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# Annual Report 2007-2008

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Posted by Karen on September 20, 2008

According to the UN, 2.6 billion people around the world do not have access to what we take for granted, a clean and safe latrine. The UN General Assembly declared the year 2008 the International Year of Sanitation, the goal is to raise awareness and to accelerate progress towards the Millennium Development Goal (MDG) target to reduce by half the proportion of the 2.6 billion people without access to basic sanitation by 2015.

According to the WHO, about 2 million people die every year due to diarrheal diseases caused by poor sanitation and hygiene; most of them are children less than 5 years of age. To help combat this, Plan is pioneering new approach in Asia and East and Southern Africa - **Community-Led Total Sanitation (CLTS)**, which educates communities about the importance of sanitation and helps them to construct and maintain their own latrines. Dr. Selina Amin brought to our attention the work of the Jaldhaka Program Unit of **Plan Bangladesh**.

The Jaldhaka Program Unit is situated at the northern part of Bangladesh. Their target population included 100,000 children and adults in rural communities where lack of appropriate facilities led to open defecation. CLTS was introduced, and a creative approach was added - active involvement of children. They call it the Child-to-Child (CtC) approach, where children became active participants in changing community behaviors. Armed with knowledge, flags and a whistle, children were empowered to participate by alerting the community with whistles when someone was caught not using a latrine.



This was part of a school health program where improved awareness led to group commitment for a cleaner environment. Collaboration of parents and teachers, combined with peer support and social pressure to stop open defecation, helped create the opportunity for children to successfully become whistle blowers for change in their community.

Along with facilitating access to latrine building materials, Plan introduced child and community friendly performance indicators to monitor use of the new facilities. Some of these indicators include: status of grass (died or alive) in the small approach road to latrine (indicates regular walking to and from the latrine representing latrine uses); condition of the small rope (dry or wet) that is used to lock the door of latrine; general condition of the latrine slab (dry or wet) that indicates latrine uses; presence of soap or ash in the latrine and status of soap/ash (dry or wet).

This program has been highly successful. Open defecation has decreased 100% in community areas (including schools) and latrine construction is being led by the initiative of families, not the NGO. Efforts are now underway to expand this project into four additional rural districts and the city of Dhaka (total coverage 500,000 pop).

Shantosh Kumar Roy, a 50 year aged local tailor and active member of the Village Development Committee (VDC) at Uttar Dolapara under Kurnari union is proud of their achievement on CLTS. "We are addressing our sanitation issues since very long and were fighting to achieve it. It was

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## **CHAIR'S REPORT**

### DEALING WITH GLOBAL AND NATIONAL HEALTH CHALLENGES

Samir N. Banoob, M.D, D.M, DPH, Ph.D.; Section Chair

Dear colleagues,

It gives me the great pleasure to refer to the challenges we are facing, what we did, and how we proceed. As the specialized component of APHA in international and global health, our roles and duties should be determined by the following;

### **OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

Our actions are guided by the following:

- The major health problems facing the global community with a focus on the most needy and the underserved.
- Since community development is the major determinant of health, then we need to address, beyond health problems and services, developmental issues and concerns that include poverty, hunger, equity, equality, political unrest and military conflicts.
- Since we are a component of APHA, we need to address domestic issues and bring back home useful lessons we learn internationally about equity, accessibility, universal coverage, systems' efficiency and affordability of health care.
- Since our resources are limited, we need to determine our priorities on the basis of the magnitude of the problem, its vulnerability to be attacked, and the expected effectiveness and impact of our actions.
- To maximize our impact, we need to align with, and join our partners within APHA as well as the international health organizations and NGO's.

### **THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS:**

As you well know, the United Nations and the world leadership determined 8 essential development goals in 2000 and established the first set of targets for the Year 2015. It was not a coincidence that 4 of these goals are strict health goals and the other four are strong health determinants. In spite of the fact that we passed the mid-point for these first set of goals, and while we should acknowledge the major achievements in many areas, yet our challenges are:

- Reducing extreme poverty is unlikely to be achieved. To the contrary, the skyrocketing oil and food prices, compounded by the US and the global financial crisis may worsen the situation where more than 100 millions are now facing hunger, and a considerable population in Sub- Saharan Africa is living under \$ 1 a day.
- About one quarter of the children in all developing countries are undernourished,
- More than 500,000 mothers die every year with maternal causes.
- Deaths from AIDS in 2007 were 2 millions and new cases reached 2.7 millions, and deaths from measles were 250, 000 in 2006

- Gender equity was not achieved in 113 countries in school enrollment, and two thirds of women in the developing world are in vulnerable or less paying jobs.
- Half of the developing world lives without improved sanitation and one third of the growing urban population in developing countries live in slums.
- Developed countries foreign aid dropped by 3-5% for the third year with the same amount that military expenditure increased. The number of deaths, morbidities and disabilities is increasing with the growth of new war zones that are added to the chronic zones of wars and political unrest. The number of refugees under the United Nations Refugee Committee reached high level of 12 millions apart from the extensive growing number of displaced persons.
- The recent western financial meltdown, politely named” crisis, will mostly affect middle and lower income countries in two ways:
  - a) The financial crisis reached them as well
  - b) Developmental aid from developed countries is expected to decline more. Historically, the Japanese financial crisis of 1990 resulted in drop of foreign aid from 1.4 trillion Yen in 1990 to 0.79 in 1996 then started to recover to reach 1.17 trillion Yen in 2000, a drop of 44%. Similarly, the Nordic countries, the most generous in developmental aid, dropped by 62% due to the banking crisis of 1991 in these countries between 1991 to 1995.
- Domestically, we still have 46 millions uninsured, unaffordable health care, the lowest infant and child health indicators among the industrial countries and an average or below average of health systems performance indicators in the world. While our presidential candidates were debating the economy, education and health coverage for more than 1.5 years, the sky suddenly fell on our heads with a record financial crisis that impacted, and will impact on health of our citizens and is that is expanding beyond our borders.

## **OUR SECTION ACHIEVEMENTS AND DIRECTIONS:**

Our section and its leadership acknowledged these challenges and moved to respond and contribute to facing it within APHA and with the international/ global community. The following pages present to you the annual reports of our committees and working groups. We cannot claim perfection or even success but at least we are recognizing our aims as well as limitations. For each section within APHA, building a strong section requires the establishment of the essential committees of Nominations, Membership, Annual program, the newsletter and Awards. Besides, our Section, as most sections, has also a committee for policies and resolutions, which is a remarkable wide and active committee. These are the backbone of any section and the foundation of its development. This annual report presents to you the goals and activities of these committees and you can realize the dedication of your colleagues who are volunteering to serve on these committees. The Section also has a specialized committee on Students and New International Health Professionals that is expected to serve a major role in orienting, assisting and mentoring new professionals in international health.

Our section was re-organized in 2006 to reflect the following:

- Since we are a group of frequently traveling specialists, international fellows or overseas residents, there was a strong need of increasing our labor force by growth in membership, and increase in the number of committees and its members to cope with our needs. The collective

efforts of the section leaders lead to the increase of membership by 8% ( as compared to 3% decrease in APHA- wide membership)

- In 2006, the Section added 3 new committees that are expected to move the section in the direction of expanding its outreach and creating strong partnership and impact. These are:

- a) Global Health strategies Committee: This committee, formed of 11 members, aims at formulating global health strategies that will guide the section and APHA in general through surveying its members and related agencies on global health policies.
- b) Committee on APHA Global Health Connections: Realizing the growing interest in global health in other sections of APHA, and to maximize our force and impact, this committee reaches out to other APHA components on global health issues and coordinates the section representation and contributions to other sections.
- c) Committee on External Global Health Connections: This committee is still exploring its role and activities, and is expected to have a major role in making connections and promoting joint actions with various international agencies and NGO's in the health field

In addition to these committees, two new committees were structured to strengthen certain functions in the Section:

- a) Information and Communication Committee: Besides the Section newsletter, this Committee made remarkable achievements by creating a wonderful web site and the section Blog . It became a role model within APHA and is providing the best forum for communication and education for our members wherever they reside.
- b) Section Organization and Management Committee: This committee consolidates the administrative and archival functions of the secretary, expanding it to fundraising, and meetings organization.

