

Dear Fellow Members,

New Year Greetings to all of you!!

The present edition of the newsletter provides you a brief description of the activities carried out by IASP in the recent past.

Thirty Second Annual Conference

The XXXII Annual Conference of the Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP) was held at Utkal University, Bhubaneswar during Nov 28-30, 2010. The theme of the conference was "Population and Public Health" with sub-themes being (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 and (10) Population, Environment and Public health.

The conference began on Nov 28, 2010 with the President's address by Prof Arvind Pandey **President, IASP, inaugural** address by Honb'le Justice SC Mahapatra **and Chairman's remarks by Prof Binayak Rath, Vice Chancellor, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar**. The inaugural session was attended by over 300 researchers, teachers, policy and programme managers and programme officers from various universities and organizations such as UNICEF, UNFPA, Population Council, IIPS, ICRW, PFI, ISEC, TISS, BHU, JNU, Utkal University faculty and students etc.

The IASP felicitated two senior Demographers - Shri Amulya Ratna Nanda in the inaugural function and Prof M.M. Gandotra in the valedictory function- for their immense contribution in the field of population studies.

The proceedings of the 31st Annual Conference in the form of a published book "**Population and Reproductive Health: Perspectives and Issues**" edited by U.V. Somayajulu, K.K. Singh, K.V.R. Subramanyam and Arvind Pandey was released during the conference. Other books got released included "Population, Health and Human Resources in India's Development" by S.C. Gulati, "Population, Gender and Reproductive Health" by F. Ram, S. Unisa and T.V. Sekhar, and "Ageing in India" by N. Audinarayana. Two reports viz., "Rapid Appraisal of NRHM in Sambalpur and Kendrapara Districts" by PRC, Bhubaneswar were also released.

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the conference a great success by providing excellent venue as well as hospitality to all the delegates including darshan of Lord Jagannath

Memorial Lecture

The George Simmons Memorial Lecture was delivered by Prof F. Ram, Director, International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai on the topic "A Discourse on Human Rights' Approach to Maternal and Child Health in India" on the first day of the conference.

Awards

Prof. K. Srinivasan Award was given to K.S. Bastian and P. Mohanchandran Nair (best technical paper) and Kiran Agrahari and Abhishek Singh (best substantive paper) published in 2009 volume of IASP's peer reviewed Journal "Demography India". Prof K.B. Pathak award for best published paper was presented to Dr S. Niranjan

On the last day of the conference, Dr. C. Chandrasekharan memorial award presentation was organized as commonly done in the IASP conferences. There were nine papers presented for the Dr. C. Chandrasekharan award by the young scholars in the field of Demography. The evaluators selected the paper "*Model Life Tables from Life Expectancies using WHO Data base*" by Pallavi Gupta **for the award**. Three best posters were given Dr. S.N. Singh award. The winners of the best posters were: Niranjan Rout, Kalyan B Saha, and Punit Kumar Mishra

EC and GB Meeting

On Nov 27, 2010, the Joint Meeting of Board of Trustees and Executive Committee held at Utkal University, Bhubaneswar approved the membership application of 17 Life and 10 Annual members for admission to IASP.

The General body meeting of the IASP was held on Nov 29, 2010 at Utkal University, Bhubaneswar

The members condoled the sad demise of five members of the Association, namely, Dr. A.K.Biswas, Dr. D.Madan, Mr. Prem Kishore, Prof. Asha Bhende, Prof. L.B. Venkatranagan, Dr. D.Shiva Kumar, Dr. S.D.Kapoor by observing two minutes silence.

The general body confirmed the minutes of the last General Body meeting held at the Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati on 2nd November, 2009 at 6.00 PM.

The General Secretary's annual report presented by Prof. Pradeep Mishra, General Secretary of the Association. Prof. Mishra informed about the court case which the association has lost at the Labour Court, Delhi. In this regard Prof. Arvind Pandey informed that a legal notice from a Lawyer was received to pay the dues to Mr. S.C. Kataria. The GB members were informed that after consultation with EC members and past Presidents of the association, it was decided to fight the case in the High Court. The merit of the case was discussed in the meeting and the GB approved the decision to contest the case in the High Court.

Prof. K.K. Singh, Treasurer of the Association presented the Balance Sheet ending 31st March 2010 for approval and the balance sheet was approved.

As regards appointment of Auditors for the term 2010-11, the GB decided to retain the Auditors.

Prof Arvind Pandey informed that during the earlier annual conferences two memorial lectures were organized. As IIPS, Mumbai has not supported the Prof. P. N. Mari Bhat Oration this year, it could not be organized at this conference.

Prof. Pandey also informed that the election reforms could not be implemented as they have not been approved by the EC and GB. In the joint BoT and EC meeting held on 27.11.2010, it was proposed that a committee be constituted with the approval of GB to draft the election reforms which may be put before the EC and GB for approval during the next annual conference. It was decided in the meeting that such a committee be constituted under the chairmanship of Prof. P.M.Kulkarni with couple of members identified by him.

The venue of the next annual conference will be decided by the new EC.

Announcement 1 Proceedings of Tirupati Conference

The proceedings of the 31st Annual Conference in the form of a published book "**Population and Reproductive Health: Perspectives and Issues**" edited by U V Somayajulu, KK Singh, KVR Subrhamanyam and Arvind Pandey was released during the Bhubaneswar conference. This book is a compilation of some selected papers presented at the XXXI Annual Conference of the Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP) organized at Sri Venkateswara University (SVU), Tirupati during Nov. 3-5, 2009. There are 27 articles included in the book covering wide areas of Population and Reproductive Health. The papers are arranged in 4 Sections, namely, Population Dynamics, Reproductive Health- determinants and care, Methodological Issues and Miscellaneous. It is hoped that the book would promote exchange of ideas and throw light on various dimensions of population dynamics and develop new methodologies for handling the complex nexus of population and reproductive health and also address issues relating to large scale sample surveys in this area.

Announcement 2 Elections

As the members know, the process for electing the new executive council, board of trustees and president for 2011-13 has begun with the Registrar General of India initiating the process. The last date for sending the postal ballot papers to the Returning Officer is Feb 18, 2011(5pm).

Announcement 3 Renewal of Annual Membership

The annual members who have not renewed their membership are requested to send the membership fee of Rs 500.

Announcement 4: Updating the Address of IASP Members

All the members are requested to kindly communicate change of address, if any, along with e mail address. We seek cooperation of all the members in updating the member information.

We wish to thank all the members of IASP for all the support extended to us during the past two years in our efforts to strengthen the association.

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