The Sixth Annual Conference of IASSH will take place during 7th & 8th March 2009 in Pondicherry and Prof T. Subramaniam Naidu, Dean of Social Sciences & International Studies, Pondicherry University, Pondicherry is the organizing secretary. The theme of the conference is Health, Equity and Human Rights.

Symposia Topics:
1. Public Health in India: Current Scenario
2. Reducing Vulnerability to Ill Health Through Human Rights Approach
3. Equity and Ethical Issues in Health Care

Technical Sessions:
1. Impact of Social and Cultural Factors on Health
2. Poverty, Equity and Vulnerability
3. Medical Tourism and its impact
4. Globalization and it impact on Health Care
5. Maternal and Child Health and MDGs
6. Health of the Elderly- Human Rights Issues,
7. NRHM – A Progress Report
8. Gender Inequalities in Health Status and Health Care
9. Advancing the sexual and reproductive health and rights of young people
10. Reducing maternal mortality and morbidity by mainstreaming equity and human rights,
11. Health Systems and Programs-how they can be improved

Important Dates:
Last date of receiving abstracts: January 5th 2009
Last date receiving full paper: February 15th 2009
Venue: Pondicherry University, Pondicherry, India
1. INTERNATIONAL COLLOQUIUM ON THE OLDEST OLD (80+)

Organized by :Centre for Gerontological Studies, Thiruvananthapuram, (Co-sponsored by Govt. of Kerala & UNFPA), February 9 – 11, 2009

**Theme: Health and Care-Giving of the Oldest Old**

A colloquium is being organized by Prof P. K. B. Nayar; to commemorate the completion of ten years of the Centre for Gerontological studies (CGS) that he founded. The focus of the Colloquium is the health and wellbeing of our senior citizens. The colloquium will be a learning and experience sharing exercise through interactive and participatory methods.

The Colloquium will help to: (a) Identify the concerns and needs of the oldest old with diverse regional, economic, ethnic, and cultural and life-style identities and (b) Document the best practices/success stories in addressing the needs of this segment of the population.

The colloquium will cover the following areas: (1) The chronic ailments such as hypertension, cancer, diabetes etc. (2) Nutritional issues (3) Living arrangements (4) Care-giving arrangements (5) Widowed and sick women (6) Persons living alone (7) The public support system. Further particulars can be had from: Colloquium Coordinator, Centre for Gerontological Studies, Kochulloor, Thiruvananthapuram-695011, email: cgs@cgsindia.org or pkbnayar@yahoo.co.in, Website: www.cgsindia.org

2. International Conference on Gender based Violence and Sexual and Reproductive Health, Mumbai 15-18 February 2009


This conference aims to expand what is known about the magnitude of gender-based violence and its impact on the health of the individual and the society, to fill gaps in our understanding of factors underlying the experience of violence and consequences of violence for women's, families' and nations' well-being and programmatic responses intended to eliminate sexual violence. More specifically the objectives of organizing this conference are to: (i) Review the magnitude and determinants of GBV; (ii) Explore the sexual and reproductive health (SRH) consequences of GBV; (iii) Share experiences of programmes and interventions for the prevention of GBV, their impact on SRH and gaps and challenges that remain; (iv) Review relevant policies, programmes and their implementation; and (v) Suggest recommendations on programme strategies and policies to address GBV and SRH.

Further information and correspondence: Dr Balaiah Donta, National Institute for Research in Reproductive Health, Jehangir Merwanji Street, Parel, Mumbai 400 012, India, e-mail: gbv2009@yahoo.co.in; bdonta2007@yahoo.co.in; biostatirr@hotmail.com


**Themes:** Unequal terms at workplace based on Gender, Unequal Parenthood, Gender biased opportunities in Education and Gender Inequalities in Health Sector, Gender Equity and MDG Goals. Contact: kjscc.ge@gmail.com or ushaiyer777@gmail.com

**During March 3-5, 2009, Chandigarh.**


**Submission dates: Abstract Dec 31, 2008, Full paper Feb 10, 2008.**

Contact: iipsseminar@iips.net, website: http://www.iipsindia.org

5. Conferences attended:

- **Conference on “Health and Development”, Kannur University, 22-23 October, 2008**
  - Conference on Health and Development was organized by the Department of Applied Economics, Kannur University during 22 and 23 October, 2008. Two of our members participated and chaired some sessions. Dr. K. E. Vaidyanathan spoke on “Ageing of Population in India: Emerging Health Issues” and Prof M. H. Suryanarayana spoke on “Food Security and Morbidity Issues based on Self Perception”. The conference was attended by over 100 participants and brought out several development issues.