The Committee reports presented in this annual report are self explanatory and reflect the hard work and dedication of its members.

You can realize that:

- We were able to act, within our capacity, on broad global priority issues.
- We correctly identified the difference between advocacy and lobbying for special interests.
- We reached out within APHA and we are properly communicating with our international fellows and residents.
- We expanded and diversified our work force and are building more capacity
- We maximized communication among members and strengthened the democratic decision making in the Section

## **What we need to do?**

With your support, dedication and active participation in the Section committees and working groups, the Section will continue to grow and move in the right direction. Guided by the global health strategies that you concluded and will plan during the annual meeting, particularly the following should be considered:

- We need to determine our strategic plan, identify our priorities and move from joining to leading for advocacy. .
- Beyond advocacy, we need to create activities and joint projects within and outside APHA.
- We need to serve our members by creating a database for international health consultants and experts.
- We need to give more efforts to national health issues and to improving the effectiveness, impact and image of our Association as a whole and its impact on national and global health policies and strategies
- We need to volunteer as members for response to complex global emergencies.

### **The sky should be the limit to our work and achievements**

**In conclusion, you have given me the honor to serve you as the Section Chair for the second time in 2006- 2008 as your colleagues gave me the same opportunity for serving as the section secretary then chair between 1985-1994. I have enjoyed serving these years with this dedicated and wonderful group of professionals who serve as the Section leadership, and I hope to continue our collaboration under the leadership of Miriam and the new elected officers.**

**The greatest honor that meant a great deal to me is receiving from you the Life Time Achievement Award in International Health this year. This makes me more indebted to you and to our section forever.**

**Thank you again**

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## **Message from Chair-elect**

This year, I was able to attend the leadership meeting at APHA headquarters for the second year. There is so much to learn about APHA, and so little time until I will be thrust into leadership. Samir has lead a tight ship, with excellent hard working officers and committee chairs, and I am looking forward to sailing into somewhat choppy waters based on the inputs from our recent survey. You, the members, told us that you are calling for the development of a strategic plan that is inclusionary of all membership. You also are calling for increased leveraging of APHA and other public health and global organizations. These are huge demands, and with the help of all IH members, I hope to be able to build upon what Samir has placed in action, and help address these two significant areas. Thank you in advance for all your work in the years ahead!!

**Miriam H. Labbok, MD, MPH, FACPM, IBCLC, FABM**

## **A message from the secretary**

The secretary's duties include taking minutes of the section meetings (conference calls and annual meeting), compile the annual and mid-year reports, serve on the section's nominating committee, transfer reports to the APHA section affairs office, process resolutions, assist the website manager, and compile a roster of the section officers and committee chairs. I took and distributed minutes of our section phone conference calls this year on January 23, March 26, May 21, July 23, and September 24 (and we have another meeting scheduled October 22). We had our mid-year meeting in Washington DC on May 29. I was fortunate to have help from Carol Dabbs, secretary-elect, in organizing logistics for the annual meeting, and from Elvira Beracochea for organizing staffing of the booth. I worked with Mary Anne Mercer to ensure our officers and committee chairs names were properly listed on the website. I worked with section member Meredith Fort to process her resolution (on health system strengthening) through APHA, and worked with the advocacy committee to be sure we will represent the resolution well at the hearings. I worked to help organize fundraising. I will be present in San Diego to take minutes at the annual meeting sessions, and will serve as secretary one more year before turning over the reigns to the lovely and capable Carol Dabbs.

## **Action Board**

**Action Board Representative:** Donna Barry, [djbarry@earthlink.net](mailto:djbarry@earthlink.net)

The Action Board currently has 4 formal committees – Policy, Advocacy, Communications and Operations.

Since the October APHA meeting, we have had 4 conference calls to discuss our activities and also had our mid-year meeting in Washington DC on May 12-13. A few of the activities that the Action Board has accomplished include:

### **Candidate questions:**

The Action Board has developed candidate questions for the 2008 elections:

<http://www.apha.org/NR/rdonlyres/B7E2870D-E6DE-4C33-ADF2-75839A854A3A/0/candidatequestionsltrhead.pdf>  
<http://www.apha.org/advocacy/tips/>

We are free to edit them and use them at candidate forums, meetings and to share them with other members. We can also put them on our website and in our newsletter.

**APHA Policy Review:**  
***New policies:***

As part of the Action Board's policy work, the IH section (Amy Hagopian and Donna Barry) reviewed the new APHA policies for consideration at the 2008 annual meeting and submitted our comments to the Action Board policy team. These comments will be shared with all Governing Councilors before the Oct 2008 meeting so that they can be used for our voting.

At the mid-year meeting, Action Board policy committee members stressed that if a section did not send in many comments on the new policies, but had many comments at the October meetings, their October commentary would be taken less seriously. We should remember this for future years and try to increase the IH section members submitting comments. It would be especially helpful for more Governing Councilors to review these policies and submit written comments.

Our comments on this year's policies were not sent on to policy authors from the JPC. However, Amy Hagopian contacted each of the authors and sent them our comments. Three of four authors agreed to amend their policies to reflect our comments and the fourth has offered to write a joint resolution with the IH section.

**Archived policies:**

Comments on archived policies were also solicited from all IH members. Only 4 members have participated in this process. We submitted comments on Water and Violence. Hopefully, next year more members will participate in this process. Although we only submitted comments on 2 subjects this year, I do think that we were well represented as a section when compared to many other sections. However, it would be great to have more members participating.

***Committee work:***

Members of the Action and Communication Committees presented our joint plan to increase advocacy by APHA members at the JPC and ISC meeting in June. Committee members are working on a plan to get more members from APHA and affiliates in calling and visiting Members of Congress, as well as using CapWiz. Look for more information about this plan at the APHA meeting in October.

Advocacy committee members discussed panel members for a session at the annual meeting on advocacy success stories. Jirair Ratevosian from the IH Section Advocacy Committee will be a member of this panel.

## **Advocacy Committee**

**Chair:** Amy Hagopian, hagopian@u.washington.edu (incoming chair for 2009 is Jirair Ratevosian, jratevosian@phrusa.org)

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### **The agenda (goals) for the APHA International Health Advocacy Committee for 2009 include:**

<b>#</b>	<b>Goal</b>	<b>Lead advocate</b>
1	Ensure US International aid policy advances humanitarian public health priorities and health as a human right as its primary motivators. In +2009, this will allow us to focus on PEPFAR financing, the HIV travel ban, and other issues as they arise.	Wendy Johnson
2	Raise awareness of the issues associated with aid effectiveness in strengthening the public sector's ability to provide health services and infrastructure (including water and sanitation) in low-income countries.	Elvira Beracochea
3	Build health workforce capacity in low-income countries.	Amy Hagopian
4	Advance maternal and child health by improving child survival and decreasing maternal mortality through prevention, through strengthening integrated primary care delivery systems, and by	Miriam Labbok Donna Barry

	ensuring special attention to especially life-saving interventions such as breastfeeding, emergency obstetric care and others.	
5	Encourage US and other donors to address issues of low-income country food aid and food security.	Donna Barry
6	Seek opportunities to demonstrate APHA International Health Section solidarity with colleagues, health systems and health workers facing threats, especially from war, natural disaster and humanitarian emergencies.	Leonard Rubenstein
7	Promote universal coverage in US, and sustain public health systems abroad.	Meredith Fort

*Activities to report this year:*

**Goal #1: Humanitarian and human rights focus for US aid--**

1. We worked diligently and effectively with APHA lobbying staff on PEPFAR reauthorization. The reauthorization was approved at \$48 billion, including several important provisions we will monitor for implementation next year—health worker training and the HIV travel ban.
2. We monitored the USAID Partner Vetting proposal, and are hoping the next administration will allow it to die an ignoble death.
3. We were involved as individuals in various efforts to draft policy recommendations to the new administration on various global health issues. We also signed on to various letters from partner organizations supporting a variety of efforts that were in alignment with our agenda.

