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WELCOME MESSAGE

Welcome. As the New Year's Eve is near, I wish you and your family a healthy, lucky and joyful life!

It was my pleasure to write the first page of the Vietnam Public Health Association (VPHA) annual report. Indeed, there is so much to write since a year is long enough for us to see certain, important changes, like a grow up process of a person. At the age of 15, VPHA is still having a long journey ahead that requires to have lots of changes and reforms to grow up for the betterment. As the president of VPHA, I am very excited to witness those changes even though there are still lots of challenges ahead of us.



WELCOME MESSAGE

After a long journey with many different jobs, I came to the decisions to stop and concentrate on VPHA - the ones that I laid the foundation for such a long time but have not had the opportunity to fully focus on! Now that I has both time and enough experience to do it, I am well-aware that this is the time to set myself a deadline to ensure that the Association will be able to stand on its own and to be able to implement other plans. Ultimately, the Association has agreed to focus on a number of priorities - instead of the general as before:

1. Policy advocacy;
2. Develop public health practice models for important issues;
3. Promote the development of Vietnam Journal of Public Health, and
4. Develop the Vietnam Public Health Research and Training Centre.

All of these priorities have been formed on the basis of the VPHA's experience from its inception and met the realities of ongoing change in the future. These contents are quite unique and different.

Of course, this priority plan must serve the VPHA's clear and unalterable publications on Mission, Vision, and Objective.

In the New Year of 2017, a series of events are opening up for the VPHA. Of course, these events never come itself! We will implement those events at the highest level. That means your developing opportunities will continue to expand. As the result, the objectives of the VPHA comes closer. Needless to say, it is you who decide for your own and your organization's development. This is as the fact that we have stay together through thick and thin so the opportunities have finally arrived.

Thank you and wish you a happy new year.

ON BEHALF OF CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF VIETNAM PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION

President



Le Vu Anh

TOBACCO CONTROL PROGRAM

National Workshop on the Implementation of the Tobacco Control Law (TCL) in Vietnam, especially focus on building smoke-free environment and banning tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship.

Start initiatives to build a provincial leadership network for tobacco control.

This program aims at an mechanism that enforcing- monitoring the implementation of the TCL based on the VPHA network, Fatherland Front and National Assembly deputies; to improve the implementation of the TCL at the provincial level.

Launch the initiative to promote smoke-free homes in Thai Binh and Dong Thap provinces. This is one of the first community-based models in Vietnam with the central role of Senior Public Health Volunteers.

Three competitions have been organized to raise awareness of the harmful effects of tobacco and the TCL.



495 posts

8247 liked

10,826,888 interested from users

COLUMBIA – VIETNAM SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH AND TRAINING PARTNERSHIP (STAR II)



Three potential group meetings were held in the North, Central and South of Vietnam in Hanoi, Hue and Ho Chi Minh City, organized by the Vietnam Public Health Association in collaboration with Ho Chi Minh City Public Health Association, Institute of Social Sciences of the South, Hue College of Medicine and Pharmacy.

Meetings aimed to introduce the APCSRHR9 to potential authors, who have relevant research topics in Sociology and Health that are expected to post results in thematic journal that will publish before the conference on October 2017.

Topics to-be-covered include: "The views of young people and Catholics on sexuality outside of marriage and pregnancy from the perspective of rationalization and secularization today", "Forced sex in marriage of people with disabilities in Ho Chi Minh City", "Use of maternity care services of ethnic minorities in A Luoi district, ThuaThien Hue province", "Impotence in Vietnamese men"... promising to present new discoveries that reflect the realities of social life and health of specific populations in some parts of Vietnam.

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THE 9TH ASIA PACIFIC CONFERENCE ON REPRODUCTIVE AND SEXUAL HEALTH AND RIGHTS

02 Meetings of International Steering Committee between leading experts in the field of health, reproductive health and sexual health were organized in April and October 2016 in Hanoi to build themes and contents for the ninth conference is scheduled to be held in Vietnam from 27 to 30/11/2017.

