

APHA International Health Section Reports on Section Activities during 2005 by Committee Chairs and Other Section Leaders

(These reports will be discussed at the IH Section Business Meeting on Sunday December 11, 2005 at 4:00PM. They are also posted on the IH Section Website, www.apha-ih.org)

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1. MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

The IH Section has been very active during the past year – and probably more active than it has been in quite awhile. I wish I could take credit for this success but I cannot. The simple fact is that the Section Leadership’s decision to start monthly conference calls has had a profound and beneficial effect. I must give special thanks to Donna Barry for making the calls successful. Without fail, every month, Donna has organized the phone calls and established the linkages.

In addition to providing a fine opportunity to debate ideas, it has become an excellent forum for achieving consensus on steps the Section can take to develop itself and carry out work. It also has created a fine sense of team work. Now that the calendar year has ended, and the value of the calls is evident, I would like to take the decision that the Section earmark funds for the conference calls and recommend that this become a normal cost of doing Section business for the future.

Similarly, during this year the Section has recognized the quality of the work of two students and awarded them merit scholarships of \$200 – which should aid them to attend the conference and present their papers. The response of students and section members, who vetted the papers of several candidates, was very positive. Much credit goes to Luis Tam and Dory Storms who spearheaded this effort. The Student Sub-Committee has prepared an announcement for next year’s student competition which will be circulated at the Annual Conference. This is another action which I should like to recommend that the Section institutionalize the Student Awards and earmark funds for them. Although a sum of \$400 is not a huge amount, it does represent 10% of our operating budget.

The section has been very active as it responded to Georges Benjamin’s request that Section aid APHA become more informed about Global Trade issues. Marty Makinen should be thanked by the section for his steady and consistent work in this area, and in establishing a section committee which has produced a set of Fact Sheets on Global Trade for circulation at the Annual Conference.

A great deal of work has been carried out by many other section members as well which for lack of space I cannot list. But I should like to conclude by saying that the Section is a vital group of professionals who work well together. Whether they have been elected to a position or have decided to participate in the Leadership monthly phone calls due to personal choice, or have volunteered to take on a responsibility – the section is a marvelously wonderful professional association, and I take tremendous pride in being the current Chair.

The reports of the Section Sub-Committees and Working Groups follow and will provide additional substance on some of the work carried out during the year.

--Joe Valadez, jvaladez@worldbank.org

2. MESSAGE FOR THE CHAIR ELECT

The IH Section is the specialized body of APHA for Global/International Health, serving as the coordinator, facilitator and adviser on related activities for the Executive Board and the other sections. Since the IH section is a multidisciplinary one representing most P. H disciplines as compared to all other sections, its strength comes from this broad structure with a focus on public health beyond the national borders, promoting health and well-being of the global community at large, and maximizing the contribution of the U. S and its APHA to global health development. In this respect, the Section is able to contribute to solving national health problems by bringing its international expertise and lessons learned globally to serve the American community. Priority acts of the section are guided by: The significance of the problem from a global perspective, the US and APHA ability to act through advocacy and resources, and the effectiveness of such activities.

--Samir

3. MESSAGE FROM THE IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIR

Joe Valadez asked me as past Chair to report to the IH Section on the leadership transition. In some organizations, a departing head or CEO is expected to disappear from sight in order not to compete with or hamper the new head. APHA, by contrast, asks the outgoing Chair to remain active as a Section officer.

I know that in reality transitions don't always occur as APHA hopes, but not every outgoing Chair is lucky enough to have somebody like Joe to work with. A smooth transition is facilitated greatly when all the leadership share a more or less common vision for the future of the Section. And I believe that in IH, we do to a considerable extent. The IH Section is fortunate in having a culture of a leadership team rather than an overemphasis on a hierarchy of leaders. Anyone exercising leadership and initiative, whether elected or not, is considered a member of the leadership team.

For me personally, the opportunity to participate in IH Section leadership, including the two years as Chair, brought tremendous satisfaction. I thank everyone for their contribution and collaboration in moving the Section forward.

My final observation is that Section members should seriously consider engaging in Section activities. I know that we're all busy in our regular jobs, and that IH participation is voluntary. But I have found the contacts that I've made as a Section leader, the issues that I've been engaged in, the opportunities for participation and leadership that came my way – all these have been career enhancing as well as personally affirming. So my appeal to all IH members who are sitting on the fence is to stop being an observer – get involved.