**Goal #2: Aid effectiveness and health system strengthening--**

4. Several section members developed a Code of Conduct for NGOs working in International Health to ensure health system strengthening. It has received world wide attention and has more than 30 sign on organizations. See [ngocodeofconduct.org](http://ngocodeofconduct.org).
5. We have several scientific sessions on our advocacy agenda items at the 2008 conference. These will be compiled into a flyer for publicity purposes. These include Elvira Beracochea's aid effectiveness panel, Jirair Ratevosian's appearance on an APHA panel on advocacy, Amy Hagopian's health workforce panel, Wendy Johnson's presentation on the code of conduct, Donna Barry on the food crisis, and much more.
6. Meredith Fort wrote an APHA resolution on health system strengthening for 2008 Governing Council consideration.
7. Several members advocated for the passage of the Jubilee Act for Responsible Lending and Expanded Debt Cancellation.

**Goal #3: Workforce issues--**

8. Amy Hagopian and Wendy Johnson attended the Global Health Workforce Alliance meeting in Kampala, Uganda, in March 2008, where they held a session on the NGO code of conduct.
9. We worked on the Africa Health Capacity Investment Act: S805 and HR3812, which died, but various elements were incorporated into PEPFAR reauthorization.

**Goal #4: Maternal and Child health--**

10. Miriam worked with the Maternal and Child Health section and the Food & Nutrition sections to leverage the effectiveness of the APHA position paper that we passed in 2007.

11. Henry Perry continues to represent APHA on the Steering Committee for the US Coalition for Child Survival (USCCS). APHA staff has worked with the USCCS to promote the Global Child Survival Act (HR 2266 and S 1418).

**Goal #5: Food Security--**

12. We worked with Partners in Health to write op-eds and letters to the editor on food security. This issue is rising in prominence and will likely be a central feature of next year's action plan and scientific sessions.
13. Donna Barry was invited by APHA to appear on a panel in Washington DC (4/29/08) on "Assessing the Current Food Crisis," along with Ken Crossley of the World Food Program, and Jeffrey Borns of Office of Food for Peace (USAID).
14. Donna Barry organized a food crisis panel for the San Diego meeting (#3302).

**Goal #6: Health worker solidarity--**

15. We worked successfully with the APHA staff to draft letters for Georges Benjamin's signature supporting health workers in Zimbabwe, recommending Burma accept foreign aid in the wake of its cyclone, and urging an end to the violence in Darfur. These letters also had versions that were signed by the World Federation. We believe we broke new ground in helping APHA navigate international health issues in this way.

**Goal #7: Universal coverage through public systems in the US and abroad--**

16. We support APHA's universal coverage agenda, while defending the public and universal nature of health systems abroad as they are threatened by privatization schemes promoted by international monetary and banking systems that hold the debt of low-income countries.

**Internal APHA organizational and communication issues:**

- Posted our advocacy agenda on our web page;
- Used the listserve for IH section to inform members of opportunities to advocate for our issues;
- Sponsored scientific sessions on our issues;
- Leveraged the effectiveness of resolutions after they are passed;
- Worked collaboratively with APHA staff; and
- Work with APHA's Action Board (our rep is Donna Barry) to pursue joint advocacy issues.

**Annual Meeting Program Committee**

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**Committee members:** Samir Banoob; Carlos Castillo-Salgado; Elvira Beracochea; Malcolm Bryant; Josefa Ippolito-Shepherd; Dory Storms

**1. Mission & Goals:**

"The purpose of the Program Committee is to plan and organize a program of scientific quality and of national interest to the Section and to APHA members as a means of informing them of

the issues, direction, and research related to the practice of international and global health with emphasis on the annual meeting theme selected by the APHA Governing Council.”

--IH Section Manual

## 2. Activities to date 07-08:

*Conducting communications and other tasks in accomplishment of:*

- Setting up initial program/call for papers
- Peer review of papers (460 received)
- Arranging into invited and received categories for papers & posters
- Room requests/special requests
- Arranging IH Film Festival
- Liaising with other sections as appropriate for co-sponsored programs
- Liaising with WFPHA and Special Sessions speakers as appropriate
- Successfully targeting international participants to present

## Statistics:

*The 2008 IH program includes:*

- 460 papers received for peer review
- IH Film Festival
- Workshop on CB-PHCs
- IH-related Business Meetings, Social Hour, Luncheon
- 9 Poster Sessions
- 41 Paper Sessions
- Total of about 270 presentations (paper+poster)

**The full IH program, with names of presenters, presentations, and abstracts, can be accessed online at: <http://apha.confex.com/apha/136am/webprogram/IH.html>**

## 3. Preliminary Plans for 2008-09

- Work with APHA and IH leadership to conduct above activities for 09 meeting
- Clarify the process for review and selection of peer-reviewed and solicited/submitted panels

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## **International Health Program / APHA in San Diego 2008**

*NOTE: Sessions listed in italics have been organized by another section, SPIG, or caucus and are co-sponsored by International Health*

### **Saturday, October 25, 2008**

830am - 5 pm

102.0 Workshop: Community-Based Primary Health Care

### **Sunday, October 26, 2008**

11am- 12 pm

227.0 Global Health Connections

4:30 PM-5:30 PM

2055.0 IH Poster Session 1: Quality Improvement

6:00 PM-8:00 PM

293.0 International Health Business Meeting 1

### **Monday, October 27, 2008**

630-8 AM

303.0 International Health Business Meeting 2

8:30 AM-10:00 AM

*3040.0 Women and Methamphetamine Use Around the World: Intersecting Risks with HIV and STIs and Future Implications for Public Health Research and Practice*

3042.0 Megacities & Global Health

3043.0 HIV/AIDS 1

3044.0 Health Communication/ Behavior Change Communication

3045.0 Populations in Conflict / Displaced Populations

10:30 AM-12:00 PM

*3097.0 Royal Society for Public Health Lecture: Regulating Health & Social Care - With and Without Borders*

*3105.0 Dignity and Justice For Us All: The Universal Declaration of Human Rights at 60*

*3106.0 Migration, Health and Public Health: Europe and the Americas*

3134.0 Infectious Diseases (non-STDs)

3135.0 Student Panel 1

12:30 PM-1:30 PM

*3164.0 International Human Rights Committee Poster Session*

12:30 PM-2:00 PM

3193.0 International Health Film Festival 01: Rape As a Weapon of War

*3212.0 Public Health Implications of Emerging Trends in Drug Use on the US-Mexico Border*

3222.0 Safe Motherhood

3223.0 Nutrition and Malnutrition  
3224.0 Innovations in International Health 1  
3225.0 Monitoring, Evaluation, and Outcomes  
3238.0 *War and Public Health*

2:30 PM-3:30 PM

3278.0 *International Reproductive Health and Family Planning*  
3280.0 *Global Reproductive Health and Family Planning*  
3281.0 *Contraceptive Use Worldwide*

