



IASSSH NEWSLETTER

I. SIXTH MILE STONE ON IASSSH PROGRESSIVE PATH:

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IASSSH celebrated its Sixth conference at Pondicherry. Around two hundred delegates attended and presented papers. This effort is possible with the financial support from UNFPA, UNICEF and RBI. Our sincere thanks are due to Mr. Nesim Tumkaya, Representative and Mr. Venkatesh Srinivasan, Asst Resident Representative, UNFPA, Dr. Pavitra Mohan, Health Specialist, and Dr. Satish Kumar, UNICEF, for their cooperation and support in making the conference a grand success.

The specific issues raised during the conference are:

Health inequality exists according to social and economic environment and hence the public health programme should consider these inequalities and formulate the interventions accordingly.

The social representations of various stakeholders such as health administrators, financial institutions, health professionals, and grassroots level workers should be explored of the target community for whom the health delivery system has to be developed.

Alleviation of rural poverty is possible through rural development programs and development of house hold industries and improving the agricultural activities. Health insurance policy and financial assistance to the poor should be incorporated in the health program

To reduce maternal mortality, regional government and the international community must create programs of health care and increase the number of medical and nursing students (Medical manpower).

The availability of female health worker is critical for improving use of maternal health services.

Anemia is most common among young girls



(L to R) Mr. Venkatesh Srinivasan, UNFPA, Prof. J. A.K. Tareen (Vice-Chancellor), Dr. Pavitra Mohan, UNICEF



Distinguish Delegates of Sixth Conference

and it is suggested that proper counseling is necessary about the complications of Anemia and Iron rich foods to the rural adolescent girls to improve their health status.

Women can hold the key to public health by ensuring household food safety provided they are empowered with enabling environment supported by sound awareness creation efforts.

Health care programs should also focus urban poor.

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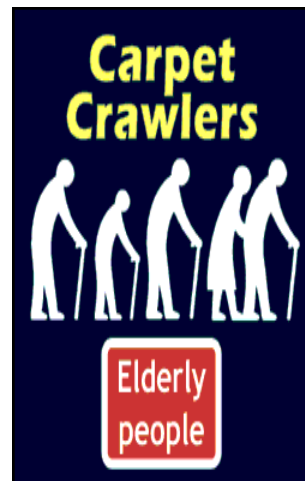
SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- See for Sixth Conference details:
- <http://www.iasssh.org>
- For Newsletter:
- <http://www.iasssh.org/newsletter.htm>
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II. CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP

FIRST GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON THE OLDEST OLD

The Centre for Gerontological Studies, Thiruvananthapuram organized an International Colloquium on the Oldest Old (80+) with Focus on Health and Care Giving in Thiruvananthapuram on Feb. 9 – 11, 2009. The Colloquium was co-sponsored by UNFPA and the Government of Kerala. 106 invited scholars and professionals including 14 international delegates attended the colloquium. They included social scientists, social workers, health professionals, government officials, advocacy groups and others engaged in the promotion of old age welfare policies and programmes. The Colloquium was inaugurated by Dr. S. D. Gokhale, President of International Longevity Centre. The Keynote Address was delivered by Dr. Marco Derveeuw, Deputy Representative of UNFPA. Dr. K.E. Vaidyanathan, President of IASSH was among the leading Symposium Speakers. Contact for further details to: Dr. P. K. B. Nayar, Coordinator of the Colloquium, e-mail: pkbnayar@yahoo.co.in



International Conference on Health for All: Opportunities and Challenges”, Jaipur, India, September 21-23, 2009

International Sociological Association Research Committee on Sociology of Health (RC 15) has issued a call for papers on the theme “Health for All: Opportunities and Challenges” to be held in Jaipur, India, September 21-23, 2009. The registration fee for Indian participants is Rs 1000 up to 30 June and Rs 1200 after this date. Prof. Ishwar Modi is the organizing secretary of the conference. Address for Correspondence: Prof. Dr. Ishwar Modi, Director, India International Institute of Social Sciences, 28, Vishnu Enclave, Durgapura, Jawahar Lal Nehru Marg, Jaipur – 302018 (India) iiiss2005modi@yahoo.co.in.

