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**WELCOME!**

Welcome to the third ANAPHI monthly newsletter. This newsletter is sent out to the ANAPHI members on the last Wednesday of every month. The aim of the newsletter is to provide up to date information to members regarding ANAPHI current business; relevant DoHA news, information and updates; conference, workshops and seminars of interest; new and innovative work in Public Health Education; and much more. If you wish to contribute to this newsletter please send through your item to the secretariat, **Penny Bisset**, by the **Friday** prior to the newsletter being sent out.

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**NEWS FROM THE ANAPHI SECRETARIAT**

In last month's ANAPHI newsletter the secretariat put out a request for member organisations to check their contact details on the ANAPHI website. The response was overwhelming and I would just like to take this opportunity to thank-you all for doing so. For those who have not had a chance to check their details please do so as soon as you are able to.

New to this month's newsletter is a section devoted to ANAPHI member's

movements/achievements/changes. Both myself and the chair of the ANAPHI, Vivian Lin, would like to encourage the ANAPHI members to notify us of any items such as those above that members believe would be of interest. As with other newsletter items please forward these by COB the Friday **prior** to the final Wednesday in the month. Of particular interest this month is **Hal Swerissen's** appointment as Acting Dean of Health Sciences at La Trobe University. Also, **Brian Oldenburg** is re-locating from the School of Public Health at Queensland University of Technology to a new Chair in International Public Health in the Department of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine at Monash University. **Rebecca Watson**, the previous ANAPHI secretariat will be going with Brian also to Monash University.

Lastly, for those who have been able to read the latest ANAPHI Executive minutes you will notice that the University of Sunshine Coast application for membership was accepted by the Executive. It is intended that they will be welcomed formally at the next face to face meeting of the ANAPHI in November, however I neglected to mention that the full ANAPHI membership is now able to put forward any queries, comments and issues regarding the application. If an ANAPHI membership organisation does wish to do so they must contact the secretariat prior to the **next** Executive meeting which is to be held on **Wednesday, 19th July**.

Penny Bisset

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## NEWS FROM DoHA

### **PHERP Agreements**

Thank you to all ANAPHI members for their participation in the development of the PHERP Phase IV Funding Agreements. All Universities will have now received a copy of this agreement for their consideration.

You will note some changes to the funding agreements for Phase IV of the PHERP Program. These reflect the recommendations from discussions held with ANAPHI members; the PHERP 2005 Review; current and emerging national priority areas within public health; outcomes of financial audits; and, changes in Departmental contract management and financial accountability policy.

Some of the key changes you will note include:

- A strengthened PHERP Program through improvements in the Program's quality, effectiveness and accountability, including funding being paid upon deliverables;
- Increased investment in public health education and research through an increase in universities' contribution to the Program from one dollar per each one dollar of Commonwealth contribution to one dollar and twenty five cents per each dollar of Commonwealth contribution, from 1 January 2009; and
- Increasing Indigenous public health capacity through the development and delivery of health education courses for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in a culturally safe way and raising awareness of Indigenous health issues in mainstream and specialised population health courses.

As indicated in the cover letter for these agreements, should there be any queries or comments, please forward these via email to <mailto:pherp@health.gov.au> by 7 July 2006 to allow for full consideration by the Department.

The Infrastructure and Workforce Section will respond to these comments on a case-to-case basis, taking into account their merit, responding in writing via email.

Please note that Wendy Banham who has been with the Section for some time and who contributed greatly to these new agreements, has now moved to a new job within the Department in the new Office of Health Protection.

Rebecca Jeffery who recently joined our section (part-time), along with Angela McKinnon will take responsibility for program administration in relation to the new funding agreements for PHERP consortia, universities and national centres.

Other staffing changes to the Infrastructure & Workforce Section include the departure of Kate Brown who contributed greatly to the Section. Kate has also transferred to the new Office of Health Protection. Welcome to Geoff Fisher who has come to our section through the Department's Graduate Program.