--Ray Martin

4. REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY

Our Secretary, Irshad Shaikh, has been working in the South Asia for most of this year. Due to his distance and difficulty in receiving emails he has asked that another section member be appointed as Secretary. Elvira Beracochea (elvira@midego.com), who is the Secretary Elect has agreed to assume her duties as section secretary, one year early.

5. STRATEGIC PLANNING & MANUAL DEVELOPMENT

Over the last couple of years, the international health section has gone through a strategic planning process, including documenting our organization and governance procedures in a “user’s manual.” The manual was unveiled at the 2004 annual APHA meeting, and has received minor revisions for a 2005 edition. The section council should formally vote to adopt it so we can call it “final” at some point. There are still sections that remain “under construction,” and members are encouraged to comment on these parts.

Members are encouraged to review the manual to see how we are organized and seek out volunteer opportunities. There are both organizational committees and content groups looking for energetic new participation. Generally, people volunteer for a committee to get a feel for the section, and then run for an elective office, such as section council, governing council, or an officer position (chair, secretary).

For example, volunteer opportunities include:

COMMITTEES: Membership, Awards, Policy & resolutions, Advocacy, Newsletter, Website, Student & young professionals committee, Nominating, Program planning, Public education

WORKING GROUPS: Community-Based Primary Health Care Working Group, Child Survival Task force, Pharmaceutical interest group, Global trade, Health Systems, NW International Health Action Coalition

APHA TASK GROUPS: Science Board, section council, governing council, intersectional collaboration, APHA policy review process, Action Board, World Federation of Public Health Associations, APHA international Human Rights Committee, AJPH Editorial Board, APHA publications board, and others.

-- Della Dash and Amy Hagopian: “Keepers of the user’s manual”

6. POLICY AND RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

No report was available at the time of publication.

7. PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The International Health Section program features 39 oral sessions, one roundtable, nine poster sessions, and five film festival sessions. This program is larger than last year's with the inclusion of a ninth poster session, per IH request, and five Film Festival sessions in addition to the standard program allotted to us. The IH section received a greater response to the call for abstracts this year, receiving 358 abstracts or 32 more than last year, that were reviewed by a panel of more than 65 peers.

To complement peer-reviewed submissions, the IH program committee organized 12 invited sessions on a host of popular topics. Included in these 12, the IH program features a five-part invited session series on challenges for effective scale-up in HIV/AIDS treatment, tuberculosis, malaria and child health interventions, which was developed in response to this year's Evidence-Based Policy and Practice conference theme.

We encountered two major challenges in program planning this year: higher scores on more abstracts which made the selection process much more competitive (leading us to request for more sessions and get the additional poster session) and the obvious challenge of the change in location and date of the conference which caused several withdrawals. We also received feedback from a couple of reviewers about the quality of abstracts that might be addressed in next year's program planning. The reviewers noted that some abstracts were not fully compliant with the submission instructions regarding number of words in the title, the abstract sections, length and grammar. Should these non-compliant abstracts be rejected or penalized?

Many thanks to the program committee, with significant contributions and support from Mary Anne Mercer, Marty Makinen, Ray Martin, and Diana Silimperi, and to all who participated in organizing this year's program.

--Betsy Bassan

8. ADVOCACY

The Section is going in two directions that need to be coordinated: Special committees/task forces on issues such as Globalization, Health systems, pharmaceuticals, HRH, primary care..., and the regular committee structure such as advocacy, policy, students, membership ... The section needs to create a mechanism to consolidate its scarce resources by strongly coordinating activities in both directions., avoiding gaps and overlaps.

The section also needs stronger ties and communications with APHA and its sections that are active in the International Health field to maximize the total organizational effectiveness in this area.

--Samir

9. SECTION NEWSLETTER

I have been the editor since the fall of 1999. For the past six years, it has been a rewarding experience to produce each issue of the newsletter. Especially gratifying has been the collaboration and support of colleagues from the IH Section, especially Ray Martin, who provided continued support to seek new and interesting submissions for the Newsletter.

The IH Section Newsletter is published twice a year. The deadline for the Spring Issue is April 15 and for the Fall Issue is July 15. Submissions should not exceed 400 words, and should be presented as Font Times Roman 12.

The Newsletter is a place for all Section members to share thoughts, ideas, and any other information that could be of interest and value to all, including significant international work experiences. I encourage each one of you to submit materials for inclusion in the next issues of our Newsletter.

I take this opportunity to thank all Members who provided material for the different issues of the Newsletter.