Fifth International Conference on the Impact of Environmental Factors on Health, 21-23 September 2009, New Forest, UK

Call for papers: **Environmental Health Risk 2009**. Papers are invited on the topics, organized by the Wessex Institute of Technology, UK. Abstracts of no more than 300 words should be submitted on or before 20 September 2009. Please see the conference website <http://www2.wessex.ac.uk/09-conferences/environmental-health-risk-2009-4.html>

International
Conferences and
workshops

IIHMR Health Communications Workshop

The Institute of Health Management Research (IIHMR), Jaipur is conducting a one-week management development programme (MDP) on "Planning and Managing Health Communication" from **June 22-27, 2009** at IIHMR, Jaipur, India. The programme is primarily designed for developing and enhancing the skills of programme managers, involved in planning, management and implementation of health care programs for improving the demand for health care services. The participants may be personnel working in the ministries of health, government agencies, public health institutions, non-governmental organizations, and voluntary agencies. The programme is expected to enhance the communication and management skills of health professionals. Interested participants are requested to send in their nominations by June 15, 2009 to Dr. Neetu Purohit at neetu@iihmr.org.

Workshop on Research Design in Health Sciences: Construct, Critique and Conduct

PSG College of Nursing which was started in the year 1994, having an exclusive Research department is organizing a three day Workshop on Research Design in Health Sciences during 25th to 27th June, 2009 at the institute's premises, to enhance and empower the knowledge and skills of Health Sciences research methods among students and faculty. The objective of the workshop is to understand and appreciate the scientific methods as it is applied to evidence based health research .

Dr. Subhadra Iyengar, HOD, Research Department, PSG College of Nursing , Coimbatore, is the organizing secretary. Workshop covers :Qualitative Approach To Health Research – special address to social approach to health research, Quantitative Approach in Health- An epidemiological approach to health research, Qualitative Research Designs-Principles and Practice, Quantitative Research Designs-Conduct and Critique, Qualitative And Quantitative Methods-Comparison, Survey Designs, Experimental Designs, RCT-Randomized Clinical trial etc., For further details contact: Prof. Dr. Subhadra Iyengar, driyengar_subhadra@rediffmail.com, info@psgnursing.com

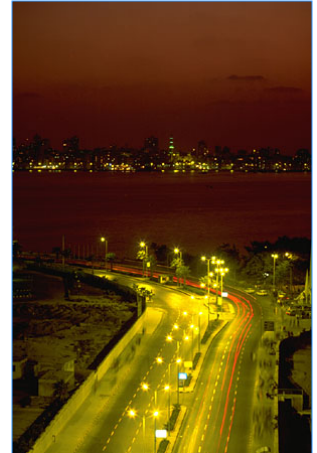
III. FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS

Post-Graduate Fellowship Program in Health Metrics

The Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME) at the University of Washington is accepting applications for the Post-Graduate Fellowship program. The IHME Post-Graduate Fellowship Program provides a unique opportunity for individuals with graduate-level training and a strong quantitative background to conduct in-depth, methodological research on a variety of global health topics with the mentorship of faculty and senior researchers. Through research, training workshops and mentorship, the program is intended to enhance the analytical skills of future academics and professional leaders in the field of global health measurement and evaluation. Post-Graduate Fellows will contribute directly to the overall research agenda of IHME and will be involved in all aspects of projects including analyzing and synthesizing existing data, catalyzing new data collection, building statistical models and validating new analytical methods, interpreting findings, and reporting and disseminating results. Post-Graduate Fellows will be involved in research in one of six key areas of work: health outcomes, health services, resource inputs, evaluations, decision analytics, and tools and instruments. For more information, please contact by email at: pgf@healthmetricsandevaluation.org or visit <http://www.healthmetricsandevaluation.org>

FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIPS

The Fulbright Scholarship or Fulbright Program provides grants for educational purposes: There are several types of Fulbright scholarships available-for example Fulbright Visiting Lecturer Fellowships, Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Program, Fulbright Doctoral and Professional Research Fellowships, Fulbright Senior Research Fellowships, Fulbright Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program etc. For further information on Fulbright Scholarships in India, the United States Educational Foundation in India (USEFI) may be contacted at the following address. United States Educational Foundation in India, Fulbright House 12, Hailey Road New Delhi 110 001. **Phone:** 091- 011- 4209-0909/2332-8944 **Fax:** 091- 011-2332-9718 **Email:** info@fulbright-india.org