Key topics and specific topics have reflected the priority issues and hot spots in the region at this time and addressed the way to achieve the 2030 sustainable development objective. Specifying and assigning tasks to members participating in professional committees, financial mobilization, media, logistics, finance ...



TOBACCO CONTROL PROGRAM

The VPHA in collaboration with the Vietnam Tobacco Control Fund organized a series of workshops to share practical experiences in the implementation of the Tobacco Control Law in Vietnam. These are valuable lessons for making recommendations in implementing and putting the law into society.

The media campaign on Tobacco Harm Prevention via social network Facebook in Vietnam was sponsored by Vital Strategies from Oct. 2015, operating mainly on fan-page #Vn0khoithuoc. Within the framework of the campaign, VPHA organized 3 competitions on the topic of tobacco control program and received the active participation from the community.



With the support of Vital Strategies, VPHA has initiated the development of a provincial leadership network for Tobacco Harm Prevention from the end of 2016.

An important achievement is the development of smoke-free house initiatives in Thai Binh and Dong Thap provinces. The program with the financial support of the Vietnam Tobacco Control Fund will be a sustainable source of funding for tobacco control activities of the VPHA in particular and the tobacco control community in Vietnam in general.



COLUMBIA – VIETNAM SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH AND TRAINING PARTNERSHIP (STAR II)

Continued to expand the Network of Social Science and Health in Vietnam.

Successfully organized three meetings for potential authors' groups to prepare for the magazines of the Social science and Health right before the 9th Asia Pacific Conference on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Sexuality in Vietnam in Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City, and Hue City in August, November and December 2012.



VPHA successfully chaired the Conference "Control and Prevention of HIV/ AIDS" in April 2016 in Hanoi. The attendance and discussion from the managers from the Office of the National Assembly, the Ministry of Health, and the Department for Social Vices Prevention at the conference were indeed significant in enhancing the transmission of scientific evidence to the policy making agencies, in order for them to have appropriate policies, make a strong change in the prevention of HIV/ AIDS in Vietnam.



Building the fan page of the Vietnam Knowledge Network in August 2016.



THE 9TH ASIA PACIFIC CONFERENCE ON REPRODUCTIVE AND SEXUAL HEALTH AND RIGHTS



In addition to the successful organization of two International Steering Committee meetings as mentioned in page 5, also in 2016, the conference organizers honorably received the congratulatory letter and welcome message to attendant of the conference by the Vietnam Vice-President Dang Thi Ngoc Thinh and Minister of Health Nguyen Thi Kim Tien.

The members of the organizing committee tried their best to act creatively and positively during the preparation process in order for the VPHA to successfully hold the conference.



IMPROVING ELDERLY HEALTH PROGRAM



In 2016, the network of Senior Public Health Volunteers was established in two communes in Thanh Binh district, Dong Thap province with about 60 members.

In Thai Binh province, a proposal for the community development model based on the network of Senior Public Health Volunteers was discussed among Thai Binh Provincial People's Committee, Vietnam Public Health Association and Thai Binh Public Health Association. The use of local resources to implement this initiative will be a prerequisite for enhancing the sustainability of the model in the future.