- **Thirtieth Annual Conference of Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP) organized by ISEC, Bangalore was attended by Dr. D. P. Singh, Dr. M. Ramakrishna Reddy, Dr. U. V. Somayajulu, Dr. N. Audinarayana, Dr. C. P. Prakasam, Dr. K. M. Satyanarayana, Dr. Suresh Sharma, Dr. A. Subbiah, Dr. Ramesh Kanbargi, Dr. N. K. Mahakud, Mr. S. Anil Chandran, Dr. Ash Bose, Dr. D. C. Nath, Dr. K. N. M. Raju, Dr. A. K. Ravishankar (Life Members) and Dr. B. D. Mishra, Mr. Ravi Prakash, Mr. Praveen Kr. Pathak (Annual Members) presented papers. Some of them chaired the sessions. Book written by Dr. N. Audinarayana on “Sexuality and Sexual Behaviour among unmarried young boys: Explorations from rural and urban settings of Tamil Nadu” was released during the Inaugural Session.

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**II. Training Program**

The International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai is pleased to announce a 2 week training program on "Family Planning and Reproductive Health" during January 12-24, 2008. The program is being organized in collaboration with the Bloomberg School of Public Health at the John Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA. For the Brochure and Application Form and details, please visit IIPS website: www.iipsindia.org

Or contact: Usha Ram, Ph.D., Reader, Department of Public Health and Mortality Studies, International Institute for Population Sciences, Govandi Station Road, Deonar, MUMBAI 400 088, usharam.2008@rediffmail.com, usharam@iips.net

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**III. Publications**

**World health Report 2008: Primary Health Care - Now More than Ever**

*Publisher: World Health Organization, 2008*

The 2008 WHO World Health Report focuses on Primary Health Care (PHC) and marks the 30th anniversary of the inception of PHC at Alma Ata, Kazakhstan. The report is split into six chapters:

The first chapter describes current challenges faced by health and health systems. The second chapter looks at the roots of inequity in health and how reforms can move countries towards universal access to PHC services including social health protection. The third chapter describes how PHC can be used to bring health promotion and prevention programmes together in a safe, effective and socially productive way. Chapter four examines how health policies can be used to improve the health of communities. In chapter five, the authors look at how leadership within the public sector is vital to steer PHC reform, and should be done in collaboration with multiple stakeholders. The last chapter looks at the fact that the different social, economic and health realities faced by countries must inform the way forward for PHC.

The report also looks at cross-cutting elements in the reforms, common to all countries, which provide a basis for globally shared learning and understanding about how PHC reforms can be advanced more systematically everywhere. Available online at: http://www.eldis.org/go/topics/resource-guides/health-systems&id=40422&type=Document
III. Publications contd…..

Eldis Resource Guides of Institute of Development Studies (IDS), Sussex, U.K

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IV. BOOKS

1. Latest Arrivals:

- Indrani Gupta, Mayur Trivedi and Subodh Kandamutan: “Adoption of Health Technologies in India: Implications for the AIDS vaccine”. This book examines the adoption of four health technologies in India-Hepatitis B, No Scalpel Vasectomy, Voluntary Counseling and Testing and Antiretroviral treatment and discusses the limitations. Published by SAGE India, Rs.295.00

- Parmesh Shahani: “Gay Bombay: Globalization, Love and (be) longing in Contemporary India”. This book discovers gay activities in Bombay in television studios, the editing rooms, the dance rooms, the chart rooms and private parlors, Published by SAGE India, Rs.395.00

- Rohini Sahni, V Kalyan Shankar and Hemant Apte: “Prostitution and Beyond: An analysis of Sex Work in India”. This volume addresses the diversity of perspectives on sex work in India. The topic is covered with academic research, case studies and in depth interviews. Published by SAGE India, Rs.395.00


- Dr. Sibnath Deb (Faculty Member, Dept of Applied Psychology, University College of Science and Technology, Calcutta University, Kolkata-700 009): “Reproductive Health Management” in press (to be released in May 2009)

RESEARCH

1. PULMONARY REHABILITATION PROGRAMME TO PATIENTS IN IMPROVEMENT OF LUNG FUNCTIONS”, by Mrs. LEENA J, Asst Professor, PSG College of Nursing, Coimbatore

2. KNOWLEDGE, STIGMA, PERCEPTION ABOUT HIV/AIDS AND ACCEPTANCE OF HIV/AIDS TESTING AMONG PREGNANT WOMEN, by R. Baranitharan , V. Mahalakshmi, V. Kokila, PSG College of Physiotherapy, Peelamedu, Coimbatore -641 004
IV. BOOKS (REVIEW) …..