--Josefa Ippolito-Shepherd, PhD, E-mail: ippolitj@paho.org

10.NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

2006 International Health Officer Elections

IH Section officers lead and coordinate section functions, members represent IH Section interests on APHA-wide committees and groups, develop policy resolutions, and coordinate efforts with other APHA sections and interest groups. In 2006, the section needs to elect the following officers:

- A new Chairperson-Elect (to follow Samir Banoob as Chair, at the end of the 2008 annual meeting)
- A new Secretary-Elect (to follow Elvira Beracochea as Secretary, at the end of the 2008 annual meeting)
- Two positions on the IH Section Council (serving three-year terms)
- Four positions as IH Governing Councilors (serving two-year terms, voting at the Governing Council sessions in 2007 and 2008)

Section Councilors support the internal operations of the IH Section and provide direction and leadership for its initiatives. They help set goals and priorities for the section and assist with the development of the annual meeting program. Governing Councilors are elected by the IH Section to represent our interests at the level of APHA governance. The section's seven Governing Councilors vote on behalf of the section on policy resolutions and other issues that come before the Governing Council during the APHA annual meeting.

Nominations for 2006 officers will be due to APHA around February 15, 2006. Any section members who would be interested in running for office in 2006 should contact me

at lmarquez@urc-chs.com. We are also looking for new faces on the Nominations Committee! If you would like to help identify candidates for these important section offices, please contact me. Section members are also urged to contact the committee with names of colleagues who are IH section members and who might be interested in running for office in the IH Section.

—Lani Marquez, IH Nominations Committee Chair

11.STUDENTS AND YOUNG PROFESSIONALS COMMITTEE

The Students and Young Professionals Committee began the year with an ambitious agenda. The committee's primary accomplishment was the creation of a student award for the best paper prepared by a current MPH or doctoral student in public health, for presentation at the APHA Annual Meeting. Two recipients, Matt Freeman of Emory University and Pardis Mahdavi of Columbia University, were selected because their papers demonstrated relevance and practicality as well as innovation and community-based research. Each awardee will be recognized at the International Health Section 2005 Awards Ceremony and receive \$200 to defray the costs of attending the APHA meeting. The process of establishing a student award has been documented and guidelines have been developed for use by future student award selection committees.

The steering committee also initiated several activities intended to increase student involvement. These activities included: brainstorming how to better address student needs, liaising with ASPH and Student Assembly, sending an announcement to recruit student co-chairs, and drafting a student questionnaire to determine student needs. The student questionnaire is being reviewed and will be finalized in early 2006.

In 2006, the Committee will build upon and expand marketing efforts for increasing student involvement for abstract submissions. Other goals and activities are listed below. The steering committee meets every 2 weeks and participation is welcome.

Goals for 2006:

1. Identify student co-chair(s)
2. Prepare overall strategy document for Student and Young Professionals committee
3. Strengthen marketing and recruitment efforts to involve more students

If you are interested in participating on this committee or becoming a student co-chair please contact:

-- Luis Tam, luis.tam@planusa.org, Dory Storms, dstorms@jhsph.edu, and Bryn Sakagawa, bsakagawa@usaid.gov

12.MENTORSHIP COMMITTEE

The Student and Young Professionals Committee explored several mentoring models in 2005 such as a student-alumni program at the University of California, San Diego. The committee also met with the chair of the APHA Student Assembly to discuss their plans for establishing a mentoring program. It was decided that given the amount of work including time and resources needed to set up a program, it would be better to participate

in a broader program organized and funded by the Student Assembly. The committee is now awaiting news from the Student Assembly.

13. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

This committee was not active during 2005. Volunteers are needed to chair this committee.

If you are interested in chairing or participating on this committee please contact:
-- Joe Valadez, jvaladez@worldbank.org

14. AWARDS COMMITTEE

This year the following awards will be given at the Awards Ceremony and Social Hour of the Section:

Lifetime Achievement Award:

Dr. Michael Latham (Cornell University, Program in International Nutrition) for his founding work in international nutrition.

Mid-Career Award:

Dr. Tim Holtz (CDC Division of TB Elimination) for his work in health as a human right and as a founder and board member of Doctors for Global Health.

Award for Outstanding Service to the International Health Section:

Ray Martin (Christian Connections in Health) for his tireless work as chair and chair-elect of the International Health Section.

Allen Jones (formally APHA, now InterAction) for his years of serving the section and promoting international health within the APHA.