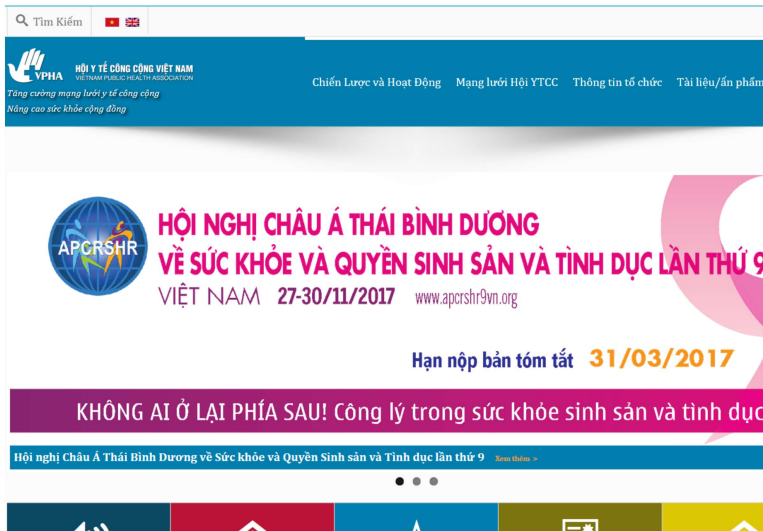
VIETNAM JOURNAL OF PUBLIC HEALTH



- Training on critical skills for the Editorial Board and the Domestic Counterpart with the presentation of international experts.
- Organized a meeting for the Editorial Board of the magazine with the presided over by the Editor in Chief Prof. Le Vu Anh and Associate Editor-in-Chief, Prof. Colin Binns.
- Update the entire electronic article on the official website vjph.vn.
- Complete the review process to ensure the quality of the article before posting.
- Submitting dossiers to join the international database MEDLINE and the Electronic Magazine Registration dossier.
- Associate with 20 Public Libraries, Centers, Universities, and Colleges interested in Public Health to send and promote Public Health Journal.
- Published 5 publications: Vietnamese Journal No. 39, No. 40, No. 41, No. 42 and English Journal Volume 4 - issue 1.

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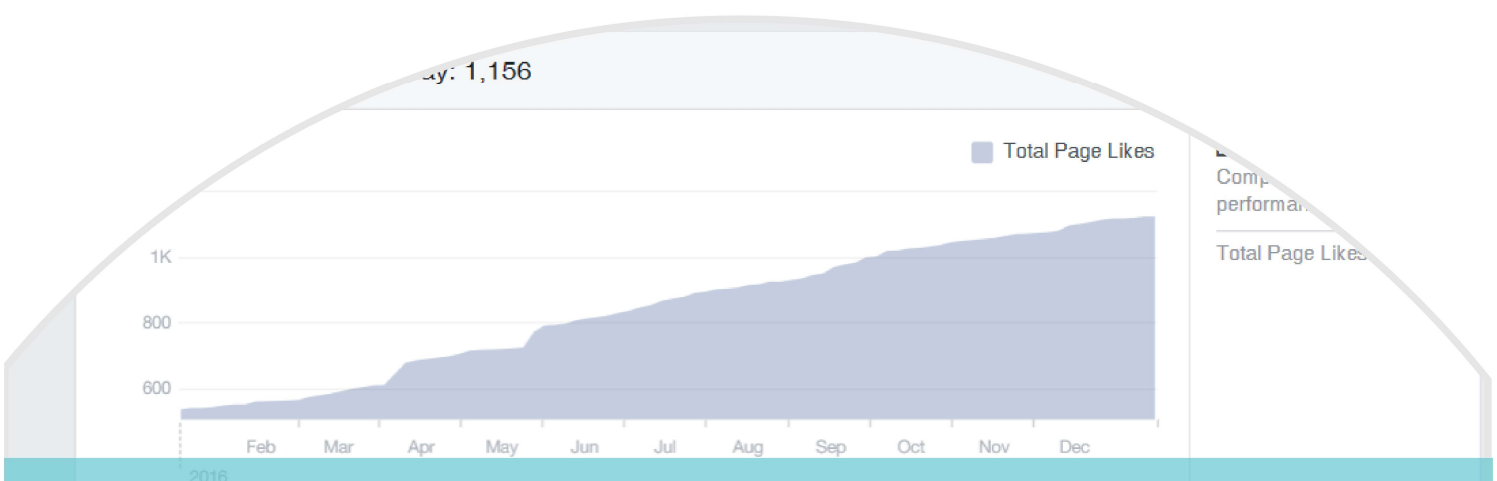
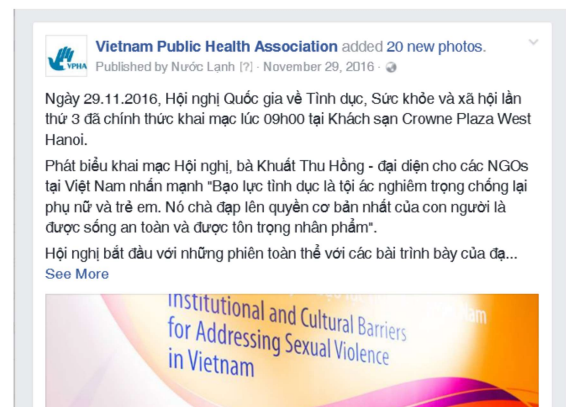
COMMUNICATION ACTIVITIES