N. Audinarayana: “Sexuality and sexual behavior among unmarried young Boys: Explorations from rural and urban settings of Tamil Nadu”, Department of Population Studies, Bharathiar university, Coimbatore-641 046, Tamil Nadu., Rs.150, Copies can be obtained from the author.

This research work is an outcome of an empirical study carried out by the author with the funds provided by UGC in Rural and Urban settings of Coimbatore and Erode districts of Tamil Nadu. Study covers 2000 unmarried young boys (15-24) as sample respondents focuses on the prevalence of pre-marital sexual behavior and its determinants in addition to their knowledge about various aspects of sexuality, gender-specific attitudes about the pre-marital sex and related issues, myths and misconceptions. This book is divided in to seven chapters and fourth, and fifth chapters reveals about knowledge, attitudes, beliefs, myths and misconceptions and sixth chapter focus on “Sexual Behavior: Differentials and determinants. Interpretations are done with Statistical analysis and conclusions are drawn very systematically. This book brings out extensive review about the sexuality and sexual Behavior among young boys about their knowledge on sexuality and reproduction, about STDs and HIV/AIDS, Sources of information and peer norms, sex and sex related issues etc. A resource book for a researcher who is working on the topic sexuality and for others it gives steps for conducting evidence based research in the topic.

IV. BOOKS Release


The conference reviewed global and region-specific research that has contributed to understanding the synergies between sexual and reproductive health (SRH) and HIV/AIDS, including research and development of relevant technologies and interventions; identified successful approaches and challenges for linkages between SRH and HIV/AIDS and highlight gaps; and recommended specific policy and programmatic actions and advocacy initiatives that could strengthen the linkages between SRH and HIV prevention. This book contains 34 papers presented by the invited speakers over various issues related to integration of sexual and reproductive health and HIV/AIDS. In the last section contains the general conclusions from the meeting, followed by recommendations for a) Sexual and Reproductive Health Needs of People Living with HIV, b) Capacity Strengthening of Health Care Providers, c) Donor Support for Establishing and Strengthening Linkages Needed, d) Addressing SRH/HIV Linkages among Young People, e) Policy makers and Research Gaps.
VI. Social Science Organization:

SIGMA Research and Consulting Private Limited:

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The team members are located in Delhi, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Chennai and Bangalore. Collectively, the areas of expertise they span include child development, communication, demography/population, disaster management, education, governance (including e-governance), health and nutrition, infrastructure, maternal and child/neonatal health, reproductive health / HIV / AIDS, social marketing, rural development, transport, water and sanitation, women empowerment etc. SIGMA has an all India network of field offices in most of the Indian states.

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VII. SAD DEMISES OF DR. N.J. USHA RAO

Dr. Usha Rao, was one of 14 children, born to a Sanskrit scholar and an Ayurvedic physician, received her early education in Mangalore at the St. Agnes School. Before she could complete the school leaving exam, she was married at the tender age of 14 years. While ably handling her role and responsibilities as a full time homemaker and mother of three children, she managed to complete her Bachelor’s degree in 1962 from Delhi University and her Master’s degree in Sociology in 1968 from Patna University. She was awarded two gold medals, one for obtaining the first rank in Master in Sociology and the second for the highest marks recorded in the Master’s program. She submitted her thesis titled “Occupational Mobility among Scheduled Castes in Karnataka” to the Patna University for the doctoral degree, but was instead awarded the D.Litt in 1990 for the outstanding quality of the work. On completing her post-graduation, she joined as a Lecturer in Patna University. In 1973 she joined as Assistant Professor at the Institute for Social & Economic Change (ISEC) Bangalore. In 1990, she was appointed as Professor, Reserve Bank of India Chair at the C.D. Deshmukh Council for Social Development, Hyderabad. After her retirement in 1995, the Government of Andhra Pradesh invited her to direct a research project on self-employed women in the urban informal sector in the twin cities of Hyderabad and Secundrabad. She was an active life member of various professional bodies. After her retirement, Dr. Usha Rao continued her work on empowering marginalized and underprivileged rural women as the Founder-Director of the National Resource Development Trust that she set up in 1997. Dr. Usha Rao passed away in the month of June. All members of IASSH express condolences with grief and pray that her soul rest in peace. Contacts: Dr. Usha Rao’s Daughter: Dr. (Mrs) Kiran Rao, working as Doctor at NIMHANS, Bangalore, e-mail: kiranrao.nimhans@gmail.com, (080 257242)
Zonal level Quiz competition on “Community and maternal health issues”