Certificates of Appreciation

In addition, Section Chair, Joe Valadez is the Section Chair's Certificate of Appreciation to several individuals for their help throughout the year and in organizing the annual meeting. They include:

1. Amy Hill for her excellent work in organizing the IH Film Series
2. Luis Tam for advancing the New Student Awards
3. Kate Tulenko for her multiple contributions to the Section during the year
4. Donna Barry for her organization of the Section's monthly Leadership phone calls
5. Marty Makinen for his work on the Global Trade
6. Amy Hagopian for her continued work on the Section's Manual

New Student Awards

The Section will also be giving for the first time, new awards for students doing work in international health. The awards were organized by Bryn Sakagawa, Dory Storms, and Luis Tam and the winners were chosen from among the student abstracts submitted in the international health category.

The Student Awards this year will be given to:

Matthew Freeman (Emory Rollins School of Public Health) for his research on removing barriers to the use of health products through social marketing and entrepreneurship.

Pardis Madhavi (Columbia Mailman School of Public Health) for her innovative qualitative community-based public health research.

Awards Ceremony and Social Hour Logistics

The Awards Ceremony and Social Hour will take place from 6pm to 9pm on Monday, December 12 in Moriarty's Pub (1116 Walnut St), 3 blocks south of the convention center. Light hors d'oeuvres will be served at 6pm, the award presentation will start promptly at 6:30pm followed by more hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar from 7:30 to 9pm.

The Awards committee is looking for volunteers to help 1) put up posters announcing the ceremony, 2) help us stay on track with the agenda. If you will be able to help out with either of these activities, please contact Kate Tulenko at (202) 460-9919, <ktulenko@worldbank.org>.

Leadership:

As of the 2005 Annual Meeting, Kate Tulenko will finish her term as chair of the Awards Committee and Joe Valadez has appointed Dory Storms <dstorms@jhsph.edu> and Luis Tam <luis.tam@planusa.org> to be the new co-chairs. If you have any nominations for the 2006 awards or suggestions for the award ceremony in Boston, please let Dory and Luis know as soon as possible.

--Kate Tulenko

15.SECTION, SPIG AND CAUCUS COLLABORATION

During the past two annual meetings, the IH section has been recruiting members to interact with other sections, SPIGs and caucuses. The collaboration, while mainly informal and subject to the initiative of the IH member, can result in very concrete results including jointly sponsored sessions at the annual meeting, votes for resolutions, joint resolutions. For example, this year, Robin Kelley will be chairing a panel for the HIV/AIDS Section. Also, Miriam Labbock reports that she believes we will co-sponsor a resolution next year on global breastfeeding on the 25 anniversary of the Code of Marketing as the excuse in collaboration with the MCH Section. Another member of the IH Section, Rose Schneider, regularly participates in the Gerontologic Health Section's monthly phone calls. Activities like these can help remind some sections which are often domestically-oriented, that there are also very important international health issues related to their topic. Liaising with other sections, SPIGs and Caucuses is a great way for students to get involved in the IH section and pursue more specific interests represented by the other group. Below is a current list of IH liaisons. During the annual meeting we will circulate a list to recruit new IH liaisons for those groups with whom we do not have member represented. Please consider joining this collaborative activity.

SECTIONS	IH Liaison	Their Liaison with IH
Alcohol, Tobacco & Other Drugs		
Chiropractic Health Care		
Community Health Planning and Policy Development		Paul Meissner, Director of Program Development pmeissne@montefiore.org
Environment	Eckhard Kleinau kleinauf@ehproject.org	
Epidemiology	Fazal Hussain Fazal.Hussain@downstate.edu	
Food and Nutrition	Sarah Stone-Francisco	
Gerontologic Health	Rose Schneider rosesdc@aol.com	
Health Administration		
HIV/AIDS	Robin Kelley rkelly@apa.org Joe Valadez jvaladez@worldbank.org Lynne Lackey	
Injury Control and Emergency Health Services	Adnan Hyder ahyder@jhsph.edu	Janet Holden JanetHolden@sbcglobal.net
Maternal and Child Health MCH IH group	Miriam Labbok mlabbok@unicef.org Jessica Greenberg	
Medical Care	Mary Ann Mercer mamercer@u.washington.edu	
Mental Health		Richard Beinecke
Occupational Health and Safety	Amy Hagopian hagopian@u.washington.edu	Mary Miller
Oral Health		Dr Pat Moore Rodney Peele rdpeele@apma.org (301) 581-9200
Podiatric Health		
Population, Family Planning and Reproductive Health	Curt Swezy cswezy@cox.net Tamarah Moss tamarah@ADVOCATESFORYOUTH.ORG	
Public Health Education and Health Promotion	Josefa Ippolito-Shepard ippoliti@paho.org	
Public Health Nursing	Donna Barry djbarry@earthlink.net	Louise Ivanov
School Health Education and Services		
Social Work		
Statistics		
Vision Care		
SPIGS		
Alternative and Complementary Health Practices		
Community Health Workers	Andrea Leinberger-Jabari, MPH aleinberger@mihv.org	
Ethics Forum		
Disability Forum	Sarah Shannon	
Health Law Forum	Michele Forzley mforzley@comcast.net Samir Banoob	