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[http://
www.healthmetricsandevaluation.org](http://www.healthmetricsandevaluation.org)



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COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIP AND FELLOWSHIPS:

Funding: University fees, scholar's return travel, allowance for books, apparatus, approved study, travel, personal maintenance (plus allowances, where applicable, for spouse and children). For more information contact the British Council in New Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai or Kolkata. You can also obtain information from:

Ministry of Human Resources Development (MHRD)

Department of Education, External Scholarships Division, A-1/W-3, Curzon Road Barracks, Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi 110001

**THE POPULATION COUNCIL'S SOCIAL SCIENCE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM**

The Population Council's Social Science Fellowship Program offers the fellowship to the scholars for pursuing their research in various areas of social science. The fellowships are granted to scholars who have a burning zeal to study the relationship between social, economic, demographic scenario and devise ways and means to improve the condition of the people in the developing countries. The core subjects of Population Council's Social Science Fellowship Program: Economics, Geography, Anthropology, Sociology, Demography are the subjects upon which the research is centered around.

Eligibility for Population Council's Social Science Fellowship Program: Doctoral students, post doctoral candidates and professors are eligible to apply for the Population Council's Social Science Fellowship Program. The fellowship is specially given to candidates from developing countries that can render service in their own country after completing the studies. Facilities offered by The Population Council's Social Science Fellowship Program: .The fellowship offers tuition fees, insurance for health, travel expenditure and lucrative stipends.

Duration of the fellowship:

The time span is of 2 years. For details about the Population Council's Social Science Fellowship Program please contact: E-mail : sfellowship@popcouncil.org, Related link: www.popcouncil.org/slr/fellowships.html

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RESEARCH AWARD FOR SOCIAL SCIENCES PROFESSIONAL

Kusuma Foundation (KF) is a non-profit organisation working towards improving the situation of under-privileged children in India. Kusuma is keen to encourage research in the areas of CHILDREN and EDUCATION and is pleased to announce the National Competition for KUSUMA YOUNG RESEARCHER AWARD for the year 2009, can apply before 15th of June 2009. For further details, please visit their website <http://www.kusumafoundation.in> or write to: info@kusumafoundation.in or sriram@kusumafoundation.in.



IV. PUBLICATIONS

Youth in India: Situation and Needs, 2006–2007 brought out by the International Institute for Population Sciences and the Population Council

This report is the result of a study undertaken by International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai and the Population Council, New Delhi, as part of a project to collect information on key transitions experienced by youth in India, including those related to education, work force participation, sexual activity, marriage, health and civic participation; the magnitude and patterns of young people's sexual and reproductive practices before, within and outside of marriage as well as related knowledge, decision-making and attitudes. The project was implemented in six states of India, namely, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu. For copies of this report, please visit the IIPS Website: <http://www.iipsindia.org> or write to International Institute for Population Sciences Mumbai 400088 India

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WORLD HEALTH REPORT 2008

The report, titled **Primary Health Care Now More than Ever**, launched in October, 2008 commemorates the 30th anniversary of the Alma-Ata International Conference on Primary Health Care held in 1978. The report critically assesses the way that health care is organized, financed, and delivered in rich and poor countries around the world. The WHO report documents a number of failures and shortcomings that have left the health status of different populations, both within and between countries, dangerously out of balance. The conclusion of the report is that health systems will not naturally gravitate towards greater fairness and efficiency. Deliberate policy decisions are needed. The report calls for return to primary health care approach the evidence and arguments set out in the report should help in this task. Visit WHO website for the full report. <http://www.who.org>

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About the journal: *Population Review*, a peer review journal of sociological demography published since 1957, publishes socio-demographic research that covers a broad range of social science disciplines, including demography, sociology, social anthropology, socio-environmental science, communication, and political science. The journal emphasizes empirical research with a focus on analytical demography/sociology. The editor welcomes submissions that combine theory with solid empirical research. Articles that are of general interest to population specialists are also desired. International in scope, the journal's focus is not limited by geography. Submissions are encouraged from scholars in both the developing and developed world. *Population Review* publishes original articles and book reviews. A call for papers is in effect (see website: www.populationreview.com)

Editor: Saad Z. Nagi is professor emeritus in sociology at The Ohio State University and former director of the Social Research Center at the American University in Cairo. He is best known for his research on disability, health care, child maltreatment, poverty, organizational decision-making, societal change and development, and sociology of science and research. (E-Mail: saadznagi@gmail.com)

PUBLICATIONS..

