Alianza de Asociaciones de Salud Pública de las Américas
Alliance of Public Health Associations of the Americas
AASPA / APHAA

Management Report
Background, Achievements, Challenges and Perspectives

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Background

21 National Associations

Not always stable or coinciding in time
The Process of building an Alliance of Public Health Associations of the Americas
Main Milestones

XIII World Congress of Public Health – WFPHA

Abril, 2012 – Addis Abeba, Etiopia.

The presidents of the WFPHA y and the Cuban Society of Public Health agreed to convene a meeting in Cuba with the national public health associations of the Region of the Americas.
Segunda Convención Internacional de Salud
Second International Convention on Health
April 21, 2015. La Habana, Cuba

The Foundational Meeting of AASPA takes place:

Participation of representatives of the following national public health associations:

- Bolivia
- Brazil
- Colombia
- Cuba
- USA
- Guatemala
- Nicaragua
- Puerto Rico

Auspiced by:
- WFPHA
- PAHO/WHO
- MEDICC
- MOH of Cuba
Highlights in the Building and Strengthening of AASPA

• May, 2016: WFPHA General Assembly, Geneva, Switzerland – AASPA is accepted as a Regional Member of WFPHA.
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- First International Public Health Conference of Panama, July, 2016 – 2nd AASPA Meeting and 1st General Assembly, participation of 15 NPHA’s.
Uniendo esfuerzos por la salud de nuestros pueblos

Joining forces for the health of our people
2018-2019 Achievements

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- A new Board of Directors was elected at that meeting with new officers
  - Alcides Ochoa, Cuba, President,
  - Miguel Lombera, Mexico, First Vice-President,
  - Julio Bello, Argentina, Second Co-Vice-President,
  - Hernando Nieto of Colombia, Second Co-Vice-President, and
  - Vina HuLamm of the United States, Treasurer.
2018-2019 Achievements

- The APHHA has increased its national country members over the past few years and now consists of 17 national public health associations/societies in the American Hemisphere. This is up from 7 associations April, 2015, the year the APHHA was initiated.

- The Assembly ratified admission to the AASPA as full members for the Costa Rican Association of Public Health (ACOSAP) and the Venezuelan Society of Public Health (SVSP).
Challenges

• Lack of development of a portfolio of significant financial development (fundraising) mechanisms which could result in a major threat to the sustainability of a number of national public health associations of the Alliance.

• Inconsistent communication channels and meetings between APHAA Board members and the leaders of the national association members of APHAA.
Future Perspectives on Strengthening the APHAA and its Member National Organizations

• Implement mechanisms for financial development and increased sustainability for the APHAA and its member national associations

• Conduct an APHAA scientific session at the APHA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, USA to be held November 2-6, 2019

• Official tax filing of the AASPA organization and its bank accounts in Mexico
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- Develop a three-year strategic plan which focuses on three major goals of solidifying the APHAA as a regional public health organization, fortifying the individual national association members of the APHAA, and enhancing linkages to the WFPHA.

- Create unified information systems across APHAA national member organizations for more accurate data collection and information sharing.
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THANK YOU

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