

WFPHA West-Pacific Regional Office and West-Pacific Regional Conference on Public Health

As you know, at the 41st WFPHA annual conference in 2007 (see attachment a meeting minutes), Chairman Nasim requested China take the lead in coordinating the regional member countries to build a better network and develop exchange and cooperation with one another. WFPHA will assist with the construction and development of the Regional Liaison Office, and will incorporate it into the whole work plan.

In Sep, 2007, CPMA visited APHA, and met with WFPHA Secretary General Dr. Barbara, discussing about the establishment of West-Pacific Liaison Office, and organizing of West-Pacific Public Health Conference. (see attachment b meeting minutes).

Accordingly, at its 9th and 10th Standing Committee sessions, CPMA decided to establish the WFPHA WPRLO in Beijing, and host the WFPHA West-Pacific Regional Conference on Public Health. The details are as the following:

1. WFPHA WPRLO consists of the regional member countries: Australia, China, Japan, New Zealand, Philippines, South Korea, Vietnam. One high-rank staff from each country should be identified as contact person;
2. WPRLO secretariat is in CPMA. The CPMA Secretary General is the WPRLO director; the director of International Cooperation Division of CPMA is the WPRLO contact person, responsible for routine affairs;
3. WPRLO members annual meeting will be held during WPRCPH in Nov. this year; the composition of the WPRLO board, responsibilities and procedures will be reviewed, modified and approved accordingly. We will send the draft document for your comment soon.
4. The WFPHA West-Pacific Regional Conference on Public Health will be held in Beijing in Nov., 2008. The theme of the conference is expected to be, “WPR-Networking: Preparedness for Public Health Challenges”. The WFPHA Chairman, Secretary General, WHO/WPRO Director, China Health Minister Chen Zhu, and the CPMA Chairman Wang Longde will be invited to address at the opening ceremony. Initial seven topics are to be included:
 - 1) Public health crisis management
 - 2) Flu and avian flu prevention and control

- 3) HIV/AIDS prevention and control
 - 4) Public health information system
 - 5) Health promotion and diseases control
 - 6) Social determinants of health
 - 7) Maternal and child health
5. The organizing committee of the conference will be chaired by the CPMA Chairman Wang Longde. Each country needs to recommend one high-rank staff (contact person) as a member of the committee. Director General of China CDC Dr. Wang Yu and CPMA Secretary General Cai Jiming are such members as well.
6. For the well preparation of WPRLO and WPRCPH, we would like to have your comment and suggestions on the following aspects, please forward your feedback to CPMA before the end of March, 2008.
- 1) Composition of the Liaison Office, Secretariat in CPMA; WPRLO members annual meeting arrangements, the theme and topics of WPRCPH, composition of the conference organizing committee etc.
 - 2) Recommend one high-rank staff of your association as WPRLO member and the conference organizing committee member for your country.
 - 3) Recommend one expert to attend the conference and make the topic report as you'd choose.
 - 4) Please provide information by filling up the form below:

	Country	Full name	position	E-mail	Tel / fax	Presentation topic
Recommended WPRLO / conference committee member						
Presentation expert						
etc.						

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I highly appreciated if you could send your feedback as soon as possible and looking forward to meet you in Geneva in May.

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