Sunita Reddy (2007):“Mega Tourism in Andaman and Nicobar islands: Some Concerns” *Journal of Human Ecology*, Vol. 21, No. 3, March pp. 231-239, for reprints: sunita_iit@yahoo.co.uk

Sunita Reddy (2007):‘Child birth practices among the PTG, Konda Reddis’ *The Eastern Anthropologist*. Vol. 60, no.1, Jan- March, for reprints sunita_iit@yahoo.co.uk

Preeti Misra (2009):“Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005- A Critical Evaluation” in *Domestic Violence against Women in India*, (eds) A.K. Singh, S.P. Singh, S.P. Pandey, Madhav Books, Gurgaon (Haryana) pp 258-268 , for reprint: misra9us@gmail.com

Sarode, Vijay (2007): “**Health-Seeking Behaviour Among Reproductive Women in Slums in Greater Mumbai**”, *The International Journal of Interdisciplinary Social Sciences*, Volume 2, Issue 4, pp 115-130, ISSN 1833-1882, CG Publisher, Australia in December 2007 vijaymsarode@yahoo.com

Asharaf SALAM (2009):**CONCEPTUALIZING A GERIATRIC CARE FACILITY**, *Turkish Journal of Geriatrics*, 2009; 12 (1): 31-35 ,e- mail: asharaf_a@hotmail.com, Al Arab Medical University, Faculty of Public Health, LIBYA. **Full research paper** can be down load from: http://www.geriatri.dergisi.org/pdf/pdf_TJG_416.pdf

Minor Research Project:

Sarode, Vijay (2008): "**Reproductive Morbidity among Adolescent Women in Slums in Mumbai**" was awarded as "**Consolation Prize**" in a seminar conducted by the University of Mumbai in September 2008,for the project initiated during 2005-06.

Health Checkup Camp

Global Society for Health Promotion & Education organized a “ Health Check up camp” from 16th to 18th December 2008 at the Government High School, Cox Town, Bangalore-560005.Camp was organized under the leadership of Mr. N.R. Vaidyanathan, Secretary General, GSHPE. Three hundred eighty eight students were examined for various health problems by eminent doctors. On the last day of the Medical checkup an opportunity was taken to discuss the importance of diet and nutrition with the class teachers and the Head master. For further information contact: glshpe@gmail.com

JOB OPPORTUNITIES**UGC MAJOR RESEARCH PROJECT**

UGC has sanctioned a Major Research Project entitled ' Environmental Impact Assessment: A Case Study of Pallikarani Wetland Ecosystem, Chennai using GIS and Remote Sensing Techniques'

Vacancy Position: Junior Research fellow– ONE, Consultant / Part-time Researcher - ONE.

Salary as per UGC ,Subject: M.Sc Environmental Science, M.Sc Biology, M.Sc Geo informatics, M.Sc Geography, M.Sc, Geology, Desirable: Application of GIS and Remote Sensing.

Those who are interested can contact the Principal Investigator with in 30 days of time. The candidates are advised to submit their applications along with academic and professional qualifications to the undersigned and also send one digital copy as advance to: Dr. V. Madha Suresh, Reader and Principal Investigator, Department of Geography, University of Madras, Chepauk, Chennai: 600 005.Email. sureshgeography@gmail.com ,Mobile: 9444205566

JOBS....

