

## Dear Fellow Members

Greetings to all of you! This edition of the news letter provides a brief description of the activities carried out by IASP in the recent past and gives an idea regarding the academic and professional events to be organized during 2010.

## National Seminar on Population Dynamics and Health Issues of Children in India

The Southern Chapter of IASP and Department of Demography, Kerala University, Thiruvananthapuram organized the National Seminar on **Population Dynamics and Health Issues of Children in India** at Kerala University, Thiruvananthapuram during April 23- 25, 2010. Dr P Mohanachandran Nair, Head of the Department of Demography, University of Kerala was the Organizing Secretary of the Seminar.

The seminar was inaugurated by Smt. PK Sreemathi Teacher, Honb'le Minister for Health and Social Welfare. Dr. A. Jayakrishnan, Hon. Vice Chancellor, University of Kerala presided the inaugural function, while Prof. Arvind Pandey, President, IASP and Dr. J. Prabhaskar, Pro-Vice Chancellor of University of Kerala delivered felicitations. Dr. P. Mohanachandran Nair, Head of the Department of Demography, University of Kerala delivered welcome address and Dr. S. Santhosh, Additional Director of Population Research Centre, University of Kerala extended vote of thanks. On this occasion, eminent and senior Demographers – Dr KC Zachariah, Dr M Vijayanunni, Dr D Radha Devi, Dr Krishnakumari and Dr JyothiKamalam-were felicitated for their immense contribution in the field of Demography

The seminar was attended by IASP members from various southern states. There were five Plenary Sessions with presentations by the invited speakers including Prof F. Ram, Dr. Elizabeth, Dr. Usha Ram, Dr. M.K.C. Nair, Dr. Vijayalekshmi, Prof. M.S.R. Murthy, Prof. Pradeep Mishra, Dr. P.K. Jameela, Prof. K.K. Singh, Dr. K.T. Shenoy, Dr. U.V. Somayajulu, Dr. Satish Kumar (UNICEF), Dr. U.S. Mishra, Dr. P.S. Sarma, Dr. Mala Ramanathan, Dr. S. Ravichandran, Ms. Azza Omer (UNFPA) and Prof. P.K.B. Nair. In addition, during the seminar, five technical sessions and poster presentations were organized. Dr. M. Vijayanunni, IAS, former Chief Secretary, Govt. of Kerala and the Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India was the Chief Guest for the Valedictory Session with Dr. U.V. Somayajulu and Dr. K.V.R. Subramaniam delivering felicitations. IASP acknowledges the generous financial support extended by ICMR, CSO and UNICEF.

## Farewell to UNFPA Country Representative

Dr Nesim Tumkaya, UNFPA Country Representative to India, having completed his full term, would be leaving India. He has been an active supporter of Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP) for its activities including the annual conferences and publication of Demography India (Journal of IASP). IASP organized a farewell dinner meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2010 at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.

The meeting followed by dinner held to thank Dr. Nesim Tumkaya for his close association with the IASP during his tenure at UNFPA Office in India was attended by distinguished IASP members and officials from UNFPA, Population Council, ICRW, FHI, MoHFW, IIPS, ICMR, IEG, IPPF, JNU, NIHFW, ORG, Sigma et al.

## Thirty Second Annual Conference

### Announcement 1: Thirty Second Annual Conference of IASP and Call for papers

The Thirty Second Annual Conference of IASP will be held at Utkal University, Bhubaneswar **during November 28-30, 2010**. Dr G.K. Panda, Head, Geography Dept and Hon. Deputy Director, PRC, Bhubaneswar will be the local organizing secretary. The main theme of the conference is **“Population and Public Health”**.

The Millennium Development Goals to be achieved by 2015 relate to population and public health. The literature review indicates that India faces various public health challenges including infant and maternal mortality, life expectancy, literacy, social participation and empowerment, HIV/AIDS, Diabetes, health promotion including care and delivery, environmental health including food safety, vector control, water, sanitation and hygiene, air quality and trauma. There is a need to get insights into these issues and suggest policy and programme implications.

The conference would have plenary sessions and presentation of invited and contributed research papers and posters on the sub themes listed below:

1. Public Health Challenges in India;
2. Public Health Programmes in India and their impact;
3. Public health Communication;
4. Morbidities due to Communicable Diseases;
5. HIV/AIDS Control and Challenges;
6. Reproductive and Child Health;
7. Review of Status of NRHM;
8. Urbanization and Urban Health;
9. Tribal Health;
10. Population, Environment and Public Health.

The IASP members who have been actively involved in multi disciplinary research on population and public health are encouraged to share their thoughts, views and research findings on the sub themes listed above. The members are requested to contribute papers/posters on any of the sub themes. The paper/poster may identify gaps and/ or suggest ways and means to improve the programmes aimed at improving the public health in India. It could be a case study documenting best practices or based on primary or secondary data at district, state or national level or it might raise some of the methodological issues of significance. It could also be review of the existing policies and programmes. The paper must bring out the emerging issues in line with the main theme of the conference.

The modalities for submission of the papers and posters are broadly as follows:

- ◆ Prepare your abstract for paper/poster on one of the sub themes, as per the attached format. The abstract should be **up to 250 words**. The last date for submission is **August 15, 2010**. The abstract **as word document** and e mail attachment should be sent to the President/General Secretary of IASP on the Email ID: [iasp.nims@gmail.com](mailto:iasp.nims@gmail.com). **PDF attachments will not be accepted.**
- ◆ An expert committee will review and select the papers/posters to be presented at the conference
- ◆ The authors whose paper/poster get selected will be intimated by **September 15,2010**
- ◆ The complete paper including the abstract, tables/charts and annexure, if any, should not exceed 15 pages in 1.5 line spacing. The full papers of the selected abstracts should reach us latest by **October 30, 2010**.
- ◆ The selected authors should bring 30 copies of the paper for distribution during the conference.
- ◆ The volume of selected abstracts will be brought out and distributed during the conference.
- ◆ Due to paucity of funds, all authors of the selected papers are requested to try to manage for TA/DA from their parent institutions. IASP will try to mobilize fund to meet the travel expenses of those authors who are not able to manage their travel allowance (TA) from their institution and they apply well in advance to IASP to reimburse to a few selected authors for to and fro travel expenses by the shortest train route from their head quarters to Bhubaneshwar by AC-3 Tier. In case of such travel award, the train booking for both ways will have to be arranged by the awardees themselves. Please note that no claim will be entertained without photocopy of the tickets in support of TA. The members, whose papers are not selected or who have not submitted the paper, but wish to attend the conference, are welcome to do so at their own travel expenses. However, local hospitality will be provided to them.
- ◆ The members who desire to come with family will have to get all accompanying members registered in order that the food and stay expenses are to be borne by the association.

**The decision to participate in the conference should be intimated latest by October 1, 2010.**

Other details regarding the conference and stay arrangement will be communicated to the participants of the conference in due course.



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