

# **COSTA RICA PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION (ACOSAP) 2007- 2008 ANNUAL REPORT**

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## **Main activities developed.**

**National Congress on Public Health.** During this event in the spring of 2008, ACOSAP re-validated the HIGEIA AWARD honoring the Blue Flag Ecological Award. The HIGEIA is the Queen of Health and this award is lead by one of their most active members, Dr. Darner Mora, due to its impact in the Costa Rica community.

**Working commissions.** The following working groups developed remarkable work in the last year:

- Accreditation of healthy products.
- Costa Rica Public Health Magazine.
- *Ross- Marranghello* Annual Lecture on Health
- Anti Tobacco Commission
- Virtual Campus on Public Health
- Commission on Health Education
- National Public Health Congress

**Linking ACOSAP with the national community.** This project was conducted by the Commission on Health Education, with the idea to get our Association involved in the *Socio cultural and educational Network in Health*

Our contribution to the Tobacco fight has been developed through the active participation in the National Anti Tobacco Network (RENATA) as well as responding to the Minister of Health direct request on the correct implementation of the Framework Convention for Tobacco Control (FCTC).

The current membership is approximately 300 members in the whole territory of Costa Rica.

2009 is going to be an important year to consolidate other fundamental activities that, without a doubt, will help in the continuous construction of the PUBLIC HEALTH concept.

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