2:30 PM-4:00 PM

3293.0 International Health Film Festival 02: Digital Storytelling for Public Health  
3299.0 *Beyond Borders: Human Rights Violations Among Non-Citizen Populations*  
3302.0 *The 2008 Global Food Crisis: Root Causes, Health Effects, Solutions and Preventing a Recurrence*  
3331.0 International Health Education  
3332.0 Child Survival & Child Health  
3333.0 Trends in Human Capacity Development  
3334.0 Tuberculosis  
3335.0 Vector-borne diseases  
3342.0 *Medicina Social and Social Medicine: A Framework for Bridging Borders*  
3330.1 Special Session: Public Health in the Global Village, sponsored by the international journal, Public Health

4:30 PM-6:00 PM

3395.0 *The Medicine and Public Health Initiative (MPHI) Update: Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention - Building National and Global Alliances*  
3396.0 International Health Film Festival 03: Health and Human Rights Issues in India, Pakistan, and East Africa  
3416.0 Reproductive Health & Family Planning  
3417.0 HIV/AIDS 2  
3427.0 *Terrorism and Public Health*  
3433.0 *160 years of the Spirit of 1848: a critical celebration*

6:00 PM-9:00 PM

324.3 International Health Awards Reception

6:30 PM-8:00 PM

3437.0 International Health Film Festival 04: Technology, Oil, and the Environment

**Tuesday, October 28, 2008**

8:30 AM-10:00 AM

4040.0 Health Systems Management  
4041.0 Environmental Health

4042.0 Innovations in International Health 2: Transborder health

4043.0 Infectious Diseases : Non-HIV STDs  
4054.0 International Models for Strategic Health Communications  
*4034.1 Global Applications of Public Health Informatics/Technology and Systems Solutions*  
*4034.2 Collaboration Among Sections, SPIGs, Forums, Caucuses and HIIT to Achieve Equity*  
*(Town Hall Meeting) Part I*

10:30 AM-12:00 PM

4088.0 *International Research Ethics*  
4101.0 Student Panel 2  
4102.0 Quality Improvement & Quality Assurance  
4103.0 Private Sector Innovations in Global Health  
*4095.1 Collaboration Among Sections, SPIGs, Forums, Caucuses and HIIT to Achieve Equity*  
*(Town Hall Meeting) Part II*  
4120.1 *International Nursing Issues*

12:30 PM-2:00 PM

4194.0 *HIV Prevention in Africa*  
4196.0 Avian and Pandemic Influenza  
4197.0 Global Burden of Disease  
4198.0 Community Based Primary Health Care

2:30 PM-4:00 PM

4251.0 *Leadership and Health Workforce Development for the Caricom Region*  
4265.0 *Global Immunization*  
4280.0 *Learning from the Rest of the World: Development and Implementation of Rapid Test Algorithms for Point-of-Care HIV Testing in the United States*  
4284.0 Chronic Disease and International Health  
4285.0 Innovations in Global Health Informatics  
4286.0 Careers in Global Health  
4283.1 Safe Motherhood & Breastfeeding Practices

4:30 PM-5:30 PM

4317.0 IH Poster Session 2: Women's Health  
4318.0 IH Poster Session 3: Infectious Diseases  
4319.0 IH Poster Session 4: Maternal & Child Health  
4320.0 IH Poster Session 5: Health Communication

5:00 PM-6:30 PM

418.0 Community Based Primary Health Care Business Meeting

6:00 PM-8:30 PM

419.0 International Health Business Meeting 3

**Wednesday, October 29, 2008**

7:30 AM-9:30 AM

509.0 World Federation of Public Health Associations/International Health Breakfast

8:30 AM-9:30 AM

- 5012.0 *HIV and Africa*
- 5013.0 *HIV in International Settings*
- 5016.0 IH Poster Session 6: Community Health
- 5017.0 IH Poster Session 7: Health Policy & Access
- 5018.0 IH Poster Session 8: Future Directions
- 5019.0 IH Poster Session 9: Beyond Borders

8:30 AM-10:00 AM

- 5055.0 Aid Accountability and Effectiveness: Putting the Paris Declaration to work
- 5056.0 Systems Thinking in Global Health
- 5057.0 Health worker migration: Crossing borders in search of greener pastures
- 5058.0 Women's Health
- 5059.0 NGOs Without Borders

10:30 AM-12:00 PM

- 5090.0 International Health Film Festival 05: The Politics of Food: Three Approaches to Filmmaking
- 5116.0 Leadership, Systems Thinking and Global Health
- 5117.0 Public Interests & the Pharmaceutical Industry
- 5118.0 Health Sector Reform
- 5119.0 Child Survival & Child Health 2

12:30 PM-2:00 PM

- 5151.0 *Climate Change and Environmental Health*
- 5169.0 International Health Luncheon

**The full IH program, with names of presenters, presentations, and abstracts, can be accessed online at: <http://apha.confex.com/apha/136am/webprogram/IH.html>**

## **Awards Committee**

**Chair:** Paul Freeman, freeman.p.a@att.net

**Co-chair:** Padmini (Mini) Murthy, minimurthy@aol.com (As of May 2008)

**Members:** H. Azzam, T. Baker, G. Berggren, E. Coates, M. Forzley, T. Lippeveld, M. Labbok, N. Pielemeier, W. Reinke, G. Sankaram, R. Schneider, L. Smith, C. Swezy.

### **Objectives for 2008:**

This year our objective is to make the work of our committee more systematic, representative and transparent.

To do this we plan to develop systematic processes for:

- a) soliciting nominations for awards
- b) voting on nominations for awards
- c) finalizing and announcing of award recipients.

### **Progress by May 2008:**

This year I am pleased to report that all members of the Committee actively took part in voting on the suitability of the nominees for our awards. The nomination and voting processes proceeded smoothly. There was one nominee for the Life-time Achievement Award, two for the Mid-Career Award and two for Section Distinguished Service awards. Allen Jones was also posthumously nominated for a Special Award Honoring His Contribution to International Health.

The decision of the Awards Committee is that the awards be given as listed below.

#### **Life-Time Achievement Award in International Health**

Samir Banoob

#### **Mid-Career Award in International Health**

Gopal Sankaran

#### **Distinguished Section Service Awards**

Ray Martin

Rose Schneider

#### **Special Award Honoring His Contribution to International Health**

Allen Jones

The **Gordon-Wyon Award for Community-Oriented Public Health, Epidemiology and Practice** was awarded by the CBPHC Working Group to Bette Gebrian

### **Future plans**

It is planned to award all the above awards at the section annual awards ceremony at the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association in October 2008, along with the Student Award which will be decided just before the October meeting.

