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Dear Fellow Members,

Wish you a happy and prosperous new year!!!

As you are aware, the association's election for the term 2006-08 was held in the month of November 2006 to elect the president, 10 executive members and two members of the board of trustee. The returning officer of the election was Ms. Suman Prashar, Joint Director, Office of the Registrar General, India. Following are the elected members:

President
Prof. Arvind Pandey

Executive Committee members:

Prof. Pradeep Mishra
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Members of the Board of Trustee:

Dr. U.V. Somayajulu
Dr. D.P. Singh.

In the Joint Executive Committee meeting held in the month of December 2006 the office bearers of the association for the term 2006-08 were elected. Besides the office bearers as given on the left, the following members of the EC were made conveners of the regional chapters of the association:

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| 1. South | Prof. N. Audinarayana
Prof. K. Krishna Kumari |
| 2. West | Prof. P.K. Bhargava
Dr. Usha Ram |
| 3. East | Prof. D.C. Nath |
| 4. North | Prof. Pradeep Mishra |

We begin with making some announcements, which you can share with individuals and organization that are interested to know about activities done by IASP in the last one year and also participate in forthcoming academic events to be organized by IASP in 2007.

The XXVIII Annual Conference of IASP was held at the Centre for Development Studies, (CDS) Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, during 7-9 June 2006 with Dr. S. Irudaya Rajan as the local organizing secretary. The major theme of the conference was "Emerging Social Sector Programme Environment Evolving Role of Population Scientists." It had a few sub-themes, viz. Population and Linkages with Health, Nutrition and Environment in India; Population and Linkages with Migration, Urbanization and Urban Health; Population and Gender Issues; and Population, Education and Employment. It consisted of 5 plenary sessions and 9 parallel sessions. Prof. P.N. Mari Bhat, Director, International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai, delivered George Simmons Memorial lecture. In all 45 papers were presented by distinguished scholars and young researchers in the conference.

We are pleased to inform (*announcement 1*) that the XXIX Annual Conference of IASP will be held at the Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi during 26-28 October 2007. The theme of the conference has been set as "Poverty, Health and Development". As usual it would comprise panel discussions and presentation of invited and contributed research papers and posters on the following five sub-themes:

1. Health, Nutrition and Environment.
2. Programmes and Policies of Population and Health
3. Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS
4. Urbanization and Migration
5. Poverty and Development.

It is being increasingly recognized that it is not only equity in economic development but also social development responsible for achieving overall health and well-being of the population. People need to be educated, sensitized and empowered to fight against social evils, which would also facilitate achievement of poverty alleviation and food security goals. Unless the health delivery system is revamped to make the services available and accessible to the needy and disadvantaged section of the population especially those who are living in rural, remote and difficult terrains and also those living in slums and poor localities in urban areas. We also need to address issues like malnutrition, safe drinking water, sanitation, personal hygiene and environmental degradation for achieving health for all in true sense. The government has initiated several schemes and reforms in social and health sector from time to time. Launch of National Rural Health Mission (NHRM) and other social sector initiatives such as Sarva Siksha Abhiyan, Jawahar Lal Nehru Urban Renewal Mission (JLNURM), National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, Right to Information (RTI), public-private partnership, etc. are some of the efforts of the government to bring about equity in social and economic life of the people.

The IASP members have been contributing towards evidence based research by collecting, analyzing and interpreting the necessary data and making suggestions to improve the existing schemes and recommending changes. Amongst IASP members, we have eminent scholars and reputed academic institutions, UN agencies, Government and non-Government organizations engaged in multidisciplinary research for modifications of various interventions.

The annual conference is appropriate platform to discuss and deliberate on above-mentioned themes. We, therefore, request you to contribute your papers/posters on any of the sub-themes. You may substantiate your support or show gaps and or suggest ways to improve the health and social sector programmes. Your paper/poster could be a case study or based on primary or secondary data at district, state or national level. Nevertheless, your paper/poster must bring out certain emerging issues in line with the main theme of the conference. We encourage any proposal to organize a session in the conference.

