

WORLD FEDERATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS
Summary of the Annual Reports 2007 of the Member Associations

In the Federation's Pages 01, 2007 a template for more standardized reporting was published, 18 out of 73 (approx. 25%) member associations sent reports:

Brazil, **Canada, China**, Ethiopia, **Finland, Germany**, India, **Iran, Japan**, Mexico, **Mozambique, Norway, South Africa, Switzerland, Turkey, Uganda, United Kingdom**, Vietnam.

13 of them (bolded, reported also last year (i.e. on 2006). The following did not report again: Colombia, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Costa Rica, Macedonia, USA. The following report the first time this year: Brazil, Ethiopia, India, Mexico, Vietnam. The reports varied between 1 and 28 pages.

Membership:

The range indicated was 120-80000, about half of the associations did not indicate the number of their members. Excluding the extraordinary size of the Chinese Preventive Medical Association (CPMA) of 80.000 (and the APHA with about 50.000 members), the average size is about 1.000 members per association. This leads to an estimate for the total membership WFPHA is representing of around 200000. Overall membership seems to be unchanged as compared to the last year.

Outputs:

The template asks for publications, conferences, ongoing projects and planned activities. Overall only few reports go along with this scheme, some refer to their websites for information, however there understandably a different structure is followed. Also the number of publications (in average 2-5) issued comprising journal papers, books or newsletters, seems to be similar as in 2006.

Furthermore usually several conferences and Research & Development projects are executed and even more are planned. **It is recommended again to insist that the reports for this year (2008) are comparable and written according to the template provided.** The reports from India, Finland and South Africa may serve among others as examples of good practice. It is important that the secretariat promotes actively the standardized schemes (also regarding resolutions, published in the Federation's Pages 2/2006).

Expectations and proposals:

Many comments of this as well as of the year before (i.e. 2006) refer to the necessity to secure financial support also with the help of WFPHA referring to twinning between rich and poor associations as well as to build-up grants for a limited period. Also an active policy of WFPHA is requested to initiate and support PHAs in countries still without such organization.

As an example the Indian report may be cited as follows: "IPHA earnestly solicits cooperation and support (technical and other contributions) from WFPHA in:" (a list of possible projects is following). And: "We solicit: More dialogue and networking ...; more involvement of WFPHA...; adopting a leadership role in developing a regional public health association network...".

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