## **Agenda: Awards Night of the International Health Section**

**Monday, October 27, 2008, 6 – 8.30 PM**

**San Diego Convention Center**

**Room 8**

Masters of ceremonies: Dr. Paul Freeman, Chair, Section Awards Committee

Ms Mini Murthy Co-Chair, Section Awards Committee

6:00 P.M. Cash Bar

6:15 – 7:15 P.M. Awards Ceremony

- Welcome remarks by Paul Freeman, Chair, Awards Committee.(5 minutes)
- Presentation of 2008 Student Award to Aroonsiri Sangarlangkarn and David Luo. Introduction and Award presentation by Mini Murthy ( 5 minutes)
- Presentation of 2008 Mid-Career Award to Gopal Sankaran. Introduction, made by Hala Azzam. Award presented by Paul Freeman.( 5 minutes)
- Presentation of 2008 Gordon-Wyon Award for Community-Oriented Public Health, Epidemiology and Practice to Bette Gebrian. Introduction by Henry Perry. Presentation by Paul Freeman (as Chairman CBPHC-WG).
- Presentation of 2008 Lifetime Achievement Award to Professor Samir Banoob. Introduction (3-5 min) made by Mini Murthy. Presentation by Miriam Labbok.( 10 minutes)
- Presentation of posthumous Lifetime Achievement Award to Diane Hedgecock. Introduction made by Carrie Hessler-Radelet and Theo Lippeveld. Presentation by Samir Banoob and Theo Lippeveld. Award to be accepted by Valerie Mezainis (Diane's husband) ( 10 minutes)
- Presentation of posthumous Special Award Honoring his Contribution to International Health to Allen Jones. Introduction by Ray Martin. Presentation of Award by Samir Banoob. Award to be accepted by Ray Martin on behalf of Beverley Jones.
- Presentation of Distinguished Section Service Awards to Rose Schneider and Ray Martin. Introduction and award presentation by Samir Banoob (10 minutes)
- Closing statement, Samir Banoob, chair

We would especially like to thanks the individuals and organizations sponsoring this Awards Evening. These sponsors, listed alphabetically are:

- CARE
- Carolina Breastfeeding Institute
- Future Generations
- Ideas Inc
- JHPIEGO
- John Snow Incorporated
- Management Sciences for Health
- Dr. Mini Murthy
- Save the Children
- Social Sectors
- Westat

## **Information and Communications Committee**

**Chair and Website Manager:** Eckhard Kleinau, [ekleinau@masimax.com](mailto:ekleinau@masimax.com)

**Co-Chair and Newsletter Editor:** Josefa Ippolito-Shepard, [ippolitoshepherdj@yahoo.com](mailto:ippolitoshepherdj@yahoo.com)

**IH-Blog “Stories from the Field” Lead:** Karen Nielsen, [apha.ih.stories@gmail.com](mailto:apha.ih.stories@gmail.com)

**Goal:** This committee is responsible for the production and distribution of information relevant to the international and global health activities of the Section, and essential for communication between the section members, committees and its partners.

This year’s activities of the Information and Communications Committee (ICC) focused on the creation of the International Health Section’s weblog, the ***IH-Blog*** and the redesign of our Section’s ***website***. The website, IH-Blog and ***newsletter*** have become the Section’s most dynamic media that give section members a voice, especially through the “***Stories from the Field***” feature. They communicate Section information and events in a timely manner. Together with membership emails, the purpose of the website, IH-Blog and newsletter are to leverage the work of various Section committees and its members and foster a broader base of support, understanding and recognition of global health issues, opportunities, challenges and accomplishments among current members and the public at large. These three communications tools have contributed to a substantial rise in the membership of the IH Section in 2008.

The Section’s ***IH-Blog*** took off with a splash on February 5, 2008 with 400 blog hits in its first month, February. The IH-Blog can be accessed at <http://aphaih.wordpress.com/>. The IH-Section was the first among all APHA Sections to start a blog and was featured in APHA’s publication ***The Nation’s Health*** (on page 15 at <http://www.apha.org/publications/tnh/current/Sept08/>). The average number of hits in recent months has been over 200. “***Stories from the Field***” have become the main feature of the blog and are submitted by Section members. These are posted in synergy with the Section’s newsletters, which feature longer versions and more pictures. The story with the most views was “Stories from the Field: Just and Lasting Change” featuring Prof. Carl Taylor. The most visited blog was “Are Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) Unfair to Africa?” with about 240 hits. A web plug-in maps visitors to the IH-Blog and shows that people access it from every continent. In October 2008, the IH-Blog passed 2,000 hits in total.

The transfer of all the critical content from the Section’s old ***website*** to its new home at <http://www.apha.org/membergroups/sections/aphasections/intlhealth/> was completed early in the year. By getting more familiar with APHA’s content management system (CMS), the website got its current three column design using shades of three base colors, blue, red and yellow. This design allows the display of key information in the smallest space possible. The ICC posted new content about events throughout the year and with increased frequency before and during the 2008 Annual Meeting. This included activities and publications of various section committees and members. The Section used its website to facilitate partnerships and communication with other sections and partners.

The ICC successfully published the Section’s Spring and Fall issues of its ***2008 newsletters***, which can be read at <http://www.apha.org/membergroups/sections/aphasections/intlhealth/benefits/>. Both newsletters

featured numerous contributions where members talked about their work and illustrated their work environment with pictures. Several of these stories were also featured on the IH-Blog in a shortened version. The latest newsletter is offered in high and low resolution formats to suit the often slower access to the internet in developing countries.

The Section manual was updated to reflect the current information about its leadership and representation in APHA's governing structure.

**The ICC has the following targets for the coming year:**

- Continue with the publication of two IH newsletters
- Recruit more writers for the IH-Blog
- Increase the communication on the Section website about section activities throughout the year
- Expand the membership in the ICC to represent most of the section's committees
- Increase the number of members who can update the content of the IH Section website
- Conduct a membership survey about the appeal and access of the Section website and IH-Blog
- Increase the attractiveness of the Section's website recruit new members

Many thanks to all who contributed to ICC activities in 2008!

Eckhard Kleinau, DrPH, MD

Chair, Information and Communications Committee (ICC)

**Global Health APHA Connections Committee**

**Co-chairs:** Gopal Sankaran, MD, DrPH [gsankaran@wcupa.edu](mailto:gsankaran@wcupa.edu)

Michele Forzley, JD, MPH [mforzley@comcast.net](mailto:mforzley@comcast.net)

**Charge**

Responsible for strengthening relations, partnership and coordination with APHA sections and committees in the field of global/international health, namely, MCH, Population and Family Planning, HIV/AIDS, International Human Rights Committee, and Trade and Health Forum, and organizing communication and choosing liaison members with other sections.

(Source: Committees and working groups for 2006-2007, Updated 12/06)

**Goal**

Assist members within the American Public Health Association who are interested in international/global health to come together to network, collaborate on programs, conduct joint research and training, and advocate for policies and funding pertaining to international/global health.

**Purpose**

The International Health (IH) Section is interested in developing collaborative relationship with other Sections, SPIGs, Caucuses, and Forums in the American Public Health Association (APHA). The purpose is to have active exchange of ideas and strategies between the IH Section and other units in APHA. This would facilitate joint activities such as development of

resolutions pertaining to global health issues, joint plenary sessions at the annual meeting, co-hosting social hours at the annual meeting, and encouraging secondary IH Section membership for members who are interested in and/or working on global health issues.

Such collaboration would also help to coordinate our Association's activities and maximize its limited resources to: i) identify and prioritize global health issues of concern to the Association, and ii) advocate for initiating and improving the United States policy and interventions in global health and humanitarian issues.

### **Action Plan 2008 Objectives**

Action Plan available at IH Section Website at:

<http://www.apha.org/membergroups/sections/aphasections/intlhealth/committees/ghconnections.htm>

1. Increase the number of liaisons from International Health (IH) section to other sections of APHA.
2. Increase liaisons from other units of APHA to IH section.
3. Facilitate communication between all members of the GH APHA Connections Committee.
4. Provide networking opportunities for members of the IH section and other units within APHA.
5. Provide networking opportunities for members of the IH section and other units within APHA.
6. Increase the membership of IH section.
7. Increase the joint advocacy efforts of IH section in formulation of policies related to international/global health.