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

- ❖ Your paper/poster should be on one of the sub-themes. Firstly, prepare the Abstract as per attached format. The abstract should be maximum 250 words. The last date of submission is July 31, 2007. The abstract should be sent to the President/General Secretary, IASP on the mailing address: National Institute of Medical Statistics, ICMR, Ansari Nagar, New Delhi 110 029 or on the Email ID: iasp.nims@gmail.com, prclu@sify.com.
- ❖ An expert committee appointed for the purpose will scrutinize and select the papers/posters to be presented at the conference.
- ❖ The member whose paper/poster gets selected will be intimated by August 31, 2007.
- ❖ The complete paper including the abstract, tables and annexure, if any, should not exceed 15 pages in 1.5 line space. The full papers of the selected abstracts should reach latest by September 30, 2007.
- ❖ The to and fro travel expenses by shortest train route between the selected member's head quarter and Varanasi by AC-3 Tier will be reimbursed. The train booking for both ways should be arranged by members themselves in advance. 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 accorded to them. Their decision to participate in the conference should be intimated by September 15, 2007. If a paper/poster has more than one author, the first author will be reimbursed of his/her travel expenses. The members who desire to come with family will have to bear the food and stay expenses of each accompanying person.
- ❖ The selected authors for distribution should bring thirty copies of the paper during the conference.
- ❖ The volume of selected abstracts will be brought out and distributed during the conference.
- ❖ Other details regarding the conference and stay arrangement will be communicated in due course to the participants of the conference.

Prof. Panjab Singh, Vice-Chancellor, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi has kindly consented to be the Chairman of the Local Organizing Committee. Prof. K.K. Singh, Department of Statistics, BHU, Varanasi, is the organizing secretary of the conference.

- *Announcement 2: Chandra Sekharan Award*

Papers on the conference theme are invited from young members (age below 30 years) for the Chandra Sekharan award. The papers selected by the Screening Committee would be invited for presentation during the Annual Conference. The eligible members are requested to send the abstracts by July 31, 2007 and full paper by August 31, 2007 to the General Secretary, IASP. The author of the selected paper would be intimated by September 15, 2007. The first and the second best papers will be presented with Chandra Sekharan Award during the annual conference. The young scholars whose papers are selected will be reimbursed up to maximum AC-3 Tier sleeper charges for their travel. Please note that the paper should not be of joint authorship.

- *Announcement 3: K. Srinivasan Award for best papers in Demography India*

Two best papers published in Demography India during January - December issues of 2006, one on Demographic techniques and the other on substantive Demography, will be presented with Srinivasan Award. The selection of the best papers will be made by the Editorial Committee of the Journal and communicated by the Chief Editor during the conference.

- **Announcement 4: General body meeting of IASP**

The meeting will be held on October 27, 2007 BHU, Varanasi at 1800 hrs. The agenda items would be circulated in due course.

- **Announcement 5: Renewal of Annual Membership and Updating the Addresses of IASP Members**

The annual members who have not renewed their membership are requested to immediately send their membership fee. As you might be aware the annual membership fee is Rs. 300.00 since 2005-06. Kindly communicate change of address, if any in writing to the General Secretary. All the members are requested to send, if possible, their email address and phone numbers.

Pradeep Mishra
General Secretary

- **Format for Sending Abstract**

1. Name of author/s
2. Title of the paper/poster
3. Text of the abstract [Objective, Source of Data, Methodology and Main Findings]
4. Travel assistance Required/Not Required
5. Mailing address
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- City..... State.....
- Pin..... Telephone Number.....
- E-mail address.....
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6. Date of dispatch



- **Announcement 6: Regional Conference (Eastern Region)**

Regional conference for the eastern region is proposed to be held at Bhubaneshwar, Orissa. The dates of it will be communicated soon.

Demography India: Volume 35(1), January – June issue of *Demography India* (Journal of the IASP) is in press. An effort is being made to get rating/accreditation of the journal from the Social Science Citation Index (SSCI). The normal course of this review process is continuous monitoring of three upcoming issues of the journal.

Membership of National Population Stabilization Fund

At the outset, it is informed that Jansankhya Sthirata Kosh (National Population Stabilization Fund) has been set in the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, with Ms. Shailaja Chandra, IAS, as its Executive Director. The General Body and Governing Board of JSK shall comprise representatives of professional associations connected directly or indirectly with population stabilization. IASP members are invited to join JSK (for individuals annual membership fee: Rs. 100/-, Life membership fee: Rs. 1000/-; for professionals annual membership fee: Rs. 1000/-). For details you may visit to: www.jsk.gov.in.

Pradeep Mishra
General Secretary - IASP