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Laboratory		
Veterinary Public Health		
CAUCUSES		
Academic Public Health Caucus		
American Indian, Alaska Native & Native Hawaiian Caucus	Lynne Lackey	
Asian Pacific Islander Caucus	Lisa Noguchi lnoguchi@mail.ma	
Black Caucus of Health Workers		Annette Johnson
Community-Based Public Health Caucus	Paul Freeman	
Health Equity and Public Hospital Caucus		
Caucus on Homelessness		
Labor Caucus		
Latino Caucus		
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Caucus		
Peace Caucus	Richard Garfield rmg3@columbia.edu	
Caucus on Public Health and the Faith Community	Nadine Walker	
Public Health Student Caucus		
Caucus on Refugee and Immigrant Health		
Socialist Caucus	Donna Barry	Tim Holtz Lanny Smith
Spirit of 1848 Caucus	Tony Casas	
Vietnam Caucus		
Women's Caucus		
Staff Liason	Samir Banoob	

--Donna Barry

16. WORKING GROUP ON COMMUNITY-BASED PRIMARY HEALTH CARE

The current activities of the working group include promotion of Community-Based Primary Health Care (CBPHC) through regular meetings; a regular list serve; our own space on the apha-ih website; networking amongst members; a World Health Organization (WHO)- funded project researching the evidence base supporting CBPHC; and administration of a research grants program for behavioral hygiene with \$30,000 provided to APHA by the Colgate-Palmolive Company.

The Working Group continues to meet formally twice a year -- once at the time of the APHA annual meeting and once at the Global Health Council annual meeting. Between these meetings members keep in contact by subscribing to a regular list server and personal networking by email.

The Working Group will be sponsoring its seventh annual workshop on Saturday December 10. This year, Dr. Stan Foster and Drs. Warren and Gretchen Berggren will be leading the sessions on the theme "Community-Based Primary Health Care: Practical Steps to Achieve Successful Programs." We have over 70 people registered at present.

Our website is growing with information about CBPHC. This can be reached through the International Health Section of the APHA website (<http://www.apha-ih.org>). Click on "Community-Based Primary Health Care" on the left of the home page near the bottom. At this website you will find announcements about future workshops; statements about our purposes, activities and history; PowerPoint and text presentations from recent workshops; copies of our most recent list serve messages; reports on recent group meetings; and a list of training materials and documents about community-based primary health care. The website, list serve and the list of training materials are dynamic in nature and are being updated frequently.

WHO has just awarded a small grant of \$10,000 to our Working Group, covering expenses only, to investigate the evidence base supporting the effectiveness of CBPHC in improving child health. A small expert committee is being formed to guide this evidence-based research. Additional workers willing to help with this large task are encouraged to approach the co-chairs. As the literature in this area is diffuse, we are interested to receive or hear about any published documents and studies that might be suitable for this review.

The Colgate-Palmolive grants, \$30,000 total, will be awarded at the 2005 American Public Health Association (APHA) annual meeting. The grant is to be awarded on a competitive basis based on review of proposals by an expert committee. The applicants are young investigators doing original research in developing countries focusing on improving personal hygiene.

-- Henry Perry and Paul Freeman, Co-Chairs, and Connie Gates, Secretary

17.SUMMARY ON IH SECTION COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND HEALTH

Section Chair Joe Valadez defined a mandate for and appointed a committee comprising Logan Brenzel, Mary Anne Mercer, Rick Yoder, Michelle Forzley, and Marty Makinen to serve APHA as a whole and the IH section membership to provide information to educate all interested about trade and health issues and debates. The committee meets by telephone periodically. The committee is a small working group that welcomes and encourages input and participation from others, but it has a small formal membership to try to ensure that it can really work.