### **Actions Taken**

1. Invited members of IH section to send in their expertise/interest areas to facilitate connecting with members from IH section and other APHA Units.
2. Invited chairs and co-chairs of all APHA Sections, SPIGs, Caucuses, and Forums to appoint a liaison to the IH section.
3. Developed and shared an IH Section Membership Expertise Directory (directory to be updated on a regular basis).
4. Developed and shared a list of liaisons from other APHA Units to IH section (list to be updated on a regular basis).
5. Held regular bi-monthly conference calls and stay connected through regular e-mail communication (on-going).
6. Connected with Student Assembly leadership to attract students to IH section.
7. Facilitated leadership from Food and Nutrition (Global Food Crisis Session) and Epidemiology (Global Immunization Session) to connect with Dr. Omar Khan, Program Chair, for possible IH co-sponsorship for these sessions at the 2008 APHA Annual Meeting.
8. Developed with input from members of various APHA Units an Action Plan for Facilitating the Participation by International Members of APHA at the Annual Meetings and in the organization (now available at IH Section Website).
9. Sent a letter to Dr. Georges Benjamin and the Executive Board of APHA, and subsequently had a phone conversation with Dr. Benjamin to explore the possibility of i) reduced registration fees for international members from developing countries; ii) separate

registration booth for international members at the Annual Meeting; and iii) a welcome reception for international members. APHA is receptive to the idea of considering the possibility of reduced registration fee for international members from developing countries; however, this has financial implications and would be considered for the next year's Annual Meeting. There is no commitment at this point and this is the beginning of a conversation. APHA is also receptive to the idea of a separate registration booth for international members at the Annual Meeting. Again, this can be considered only for the next year's (2009) Annual Meeting, as this requires consideration of space availability and coordinating with space design personnel. These would be pursued with APHA soon after the 2008 Annual Meeting. A separate APHA reception for international members is not considered feasible at this time.

10. All international members (over 650) belonging to all APHA Units contacted and invited to attend IH events at the Annual Meeting in San Diego. Response has been low, but is encouraging that responses are being received.
11. The Action Plan developed to fully integrate international members in the APHA activities including the Annual Meetings will be put into action in full speed in 2008-09.
12. Helped with raising funds for the IH Section Reception and Awards Ceremony at the APHA Annual Meeting in San Diego.
13. Organized an upcoming Committee Meeting on Sunday, October 26, 2008 at 11.00am at the San Diego Convention Center.

### **Action Plan 2009 Objectives**

To be determined at the upcoming Conference Call on October 15 and the Committee Meeting on Sunday, October 26 at the Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA.

\*Thanks to Eckhard Kleinau, Chair, Information and Communications Committee, the IH Section Membership Expertise Directory is now available at our Section Website

### **Global Health External Connections Committee**

**Chair:** Padmini (Mini) Murthy, MD, MPH, MS, CHES, minimurthy@aol.com

**Co-Chair:** Hala Azzam, PhD, MPH, hazzam@epi.umaryland.edu

“Purpose of the Committee is to reach out to agencies and organizations specialized in international and global health to build partnership, collaboration and advocacy in this field between these organizations and APHA/IH. Priority will be given to UN agencies in the field of health (WHO, PAHO, WB, UNICEF, UNDP), US government agencies (USAD, CDC, DHHS, EPA...), foundations (Global Health Council), and international health NGOs.”

Mini Murthy and Hala Azzam assumed the leadership position of the committee in Feb 2008. Since then we have been working to build up liaison with other APHA committees, such as the Global Health Connections committee of the APHA. We have also been working to reach out to other NGOs and Academic Institutions to work towards developing core competencies for the global health curricula in universities and work force.

## **Activities of the committee from Feb 2008- Sept 2008**

1. March 2008 - Mini Murthy and Hala Azzam started working on a plan of action for the year 2008 - 2009 to build up framework for greater partnerships.
2. April 2008- Mini Murthy invited to Brigham Young University at Utah and members of faculty at the MPH program at BYU are interested in becoming active members of the committee and working towards a set of comments objectives( In discussion at present)
3. April 2008 - Hala Azzam connected the GH campus-wide student organization at the University of MD Baltimore (UMB) with Dr. Samir Banoob who was subsequently invited by the students to talk about GH career opportunities and represent the International Health section of APHA. Dr. Banoob chaired a panel session with over 50 attendees, mostly students but also faculty from various disciplines at UMB.
4. May 2008 – Mini Murthy organized a Global Health Educators meeting at New York Medical College School of Public Health on May 7<sup>th</sup> 2008. The meeting had faculty members of the various academic institutions in New York area participate in an active discussion on developing a set of global health core competencies with regard to educational curricula and the practice of public health.
5. April 2008 - Mini Murthy was invited to attend the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of the World Health Organization in New York and represented the External Global Health Connections Committee.
6. May 2008 - Mini Murthy and Hala Azzam sent an email to the members of the committee with a draft of the plan of action for the upcoming year for their feedback and suggestions.
7. June 2008 - Hala Azzam met people from the environmental committee of APHA to discuss areas of collaboration.
8. June 2008 - Hala Azzam and Mini Murthy had 2 conference calls with Gopal Sankaran to chair of the APHA connections committee to discuss working together.
9. August / September 2008 - Mini Murthy has been meet with various NGO representatives from MWIA , LDS to explore possible opportunities of working together on issues of common interests. One of the issues discussed was the possibility of working together on humanitarian aid projects with the underlying theme of global public health.

### *Upcoming Activities*

1. October 2, 2008 – Mini Murthy will be attending UN NGO workshop and USA UN meetings and will try to explore opportunities of partnering together with these organizations to arrange a work shop.
2. October 25- 29 - Mini Murthy and Hala Azzam will be at APHA and will try to reach out to more members to get them actively involved especially universities and NGO members in the committee.

## **Global Health Strategies Committee**

**Chair:** Miriam Labbok, [labbok@unc.edu](mailto:labbok@unc.edu)

**Co-Chair:** Carol Dabbs

**Members:** T Agrawal, B Anderson, A Aquil, A Atesoylu, J Capps, M Gittleman, T Lippeveld, S Pritchett, E Sorel, H Stepanek, Somer, S Syed, D Zavala

"A draft survey has been developed based on inputs from the committee, Morgan, and other committee chairs. It will be shared in draft and then sent to IH Section members by APHA. We hope to have feedback for the Annual meeting on a wide variety of issues."

## **Membership Committee**

**Chair:** Rose Schneider, [rschneider@jhu.edu](mailto:rschneider@jhu.edu)

**Co-Chair:** Alison Gernand, [agernand@jhsph.edu](mailto:agernand@jhsph.edu)

**Members:** Curtiss Swezy

The membership committee has been very active in promoting membership in the IH Section, as well as retention of current members. Membership is approaching 2,000, the third largest Section in APHA.

The committee chair, Rose Schneider, working with co-chair Allison Gernand and Advocacy Member, Curtiss Swezy, corresponded with the IH leadership group and visited staff at APHA to promote reinstating the procedure of allowing members to join multiple sections with a minimal fee. Our original proposal was for APHA to try to include this as a free option to encourage more IH memberships from other sections with cross fertilization of ideas. The compromise reached was that APHA members can join multiple/additional sections, but at a \$30 fee for additional memberships.

The Membership committee also drafted two letters and has started to send them out regularly to IH members. The first is a "Welcome greeting" email to new IH section members; the second letter is for those IH members who have not renewed. In each letter, we provide a brief update of IH activities and contact information of committee chairs. We encourage those who have not renewed to rejoin the section. The staff at APHA has been actively supporting the Membership committee to make new member listings available.

Plans for the future include discussing with APHA staff the potential of engaging the deans of the schools of public health to recruit student members to APHA. Since deans have direct contact with their public health students, they are uniquely positioned to encourage them to join and be actively engaged in APHA. This involvement of the deans (and potentially faculty members involved in global health) would lead students focusing on Global Health to join the IH Section. The Membership committee continues to liaison with the Global Health Council to encourage advocacy, grass roots mobilization and other activities of mutual interests on global health issues.

