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5. Membership (number at the end of the last year) **4200 (Life Members)**
300 (Fellow Members)
6. List of conferences and public meetings during the reporting period (dates, locations, themes, attendance) **Organized 52nd All India National Conference**
Date of the conference : March 07-09, 2008
Location : Maulana Azad medical College, New Delhi (India)
Theme : Excellence in Public Health : Key to Global Health
Sub themes :
 1. RCH (Adolescent Health)
 2. Reproductive Health, Child Health)
 3. Communicable diseases including HIV/AIDS and Tuberculosis
 4. Vector borne diseases
 5. Non-communicable Diseases

6. Health Informatics
7. Telemedicine, Nutrition & Micronutrients
8. Health System reforms
9. Environmental Health
10. Tobacco Control
11. Hygiene
12. Safe Water and Sanitation
13. Occupational Health
14. Gender Issues including violence against Women
15. Urban Health
16. Rabies
17. NRHM, IPHS & Public Private Partnership

Attendance : More than 700 delegates from all over the country including delegates from .Sri Kapil Sibal, Hon. Minister for Science & technology and Earth Sciences, inaugurated conference govt. of India. Dr. S.J. Habayeb, WHO Representative to India and Dr. R .K. Srivastava, Director General of Health Services, Govt. of India grace the occasion.

7. List of ongoing Research & Development projects during the reporting period (Topics, donors, names of principal investigators, incl. their contact details esp. e-mail)

Workshops Conducted :

1. Investigation of Public Health Emergencies of International Concern.
2. Addressing Non Communicable Diseases : A Public Health Primer
3. Bird Flu – Public Health Response
4. NACP III - Repositioning Prevention, treatment, care and support of HIV/AIDS
5. TB Anywhere is TB Everywhere - challenges confronting control of TB in West Bengal.
6. Consultative workshop on early initiation of breastfeeding “Together we can achieve more”
7. Coder’s Training Workshop on Verbal Autopsy

Ongoing Projects :

1. Home Hygiene
2. Academy of Public Health
3. Public health Cadre in India
4. Public Health Resource Center
5. Health Promotion in specific settings – schools, workplaces, hospitals etc.
6. Media Advocacy for Tobacco Control

8. List of activities prepared / planned for the next reporting period

Advocacy and policy work around the following overarching priority areas:

- Public health workforce
- Public health education
- Public health infrastructure
- Health promotion and education
- Public health laws
- Environmental health
- Ensuring Access to and Utilization of Preventive and Promotive Health Care
- Eliminating Health Disparities

Develop and disseminate evidence-based policy materials in support of these priority issues and make clear statements

of policy recommendations and of guidelines to **Influence policies and set need-based priorities** to implement essential public health services.

Conduct Research for new insights and innovative solutions to public health problems.

Maintain and enhance professional knowledge, increase technical proficiencies, and enable members to promote and protect environmental and community health through **Continuing Education** based on quality comprehensive educational programming. Membership of the Indian Public Health Association includes a multi-disciplinary professional audience. The Continuing Education Program will continually seek to ascertain the ongoing educational needs of its discipline-specific membership including Physicians, Registered Nurses, Health Education Specialists, Sanitarians, and other public health professionals. This comprehensive educational programming is not only limited to our Annual Conferences but includes sensitization and orientation sessions along with seminars, symposia and workshops held throughout the country all through the year for different categories of public health professionals. Future programming is being planned to expand the scope and will introduce steps for the standardization of public health responses. An Academy of Public Health has been formed under the IPHA for this purpose.

Improve public health science, public health practice, and public health leadership by establishing and maintaining partnerships and working relationships with other agencies/organizations

Work more closely with the government, regulatory agencies and other public health organizations to **ensure that public health is priority in the legislative and policy-making process.**

9. Expectations and proposals regarding the WFPHA

IPHA earnestly solicits cooperation and support (technical and other contributions) from WFPHA in:

- Setting up a Resource Center for Public Health
- Developing Comprehensive quality training / educational programs based on the needs of its multi discipline-specific membership, to maintain and enhance professional knowledge and increase technical proficiencies particularly among frontline public health workers
- Initiate a local network among WFPHA members in S E Asia
- Developing and disseminating evidence-based materials for advocacy –sharing and networking mechanisms with regional WFPHA members can be fostered in this regard around the following overarching priority areas:
 - Public health workforce
 - Public health education
 - Public health infrastructure
 - Health promotion
 - Public health laws
 - Reproductive & Child Health
 - Environmental health
 - Home Hygiene

(Involvement and endorsement from KM4PH will be very helpful)

10. Additional comments

We solicit:

- More dialogue and networking between IPHA and WFPHA
- More involvement of WFPHA in IPHA activities
- Adopting a leadership role in developing a regional public health association network – for sharing experiences and developing strategies to address the public health challenges in the region.

VISION STATEMENT

“Healthy people living in a healthy environment”

The Indian Public Health Association (IPHA) is the leading professional association in public health in India that strives to protect and promote the health and well being of all people and the environment in our county so that all people can enjoy the best health possible and can live grow and prosper in clean and safe communities.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission is to protect and promote the public's health through preventing avoidable illness, injury, disability and premature death; assuring access to affordable, quality health care; and promoting healthy lifestyles. To achieve this the IPHA envisages that it would:

Focus on **Advocacy and policy work** around the following overarching priority areas keeping in view the NRHM:

- National public health programs
- Public health workforce
- Public health education
- Public health infrastructure
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Propagate and practice ethics, equity and justice in public health practice and research

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Will fully and enthusiastically support our Governments in all the projects and programs for protecting and promoting health of the people.