### **PHERP Quality**

In relation to PHERP quality the Department has provided funding to ANAPHI to undertake some research as recommended by the Quality Working Group (QWG). This research will contribute significantly towards the *developmental stage* which comprises consultation and primarily the revision of the National Public Health Education Framework (NPHEF) which was developed during the last PHERP phase.

This research is currently being undertaken to map the existing work that universities are doing in relation to quality assurance processes, quality indicators and gathering exemplars of best practice at both the school and program level. A basic review of the current literature on effectiveness of quality systems adopted overseas for public health education and research training is also being conducted. Once this research is completed it is envisaged that the QWG will convene a workshop with key academics and industry to further the work on quality, more specifically on national population health competencies and exploring mechanisms for assessing the competencies. A research assistant, Miss Chantelle Fernando, has been employed by the ANAPHI to undertake this research. Chantelle will work out of the School of Public Health at La Trobe University and her contact details are as follows:

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Piece submitted by Rebecca Jeffery on behalf of Angela McKinnon and David Dumbrell

### **38th Asia Pacific Public Health (APACPH) CONFERENCE**

**ABSTRACT DEADLINE:** The Abstract Deadline for the 38th APACPH Conference (3-6 December 2006) hosted by Mahidol University, Bangkok, Thailand is drawing near. The theme for the 38th APACPH conference is *Partnership for Human Security and Health*, which reflects the need for partnerships at community, institutional and governmental level to enhance the development of human security and health in the world. Presentations that address this theme are encouraged but abstract submissions on any topic related to public health are also welcome. Visit the APACPH website for the Conference Website for more information - <http://www.apacph.org/>

Note - You do not have to be an APACPH member to attend the conference which is an excellent opportunity for researchers, academics, health practitioners, policy-makers and 'early career' professionals from around the region to meet, discuss and share challenges, ideas, resources and experiences. Successful APACPH conferences in recent years have taken place in Taipei (2005),

Brisbane (2004) and Shanghai (2003).

**KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:** Three keynote speakers have already been confirmed. Peter Hotez MD, PhD, FAAP is Professor and Chair of the Department of Microbiology and Tropical medicine at The George Washington University where his major research and academic interest is in the area of vaccine development for parasitic and tropical diseases and the role of vaccines. His keynote speech will be *The Neglected Tropical Diseases: New Promise for their Control*.

Professor Harald zur Hausen M.D., from the German Cancer Research Centre, has played a major role in the research on cervical cancer and his keynote will be *An Update on Cancer and Cancer Control*. Prof. zur Hausen's breakthrough discovery that wart viruses played a role in the development of cervical cancer has had a major impact on the understanding of the cause of cervical cancer, leading to the improvement in its prevention and treatment. Jonathan M. Samet, M.D., M.S. is Professor and Chairman of the Department of Epidemiology of the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in the US. His keynote speech will be *Tobacco Control: Saving Lives Millions at a Time*, reflecting his extensive experience and research in this important public health area.

**PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS** (3rd December 2006):

1. Early Career Network Workshop- 3rd December 2006 (9am-3pm)

*Practical Research Skills in resource poor settings: chronic disease surveillance, capacity building and community mobilisation to improve public health.* Coordinator/Presenter: Dr Ruth Bonita