## **Nominations Committee**

**Chair:** Mary Anne Mercer, mamercer@u.washington.edu

**Vice-Chair:** Wendy Johnson, wjohns@u.washington.edu

**Members:** Amy Hagopian, Meredith Fort, Sarah Shannon, Miriam Labbok, Celeste Prophete

The goals for the APHA International Health Advocacy Committee for 2007/08 included:

#	Goal	Responsible
1	Select qualified, matched candidates for the routine 2008 elections	Mary Anne, team
2	Address the gap in secretarial coverage due to early retirement of a previous secretary with interim election	Mary Anne
3	Address the gap in coverage for the governing council due to early resignation of a member last year with interim election	Mary Anne

### **Goal #1: Select qualified, well matched candidates for the 2008 elections**

Activities:

1. Sent out a mass email to the section asking for people who wish to run for office
2. Committee members solicited persons they think would be good candidates
3. Slate of candidates drawn up (see below)
4. APHA sent out the routine election notice, to open May 16

### **Goal #2: Address 2007 gap in coverage for secretary-elect**

Activities:

1. Solicited on well-qualified candidate
2. Notify APHA of candidates, wrote Zoomerang blurb for election announcement
3. APHA sent out the election notice in January 2008
4. Secretary-elect elected – Carol Dabbs

### **Goal #3: Address 2007 gap in coverage for governing councilor**

Activities:

1. Solicited two candidates for a one-year term
2. Notified APHA of candidates, wrote Zoomerang blurb for election announcement
3. APHA sent out the election notice in January 2008
4. Governing councilor elected: Len Rubenstein

### **Candidates for Section offices were:**

#### **For Chair-elect:**

Eckhard Kleinau

Malcolm Bryant

**For IH Section Council:**

Victoria Reyes  
Elizabeth Alvarez  
Lisa Pawloski  
Padmini Murthy

**For Governing Council:**

Leonard Rubenstein  
Maggie Huff-Rouselle  
Michael Taliercio  
Gopal Sankaran  
James Pfeiffer  
Meredith Fort  
Elvira Beracochea

**2008 ELECTION RESULTS: -- positions to be assumed at end of 2008 meeting:**

**Chair-elect:**

Malcolm Bryant, MBBS, MPH (2010) <malcolmbryant@comcast.net>

**Governing Council representatives:**

Elvira Beracochea, MPH, MD, (PhD, BA, AA) (2010) <elvira@midego.com>  
James Pfeiffer, PhD, MPH (2010) <jamesfp@u.washington.edu>  
Leonard Rubenstein, LL.M., J.D., M.A., B.A. (2010) <lrubenstein@phrusa.org>  
Gopal Sankaran, DrPH, MD, MNAMS, CHES (2010) <gsankaran@wcupa.edu>

**IH Section Council representatives:**

Padmini Murthy, Mphil, MD, MPH, MS, CHES (2011) <minimurthy@aol.com>  
Lisa Pawloski, PhD, MA, BA. (2011) <lpawlosk@gmu.edu>

The nominations committee chair also submitted a nominee for the new APHA Sidel-Levy Peace Award this year.

The Nominations Committee welcomes additional members.

(1) The Effectiveness of Community-Based Primary Health Care in Improving Child Health: A Review of the Evidence

A meeting of the Expert Committee guiding our research took place at UNICEF headquarters in New York from March 27-28. The meeting was attended by 25 persons, including members of our Expert Committee from around the world, senior representative of WHO, USAID and UNICEF, including the Executive Director, Anne Veneman, and the members of our Task Force. Findings from the second draft of the review were examined and recommendations developed covering the evidence for the effectiveness of CBPHC interventions for child health and the factors that need to be addressed in order to successfully implement these interventions. A

## **Section Organization and Management Committee**

**Chair:** Carol Dabbs, 202-647-2613, dabbscj@state.gov

**Co-Chair:** Elvira Beracochea, 703-978-3331, elvira@midego.com,

**Secretary:** Amy Hagopian, 206-616-4989 or 543-8382; hagopian@u.washington.edu

Samir Banoob, 813-949-8855 (B), sbanoob@aol.com

Morgan Taylor (ex-officio), 202-777-2428, morgan.taylor@apha.org

We'd welcome volunteers to work with us for the rest of the year, especially those residing in/near San Diego or familiar with the city and its resources.

### **Goals for 2007-2008** (not previously reported)

Get the committee organized

For Mid-Year Meeting, Arrange for food and room set-up

For Annual Meeting, Organize Saturday night dinner

For Section business meetings: Arrange room set-up

For Section luncheon:

speaker,

Assist APHA convention manager w/menu and room selection,

Arrange for decorations,

Assist section chair to invite individuals to head table,

Arrange publicity,

Arrange for photographs,

Reserve a table for VIPs (Award winners, Section Leadership)

For Section Awards event:

Same as for luncheon, in concert w/Awards Committee

For Section Booth:

Organize and arrange staffing

Raise funds for Section enrichment budget

Identify point person (Dabbs must recuse self due to employment)

Obtain information regarding donation procedures

Prepare committee reports for mid-year and annual meetings

### **Activities Completed toward Goals**

Core Committee members identified

Mid-year meeting:

Food selected, ordered, paid for (to be reimbursed)

Room set-up identified to hotel

Alternate contact for hotel at meeting identified (Beracochea)

Fundraising

Discussion of who can help

Information about how to make donations obtained from Taylor

### **Activities for June-October**

See annual meeting goals above

Fundraising

Estimate total donations needed

Solicit donations and provide assistance with

### **Students and New International Health Professionals**

Hélène Carabin has been in touch with students (Ryan Burbach, Christine Benner, Haroun Habib, Ellen Schenk) who have interest in international public health. The group is now working on developing a list of funding opportunities for students to conduct public health research or gain experience in another country. The list is being developed in excel and there is plan to post it on the website. The group will be meeting at the 2008 meeting to discuss with Eckhard Kleinau the inclusion of student interests section on the website. We are also working on compiling a list of all global health student associations in accredited schools of public health in the USA. This list will hopefully allow the students to network and become more involved with the IH Section and ultimately find opportunities for international public health experience.

Hélène Carabin DVM MSc PhD

Associate Professor

### **Community Based Primary Health Care Working Group**

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*We also have many additional members through our list server.*

### **Objectives for 2008:**

(1) To complete and disseminate the results of our research-- The Effectiveness of Community-Based Primary Health Care in Improving Child Health: A Review of the Evidence and Findings from the Field.

(2) To improve our promotion of CBPHC.

(3) To administer the American Public Health Association - International Health Section Award Program, sponsored by the Colgate-Palmolive Company for the third year to the highest standards. Under this program grants for community-based field research are awarded to young faculty and students at Schools of Public Health for behavioral hygiene promotion and Global Health.

(4) To administer the Gordon-Wyon Award for Community-Oriented Public Health, Epidemiology and Practice.

**Progress as of May 2008:**

(2) The Effectiveness of Community-Based Primary Health Care in Improving Child Health: A Review of the Evidence

A meeting of the Expert Committee guiding our research took place at UNICEF headquarters in New York from March 27-28. The meeting was attended by 25 persons, including members of our Expert Committee from around the world, senior representative of WHO, USAID and UNICEF, including the Executive Director, Anne Veneman, and the members of our Task Force. Findings from the second draft of the review were examined and recommendations developed covering the evidence for the effectiveness of CBPHC interventions for child health and the factors that need to be addressed in order to successfully implement these interventions. A Viewpoint article is currently being prepared for the Lancet covering the findings of this meeting. The review is ongoing. The second progress draft of the review document is available on our section website. We invite your comments to be emailed to Henry Perry or myself.