PSG COLLEGE OF NURSING, COIMBATORE-4

On 7th November 2008 PSG College of Nursing conducted Tenth zonal level quiz competition on “Community and maternal health issues”, special focus was laid on General Knowledge. Twenty Colleges from Kerala, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu had participated for preliminary rounds of which Five colleges were selected for main rounds.

Dr. Mohamed Ali, Block Medical Officer, Local health Authority, Thudiyalur, Coimbatore addressed the gathering. He emphasized on the basic qualities of Nurses.

Prof. T. Nirmala, Vice Principle PSG College of Nursing inaugurated the quiz programme and delivered presidential address. In her address she gave a message that “People may forget what you said to them, may forget what you do to them but they will never forget the way you made them feel”.

KMCH College of Nursing won the rolling trophy for the second alternative year. Gokulam College of Nursing and St. John’s College of Nursing has secured second and third prize respectively.

The organizers were Professor Chirsty Mekala, Mrs. P. Sathya, Associate Professor and Mrs. Gandhimathi, Mrs. Johnsy sundari Mrs. Shanthi, Mrs. Kalaimathi were Assistant Professors. Quiz mistress were Prof. Chirsty Mekala of Community Nursing, Mrs. Johnsy Sundarai of Maternity Department and Prof. Dr. Subhadar Iyengar, Head of the Department of Research studies. Program ended with vote of thanks to the chair.
## IX. DATA SHEET

### SELECTED CHILD HEALTH INDICATORS, INDIA AND STATES, NFHS 3 (2005-2006)

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Note: 1. Based on either a written record or the mother’s recall. 2. Percentage of children age 12-23 months received BCG, measles, and three doses each of DPT and polio vaccine (excluding polio vaccine given at birth). 3. Percentage of children age under 5 year with symptoms of acute respiratory infection (ARI). 4. Percentage of women who know about oral dehydration salt (ORS). 5. Percentage of children under age six who received any service from an anganwadi centre (AWC) in the past year. 6. AWC services include distribution of supplementary food, growth promotion, immunizations, health check-ups, health and nutrition education, and pre-school education. 7. Percentage of children under age six years whose mothers received supplementary food from an AWC during pregnancy. Supplementary food includes both food cooked and several at the AWC on a daily basis or given in the form of take home rations. — Compiled by Dr. M. V. Vaithilingam, International Institute for Population Sciences, Deonar, Mumbai-400088 (India) e-mail: vaidhya_iips@rediffmail.com
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2. Applications to support the work of the UN in India with Parliamentarians and Legislators United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Location: New Delhi Last Date: December 1, 2008 [http://216.119.85.221/artman2/publish/indian-jobs/article_10569.shtml]


4. Senior Research Officer Sangath Location: Goa Last Date: November 30, 2008 [http://216.119.85.221/artman2/publish/indian-jobs/article_10536.shtml]

5. Research Director Sangath Location: Goa Last Date: November 30, 2008 [http://216.119.85.221/artman2/publish/indian-jobs/article_10535.shtml]

6. Director of Rural Research Sehgal Foundation / IRRAD Location: Gurgaon, Haryana Last Date: November 30, 2008 [http://216.119.85.221/artman2/publish/indian-jobs/article_10469.shtml]


2. Researcher Centre for Media Studies Location: New Delhi Last Date: November 27, 2008 [http://216.119.85.221/artman2/publish/indian-jobs/article_10407.shtml]

3. Senior Researcher Centre for Media Studies Location: New Delhi Last Date: November 27, 2008 [http://216.119.85.221/artman2/publish/indian-jobs/article_10408.shtml]

4. Project Manager Christian Medical Association of India Location: Orissa Last Date: November 30, 2008 [http://216.119.85.221/artman2/publish/indian-jobs/article_10325.shtml]


Note: Job opportunities with the last date is given. Though in some of the above announcements last is over or likely to over in a day or two, however information is given for the Job seekers and advise them to explore the possibilities through the Link given.