2. Injury Prevention Symposium - 3rd December (9am-12pm)

Chair: Prof R. Krishnan/Prof Wen-Ta Chiu

3. Environmental Health Impact Assessment (EHIA) workshop - 3rd December (12pm-3pm)

Chair: Prof Jeffrey Spickett, Curtin University, Australia

4. Women and youth : violence vs resilience symposium - 3rd December (9am-12pm)

Chair: Prof P.J. Garrison

5. Behavioral Medicine Initiative symposium

Chair: Prof Edwin Fisher, University of North Caroline, USA

**ABSTRACT SUBMISSION:** Abstract submission is invited for Oral, Poster and Symposium Presentations.\* To apply, download the /Abstract form/ and /Instructions for Authors/ (under 'Download forms' on the conference website - [www.apacph2006.org](http://www.apacph2006.org)). Fill in the template according to the instructions and email it as an attachment to A/Prof Kanokrat Siripanichgon at [kanokrat@apacph2006.org](mailto:kanokrat@apacph2006.org) <<mailto:kanokrat@apacph2006.org>> with 'APACPH ABSTRACT SUBMISSION' in the subject line. Submission by post is acceptable for those without Internet access. Please consider the format guidelines, enclose a disk with the abstract and send it to Associate Professor.Dr.Kanokrat Siripanichgon, Faculty of Public Health, Mahidol University, 420/1 Rajvithi Rd., Rajthewee, Bangkok, 10400, Thailand. Faxed submissions will not be accepted.

Submissions should be made by 30 June 2006.

Abstract notification will be by 31 July 2006.

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** Scholarships are available for students and young staff. Please download the /Application Form for Scholarship/ (under 'Download forms') and submit by post or fax (+662 354-8554) to the conference organisers before 31st August 2006. Those who have their abstracts accepted will be notified regarding scholarships by 30 September.

**REGISTRATION:** Registration is open. Please download the Registration form under 'Registration' on the conference website and fax or post to the conference organisers.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Contact Professor Brian Oldenburg - [b.oldenburg@qut.edu.au](mailto:b.oldenburg@qut.edu.au)

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**A Guide to Developing Public Health Programmes: A generic programme logic model.**

**Published in March 2006 by the Ministry of Health, Wellington, New Zealand**

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And as a PDF file at:

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**ASPH Releases Version 2.1 of the MPH Core Competencies**

The ASPH Education Committee, chaired by Dean Stephen Shortell (UC-Berkeley), released Version 2.1 of the core MPH competencies this week. Version 2.1 includes five discipline-specific competency lists (Biostatistics, Environmental Health Sciences, Epidemiology, Health Policy and Management and Social and Behavioural Sciences ) and a list of interdisciplinary/cross-cutting competencies across seven overarching domains (Communication and Informatics, Diversity and Culture, Leadership, Professionalism, Program Planning, Public Health Biology and Systems Thinking).

The new version includes more resources, such as a list of all competencies considered by the workgroups in drafting their final lists, based on comments and suggestions received on Version 2.0.

The integrated competencies will be formally presented to the associate deans at their retreat on Friday, June 23, for their input and endorsement. All others are welcome to view Version 2.1 at <http://www.asph.org/UserFiles/FinalVersion2.1.pdf> and are invited to comment by responding to [competency@asph.org](mailto:competency@asph.org).

After the associate deans comment on Version 2.1, ASPH will advance the list for presentation to the ASPH deans at their 2006 summer retreat. The competency workgroups are also currently drafting a list of glossary terms to assist with the usage of the core competencies. The Education Committee will continue to consider all comments from the membership and other stakeholders on an ongoing basis.

Upon the board of directors' approval at the annual meeting in November 2006, the competencies will be considered ASPH's best effort to date to define the terrain of the MPH degree. It is understood that competency sets generally have a three-year lifespan, and that they will need to be periodically updated to reflect new thinking and future challenges to the field. The competencies are intended to serve as a resource and guide for those interested in improving the quality and accountability of graduate public health education and training.

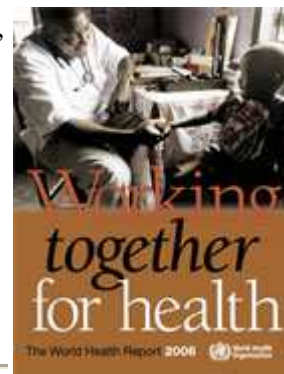
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**The World Health Report 2006 - Working together for health.**

*The World Health Report 2006 - Working together for health* contains an expert assessment of the current crisis in the global health workforce and ambitious proposals to tackle it over the next ten years, starting immediately. The report reveals an estimated shortage of almost 4.3 million doctors, midwives, nurses and support workers worldwide. The shortage is most severe in the poorest countries, especially in sub-Saharan Africa, where health workers are most needed. Focusing on all stages of the health workers' career

lifespan from entry to health training, to job recruitment through to retirement, the report lays out a ten-year action plan in which countries can build their health workforces, with the support of global partners.

