". Brisbane, Australia – 1-3 December 2004



Asia-Pacific Academic Consortium for Public Health

- Asian Pacific Regional Network of academic public health institutions (since 1984)
- 55 members in 18 countries
- International collaboration via linking of individuals and collaboration
- Member institutions from many countries (18):
Australia, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, People's Republic of China, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, USA, Vietnam



Vision and Mission

Vision

To achieve the highest possible level of health of all the people of the nations of the Asia-Pacific region.

Mission

To improve regional and national capacity to address major public health challenges through the delivery of education, research and advocacy by APACPH member institutions.

Future

APACPH will become an incorporated not-for-profit organisation by December 2006

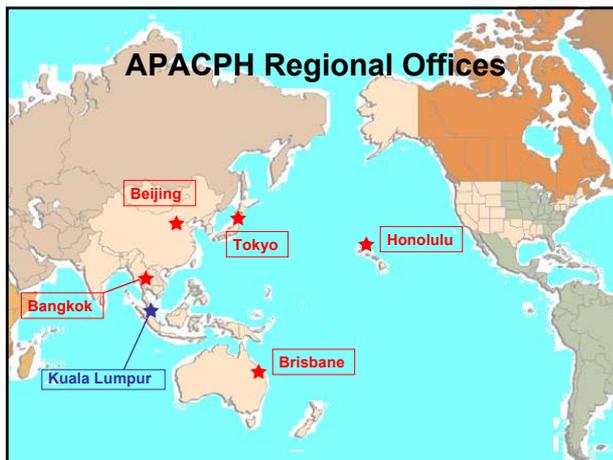


Objectives

- To enhance the quality and relevance of educational and training programs in public health – **workforce development**
- To expand knowledge, improve skills and demonstrate effective interventions – **research and evidence development**
- To raise awareness of current, emerging, and re-emerging public health issues and develop programs of action for their resolution – **advocacy and system engagement**
- To enhance the capacity and sustainability of public health systems – **capacity building and leadership**
- To assist in **policy and leadership development** for health within countries and throughout the Region.



APACPH Regional Offices



Partnerships

APACPH has/is currently establishing formalised partnerships with:

- WHO (SEARO/MPRO)
- United States AED (Academy for Educational Development)
- ASPHER (Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region)
- ASPH (American Schools of Public Health)
- SEAPHEIN (South-East Asia Public Health Education Institutes Network)
- Globally active philanthropic organisations



Summary of Achievements (to date)

- Improved teaching, research and advocacy and established MPH programs in several countries (1984-2005)
- Within-country public health education and research networks strengthened by international collaboration
- Leadership on emerging health problems and challenges e.g. SARS, early childhood and maternal mortality, chronic disease prevention/management, environmental health, injury prevention/control etc.
- Implementation of research and other projects within and between countries
- Sharing of institutional and other resources
- Forums/conferences to influence policy and accelerate change



Asia-Pacific Journal of Public Health

- It is the only English language journal devoted to public health issues of the Asia and Pacific region
- The Consortium publishes the **Asia Pacific Journal of Public Health**, which focuses on health issues of the Asia-Pacific region
- The journal is published bi-annually
- The editorial office is currently based at the University of Malaya, Malaysia
- www.apjph.org.my



Recent Projects

1. APACPH Tsunami Project

A longitudinal, multi-country project to study the impact of the 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami on the health, well being, and recovery of affected individuals and communities (led by University of Southern California + other institutions)

Collaborating partners in India and Sri Lanka

- National Institute of Epidemiology, Chennai, India
- Achutha Menon Centre for Health Science Studies, Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology, Trivandrum, Kerala, India
- Eastern University, Batticaloa, Sri Lanka



2. Public Health Curriculum Development Project

A working committee has been set up which includes APACPH members and non-members from Thailand, East Timor, New Zealand, Australia and USA.

Objectives include:

- The development of a peer support network.
- The collection of data on the current status of undergraduate education in public health at both APACPH member and non-member institutions
- Determining which APACPH member institutions might be interested in offering undergraduate programs in the near future and how such a network might be able to provide support and assistance.
- The defining of competencies for undergraduate education in public health.



3. Asia Pacific Early Career Network in Public Health (APECNPH)

APECNPH will represent individuals in the Asia Pacific Region who are in the early stages of their Public Health training and at all levels of study. The network aims to:

- Promote interaction between APACPH faculty members and trainees
- Increase awareness of global public health issues
- Enhance and supplement the educational and mentoring experience of professionals and early trainees in the public health field
- Provide opportunities for the participants to be involved in international public health issues.



4. International Cyber University for Health

<http://licuh.yonsei.ac.kr>

ICUH was established to help students prepare to meet the challenge of opportunities to continue their education and advance their careers without disrupting their current lifestyles and schedules.

Target for the Cyber University

- Students and health professionals for APACPH member universities
- Health professionals in WHO/WPRO member countries

First year Development of free courses

Second year Development and implementation of short courses
Initiation of degree program

Third year Development and implementation of degree program
Evaluation of short program



Future APACPH projects to develop

- Public health leadership and training
- Establishing a research network related to chronic disease prevention and management (particularly diabetes)
- Other ideas????
- Cross-regional and global partnerships



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APACPH Conference 2005

"Health Security & Emerging Disasters in the Asia-Pacific Region." Taipei, Taiwan – 21-23 November 2005

The APACPH annual conference is open to members and non-members alike and provides:

- Opportunities for researchers in the region to showcase their projects
- Networking between researchers, health ministries and representatives from international funding agencies
- Pre and post-conference workshops on specific topics
- Scholarships for those in most need

For more information on the 37th APACPH Conference visit the website www.apacph2005.org



APACPH Conference 2006

The 38th APACPH Conference will be held in Bangkok, Thailand, December 2-5, 2006

Conference theme:

"Health threats and challenges in a rapidly changing world"



APACPH Communications

APACPH Website – www.apacph.org

Up-to-date list of APACPH Members and Executive Board

Activities of APACPH

Conference information

APACPH Newsletters

APACPH business documents

Calendar of Events

The APACPH website is currently being revised. Improvements will include comprehensive member institution information, an interactive bulletin board and a new APACPH projects and activities section.



APACPH Communications

APACPH Newsletters

- Update on APACPH Activities
- Updates on member faculty and programs
- Profiles of key APACPH Personnel
- Useful resources
- Information on meetings and reports



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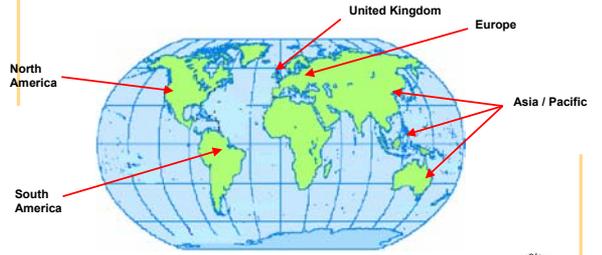




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Announcement:

**Symposium of Central Eastern European
Behavioural Medicine Network**

Location: Targu-Mures, Romania

Date: 14-16 October 2005