The committee's first set of activities has been to produce a set of fact sheets or briefs on trade and health issues that are to be distributed at the trade and health sessions at the Annual Meeting in Philadelphia and posted on the IH Section website. The committee

exchanged information that several of its members had generated in previous efforts as a basis for deciding the initial set of topics to cover in the fact sheets/briefs:

- What does APHA say about trade and health?
- Global Trade and Global Health: WHO Perspectives
- The World Trade Organization and Health

The committee also participates in the monthly phone calls on trade and health organized by Garrett Brown of the Occupational Health and Safety Section.

--Marty Makinen

18. NORTHWEST INTERNATIONAL HEALTH ACTION COALITION (NIHAC)

The Northwest International Health Action Coalition (NIHAC) is a Seattle-based group that aims to create awareness of major factors that affect the health of populations worldwide, and the links between global and local health issues. The group formed with the support of a mini-grant from APHA in 1998, and has had educational and advocacy-oriented sessions for the Seattle and university communities on a regular basis since then. Governance is by a steering committee of 5 or 6 members, which plans sessions with input from the membership. A NIHAC list serve and web site also provide information to the membership about Seattle-area events and issues relevant to global health. The web site is: nihac@yahoo.com

When possible the educational sessions are combined with a planned 'action' or advocacy effort related to the program. Recent programs have covered topics such as health in Sudan, birth defects and childhood cancers in southern Iraq, and participation in local Rx for Survival activities. A human rights film festival is planned for early 2006.

--Mary Anne Mercer

19. WORLD FEDERATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATIONS

The World Federation of Public Health Associations held their 39th Annual Meeting in Geneva in May to discuss topics such as WFPHA Resolutions, 11th World Congress on Public Health planning on sub-themes and awards, and the numerous projects of WFPHA members. Also in 2005, WFPHA has been working closely alongside ABRASCO to create the call for abstracts, marketing materials, completion of the Congress website, and nominating award winners. In addition, WFPHA has been working on the International Framework Convention on Tobacco Control to encourage the ratification and implementation of the FCTC on an international level. WFPHA has been working to stimulate bilateral partnerships, including some financial support, between organizations in countries with well developed tobacco problem awareness and hence, progress in tobacco control, and organizations in countries that are less developed in this respect as well as economically. WFPHA has continued its work with Colgate Palmolive on the hand washing campaign that is currently receiving proposals from numerous international organizations. WFPHA formed an official affiliation with the *Journal of Public Health*

Policy (JPHP) providing a reduced rate subscription offer to association members. A special four-page WFPHA section, written by the WFPHA, will appear in each issue of the JPHP. WFPHA and the International Health Section of APHA worked closely with the Global Health Council on a campaign to help provide international aid for children in third world countries. The campaign focuses on providing vaccinations to fight childhood diseases, insecticide-treated netting to prevent malaria transmitted via mosquitoes, micronutrients that prevent infections and deficiencies, oral rehydration packets, and antibiotics.

-- Barbara Hatcher

20. SCIENCE BOARD

The Science Board reviews proposed APHA policies for their scientific adequacy. The Board is a constitutionally organized body tasked with stimulating and coordinating the development of the scientific basis for the Association's professional and public policy programs. It also advises the director of Scientific and Professional Affairs. Highlights of the work of the Science Board include the following items.

1. The Science Board agreed that the representatives to the JPC are: Geraldine Perry-Allen, Josh Mott, Stan Weiss and David Wegman.
 2. The Science Board considered the suggested themes submitted from the membership and proposed the following theme for consideration by the Executive Board:
 - *Full Funding for Public Health*
 - *The Politics of Public Health.*
 - *Diversity and Disparities in Public Health*
 3. The Board reviewed 17 proposed policies for the science and evidence base.
 4. APHA assigned a representative from the Science Board (Harry Perlstadt) to the CDC Research Agenda Setting Committee. CDC held a total of four public input meetings during 2005 to solicit input on the set of research goals that the committee had assisted CDC in developing. As a result of these efforts, CDC has developed a draft CDC Health Protection Research Guide, 2006-2015, which has been posted on the CDC website for 60 days for public comment. APHA will submit collective comments but individual members may also give comments.
 5. The Science Board developed 2 sponsored scientific sessions for the 2005 Annual Meeting:
 - Evidence in the Policy Process: Whose Evidence is Used, Why & How?* [Wednesday, November 9, 2005, 10:30am – 12:00pm, Hilton Hotel – Grand Ballroom Suites A/B]
 - Setting a National Public Health Research Agenda* [Monday, November 7, 2005 2:30pm-4: 30pm, Hilton Hotel – Napoleon Ballroom]
- Adnan A. Hyder, MD MPH PhD (ahyder@jhsph.edu)