(2) Promotion of CBPHC is being followed through our presentations at this Global Health Council meeting, the Christian Connections for International Health meeting preceding this conference, through our list server and website and planning of our Pre-APHA annual conference meeting later this year. Our resources for CBPHC collection is being maintained by Connie Gates.

(3) This year there were 15 proposal submitted from around the world that qualified for the American Public Health Association - International Health Section Award Program, sponsored by the Colgate-Palmolive Company. The general standard of the proposals submitted was high. Each proposal was examined and rated independently by five reviewers. Three grants of \$10,000 each were awarded to applicants who will be doing their research in Kenya, Tanzania and El Salvador.

(4) This year the Gordon-Wyon Award for Community-Oriented Public Health, Epidemiology and Practice will be awarded to Bette Gebrian.

**Plans for the remainder of the year:**

(1) It is planned to finish our Review well before the end of this year. At this stage, we are receiving on-going feedback from the attendees at the above March meeting and anyone else wanting to contribute. Options for publishing the Review document, hopefully in book and electronic form, are currently being pursued with our donors.

(2) Planning is already progressing towards our pre-APHA annual meeting workshop. This year Project Concern is working with us. The themes of the workshop will be the finalized findings of

our Review and facilitatory methods to implement CBPHC programs. This year we plan to put aside the last hours of the workshop for discussion, networking and consultation --by young professionals with regards to work in CBPHC.

(3) The Gordon-Wyon Award will be presented at the section's annual award evening.

## **Pharmaceuticals Working Group**

**Chair:** Maggie Huff-Rousselle, mhuffrousselle@ssds.net

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The Pharmaceuticals Interest/Working group has continued to function as it did last year. There are approximately 200 members on the list that I email. Some of them are very active, and many of them are passive (receive email only). The traffic on the email has been related to both US-specific issues (e.g. transparency and future role of FDA) and global issues (e.g. impact of trade agreements on access to generic drugs).

We had a very good response this year to the panel solicitation, and there were 8 abstracts submitted, which could have potentially been 2 panels. There were one or two other abstracts that did not make it within the deadline. We tried to bridge section boundaries with our submissions, but this, in retrospect, may have been the wrong strategy. All 8 abstracts were accepted, which is a tribute to their strength, but we ended up with one panel under international health with five abstracts (a little crowded), one poster also under international health, and two papers on different panels under the medical care section. We are planning a meeting at APHA with some of the more active members from international health and medical care to discuss a future strategy.

**Objectives for 2008** The APHA pharmaceuticals interest/working (Rx I/W) group has moved beyond the boundaries of International Health (IH), and it is now impossible to say who in the group is an IH section member and how many have signed up from other APHA sections. We added over 40 people to Rx I/W list from a single APHA session in 2007, which brings the total membership of the list to between 150 and 200. The traffic on the list is still reasonably light, which makes it manageable for all, but it has gradually been picking up. As is typical, most Rx I/W members are passive and only a few are actively engaged in discussions. Articles and news stories are forwarded to the entire list, and more and more of these are coming from the Rx W/I membership for general circulation. We circulated a list of all the APHA sessions that had something to do with pharmaceuticals to the Rx W/I group list before the last conference, and will do the same this year. Members will also be reminded of the impending deadline for abstract submissions.

### **Activities for January – May 2008**

On-going efforts have resulted in an active exchange of information among members in the beginning of 2008. Members of the working group were reminded of the deadline for 2008 abstract submissions, and members of the Rx Working group submitted 8 abstracts for the October 2008 conference in San Diego coming out of different sections (we are crossing section

boundaries!). With 4 papers accepted this will make a panel session with a tentative title “**Public Interests & the Pharmaceutical Industry: A Changing World??**”

### **Activities for June – October 2008**

Three of the papers submitted on a panel last year should become a special issue of the IJHPM next year. We have a December deadline for the articles. Several members of the Rx working group have discussed interest in writing up something on the latest TB drug issue for circulation, and possibly an APHA blog (not yet started). Suggestions for experts who would write this up are welcome. We will prepare and circulate a list of all the APHA sessions that have something to do with pharmaceuticals to the Rx W/I group list before the October 2008 conference. We will also work to compile the list of some 150+ members of the working group to be included on the APHA IH website.

## **Trade and Health Liaison**

**Trade and Health Liaison Representative:** Mary Anne Mercer, mamercer@u.washington.edu

### **Liaison Report – Forum on Trade and Health:**

The APHA Executive Board approved the Forum on Trade and Health in the spring of 2007, based on what was formerly a “working group.” The forum is a new category within APHA, and is defined as a “membership unit composed of APHA members who are working together on a specific issue that is important to public health, crosses disciplinary and section or SPIG boundaries, requires expertise that may reside in more than one section or SPIG, and supports APHA’s mission.” Sections that have supported the Forum to date include Occupational Safety and Health, Medical Care, International Health, Public Health Nursing, Environmental Health, and Alcohol Tobacco and Other Drugs, as well as several affiliates.

The interests and concerns of Forum members show that trade impacts and intersects with health in a variety of ways. Topics addressed included the impact of free trade agreements on access to medicines and intellectual property rules, tobacco control policies, the migration of health care professionals, corporate social responsibility, occupational health and safety, and the role of states, localities and public health advocates in trade policy making. Some of the important Trade and Health issues that the Forum discussed during the past year include:

- New “Free Trade Agreements” (FTAs) with Peru, Colombia, Korea.
- CAFTA - Costa Rica ratified the agreement, after opponents narrowly lost a referendum that was widely criticized after government officials were found to be conducting a ‘fear and smear’ campaign.
- IP and Access to Medicine Issues - These have been controversial issues within the negotiation of the Korean, Malaysian, and Thailand FTAs.
- Public Health Representatives appointed to two USTR committees
  - Tine Hanson on ITAC 3 (Chemicals, Pharma, Health/Science Products)
  - Michele Forzeley on ITAC 15 (IP)
- Fast Track Authorization
- More recently, concern with import of toxic consumer goods.

This year the Forum is planning sessions and other activities for this year's meeting in San Diego. The 2008 theme "Public Health without Borders" is especially relevant to the Forum's work. Of particular interest to IH Section members are two planned field trips from San Diego to sites in Tijuana, Mexico, to look at issues related to environmental justice and worker health and safety. Those trips will take place on the Saturday afternoon that marks the beginning of the meeting, and will be announced shortly to Section members. In addition, the group will work on policy and advocacy to help protect public health worldwide.

The Forum holds a quarterly teleconference call that includes an informational presentation as well as discussion of business. The Forum welcomes new participants from any section. Forum officers for 2008 are: Susanna Bohme, chair; Bill Wiist, program planner; Garrett Brown and Ellen Shaffer, co-call coordinators. We welcome recruits to serve as secretary!

## **Section Leadership Team**

### ***Committee and Working Group Chairs:***

Nominations--Mary Anne Mercer for IH section  
Program--Omar Khan - Mike Bailey;  
Awards--Paul Freeman;  
Communications --Eckhard Kleinau, & newsletter—Josefa Ippolito-Shepherd;  
Membership--Rose Schneider;  
Students and New International Health Professionals—Helene Carabin;  
Advocacy--Amy Hagopian in 2008, Jirair Ratevosian beginning 2009;  
Section Management—Carol Dabbs;  
Action Board Rep—Donna Barry;  
Community-Based Primary Care--Paul Freeman and Malcolm Bryant;  
Pharmaceuticals--Maggie Huff-Rouselle or Annette DeMattos  
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