- Communication Research Officer: Urban Reproductive Health Initiative (URHI), Uttar Pradesh, Location: Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh http://216.197.119.113/jobman/publish/article_56284.html
- Technical Team Leader, Demand Generation: Urban Reproductive Health Initiative (URHI), Location: Luck now, Uttar Pradesh http://216.197.119.113/jobman/publish/article_56282.html
- Junior Project Officer: Sanjivini Society for Mental Health, Location: New Delhi http://216.119.85.221/artman2/publish/indian-jobs/article_13657.html
- Team Leader (Strategic Planning) & Program Officer (STI) ,India Health Action Trust,Location: Karnataka, http://216.119.85.221/artman2/publish/indian-jobs/article_13656.html
- Various Positions: Karnataka Health Promotion Trust, Location: Karnataka and Maharashtra http://216.119.85.221/artman2/publish/indian-jobs/article_13653.html
- Consultant (Gender and HIV) for HIV/AIDS Cell in Ministry of Women and Child Development :Location: New Delhi http://216.119.85.221/artman2/publish/indian-jobs/article_13745.html
- Programme Director – Health: Narotam Sekhsaria Foundation, Location: Mumbai: http://216.119.85.221/artman2/publish/indian-jobs/article_13329.html
- Director: Operations, India Country Program: PATH, Location: Delhi http://216.119.85.221/artman2/publish/indian-jobs/article_13704.html
- Monitoring and Evaluation Officer: PATH, Location: Lucknow http://216.119.85.221/artman2/publish/indian-jobs/article_13791.html
- Consultant: UNICEF: Location: New Delhi (out of the NACO office and home) http://216.119.85.221/artman2/publish/indian-jobs/article_13688.html
- National Research Team Leader: National Polio Surveillance Project-India (NPSP) Location: New Delhi http://216.119.85.221/artman2/publish/indian-jobs/article_13766.html
- State Programme Coordinator – Bihar: Norway-India Partnership Initiative (NIPI)-UNOPS:Location: Patna, Bihar http://216.119.85.221/artman2/publish/indian-jobs/article_13765.html
- Project Coordinator: HLPPT: Location: Orissa http://216.119.85.221/artman2/publish/indian-jobs/article_13823.html
- Urban Health Internships: Urban Health Resource Centre, Location: Delhi / Programme Cities http://216.119.85.221/artman2/publish/indian-jobs/article_13827.html
- **Asian Institute of Public Health:** Seeking public health professionals at various levels, Location: **Bhubaneswar, Orissa** http://216.119.85.221/artman2/publish/indian-jobs/article_13860.html

EVENT ON “MOTHER AND FAMILY”

On the eve of the International Day of Families (14th May, 2009) a seminar on issues concerning Indian mothers was organized by United Nations Information Centre, Development, Welfare and Research Foundation (DWARF) and Rotary International District 3010 Club Delhi Safdarjung at the UN Conference Hall, New Delhi. The seminar gave an opportunity to many participant voices across the globe to delve on the position of the mother in the family. Dr. Marc Derveeuw, Deputy Representative, UNFPA, was the Key Note Speaker, brought out the issues related to mother in the family, followed by Dr. Kiran Walia, Hon'ble Minister of Health and Social Welfare, Dr. Pamela Phillipose, senior journalist and other distinguished speakers. Seminar brought out the message that mothers have to negotiate for equal partnerships, safer spaces, shared burdens, in other words for changed equations in families and society. For further information contact: Dr. Mala Kapur Shankardass, Chairperson DWARF e-mail: mkshank2001@yahoo.co.in



(L to R) Rotary District Governor Dr. Sushil Khurana, Dr. Mala Kapur Shankardass, Chairperson DWARF; Ms. Shalini Dewan, Director, UNIC; Chief Guest Dr. Kiran Walia, Hon'ble Minister for Health and Social Welfare, Delhi Govt.; Dr. Marc Derveeuw, Deputy Representative, UNFPA and Rtn. Neelam Rathore, President, RC Delhi Safdarjung

SIXTH CONFERENCE PICTURES:



Speakers of Symposium on “Equity and Ethical Issues in Health care”: (L to R) Dr. Aditi Iyer, Dr. Satish Kumar, Dr. Amar Jesani, Dr. Lester Countinho, Dr. U. V. Somayajulu



Ms. V. Vijayalakshmi, giving prayer song to making auspicious beginning along with delegates



Dr. Satish Kumar, Director of UNICEF, Chennai Office, giving a talk on Social Determinants of Health and Inequalities in Health Care.



Prof. T. Subramanyam Naidu, Conference Director and Director CSSE&IP, Pondicherry University, Puducherry

Visit website : <http://www.iassh.org> for program list, abstracts and symposium and other details regarding Sixth IASSH conference at Pondicherry University, Puducherry March 7 & 8, 2009.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINE HANDS WITH IASSH

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