Link to the current World Health Report -  
<http://www.who.int/whr/2006/en/index.html>



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### **37th Public Health Association of Australia Annual Conference**

#### **Tackling the Determinants of Health**



**From the bush to Bondi**  
**25 -27 September 2006**  
**Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre**  
**Darling Harbour, Sydney, NSW**

Please go to the following website for more information regarding the upcoming PHA conference entitled "Tackling the Determinants of Health":

<http://www.phaa.net.au/conferences/Annual06/callforpapers.htm>

Also, please go to the following website for the latest PHAA newsletter:

<http://www.phaa.net.au/intouch/intouch06/June06.pdf>

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**ASPH 66th Annual Meeting of the Deans** - The Chair of the ANAPHI, Vivian Lin, put forward in the last Executive meeting that it would be good if an ANAPHI member could attend the meeting which is to be held from 4th November to 7th November in Boston as an observer for the ANAPHI. If any ANAPHI members are in Boston at this time and are able to do so can they please let the secretariat know.

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**Fourth International Conference of the International Society for Equity in Health** - The Department of Public Health, Flinders University, is hosting the Fourth International Conference of the International Society for Equity in Health (ISEqH) in Adelaide from 11-13 September 2006. Please see attached document for more information.

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**ASPH Friday Letter - Issue 1415** ([http://www.asph.org/press/fridayletter/press.cfm?fl\\_index=1415](http://www.asph.org/press/fridayletter/press.cfm?fl_index=1415))

**News item of interest:** *Timeline Announced for Selection of New WHO Director-General*

The World Health Organization's Executive Board announced a November timetable for electing a new Director-General for the Organization, this week. The decision follows the sudden death of Dr. Lee Jong-wook, WHO director-general, last Monday, May 22.

Specifically, the Board has decided by resolution that it will nominate a new director-general in a meeting from Monday, November 6-Wednesday, November 8. This meeting would be followed by a one-day special session of the World Health Assembly on Thursday, November 9, which would vote to appoint the new director-general.

The acting director-general will notify member states that they may propose candidates from Thursday, June 1. Proposals would be accepted by the WHO secretariat until Tuesday, September 5, and the secretariat would dispatch these to member states by Thursday, October 5.

In a special session held on Tuesday, May 23, the Executive Board agreed that it wanted an "accelerated process" for electing a director-general. The resolution today means that the Board has agreed to waive a rule which would normally allow for a six-month nomination process.

Dr. Anders Nordstrom will continue as the acting director-general of WHO until a new director-general takes office.

The WHO Executive Board is comprised of 34 Members who are technically qualified in the field of health. The main functions of the Board are to give effect to the decisions and policies of the World Health Assembly, to advise it and generally to facilitate its work.

The countries represented on the current Executive Board are: Afghanistan, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bhutan, Bolivia, Brazil, China, Denmark, Djibouti, El Salvador, Iraq, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Mali, Mexico, Namibia, Portugal, Romania, Rwanda, Singapore, Slovenia, Sri Lanka, Tonga, Thailand, Turkey and the United States of America.

[http://www.asph.org/press/fridayletter/article\\_view.cfm?FLE\\_Index=3804&FL\\_Index=1415](http://www.asph.org/press/fridayletter/article_view.cfm?FLE_Index=3804&FL_Index=1415)

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### **IMPORTANT DATES!**

**NEXT ANAPHI EXECUTIVE MEETING - Wednesday, 19th July at 2pm (EST)**

**NEXT ANAPHI NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - Friday, 21st July by COB**

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