

GEOSS symposium, Brazil, September 17-19, 2007

WFPHA application to the membership of GEO (Group on Earth Observation) is a smart move since it has a great potential in serving the P. H. data base, apart from environmental sustainability, that is used to combat emerging and re-emerging diseases, disaster preparedness and response, nutritional disorders and other health related issues.

- WFPHA application will be reviewed and mostly approved during the next board meeting in Cape Town next November. My discussions with the director of secretariat, the co-directors of USA, Canada, Argentina who are members of the board were very successful and they appreciated the WFPHA contribution to the meeting

- The meeting was attended by 66 participants from 12 countries. Our presentation was the main contributor to the session of Public Health that raised a great deal of discussion and lead to clear conclusions of how GEOSS (Global Earth Observation System of systems) and global/national P. H. relation can be strengthened to ensure effective and efficient production and use of Geospatial information.

I informed the Director of the GEO Secretariat, Mr. Jose Achache who is based in Geneva, that I will recommend to WFPHA to invite him for a short presentation during the annual meeting in Geneva, and he welcomed this opportunity

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