In 2016, the number of “likes” on the fan-page of Vietnam Public Health Association (#vpha.org.vn) doubled from 535 to 1121 by the end of 2016. Access to over 148,000 users on social networks. In the coming year, VPHA wishes to continue to share more accurate, up-to-date and continuous information with those who are interested in Public Health; Building a broad and extensive public health information network.

Two media channels developed by the VPHA in 2016 are: Public Health Magazine and Social Network. Vietnam Journal of Public Health as completed the application for MEDLINE system to expand its audience of researchers, who are abroad but interested.

In order to convey the knowledge and experience, the Association has implemented activities to enhance online contact. The mainstream news reporting methods combine to the advantage of the modern and fast sensation of the social network are used.



"We are willing to cooperate with VPHA when there is opportunity in advocacy and community intervention activities because we realize that VPHA has a broad network in the local area which allows rapid implementation of community intervention activities. VPHA also has a position, a reputation for expertise and relationships with central departments. The voices of VPHA are heard, respected. The core values of the VPHA are long-term commitment to the development and protection of public health policies."

Ms. Pham Thi Hoang Anh

Director of Health Bridge Foundation of Canada, Vietnam Office



"The conference is an opportunity for Vietnamese scientists, researchers, program officers and community representatives to meet, share experiences, and discuss the solutions for issues related to reproductive health, sexual health and rights as set by the conference. At the same time, the conference is an opportunity to promote Vietnamese culture, country and people to the international community."



Ms. Dang Thi Ngoc Thinh

Vice President of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam

"I think this idea is great because it helps solve many problems of the Local Health Sector. The mobilization of the elderly to participate in communicating health issues at home helps them to improve their condition. On the other hand, this network [elderly volunteers] will greatly support the currently very short and weak local health network."

Mr. Le Quang Hung

Director of Binh Dinh Department of Health



"The VPHA's activities have been contributing to expanding and raising the foundations of tobacco control activities in Vietnam"



Dr. Nguyen Tuan Lam

World Health Organization Expert in Viet Nam

"I found this meeting really helpful. Before this we have not had much opportunity to work with medical practitioners, although we made a lot of sociological studies related to health. I think that the orientation of the Association for Public Health for Social and Health Coordination is very good for both sectors..."

Associate Prof. Tran Xuan Binh

Lecturer of Faculty of Social Sciences, Hue University,
Meeting of Potential Authors in Hue



ABOUT VPHA



Professor Le Vu Anh
PRESIDENT

Date of establishment: June 2002

Number of members: **over 6000**

Vision

To become a social network and practice public health excellently to improve the health of the people of Vietnam.

Mission

VPHA brings individuals to work together in public health to promote cooperation and mutual support, create forums for exchanging ideas, knowledge and experience to advocate public health policy, research, intervention and development. We work with governments, national and international partners to improve the following areas:

POLICY ADVOCACY

PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICE MODEL

JOURNAL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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