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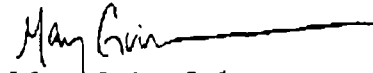


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NCIH AIDS Network Newsletter #35

September/October 1995

Almost 3,000 delegates from all parts of Asia and many other countries around the world met recently in Chiang Mai, Thailand for the Third AIDS in Asia Regional Conference. The five-day conference was organized and sponsored by the Thailand Health Research Institute, the Ministry of Public Health and Chiang Mai University. The selection of Chiang Mai as the conference site was significant as the city is considered to be an epicenter of the Thai HIV epidemic. Thailand estimates that it has over 800,000 HIV cases — almost as many as in the United States. The conference was opened by the Crown Prince of Thailand, Maja Vajiralongkorn. Dr. Peter Piot of UNAIDS, Mr. Mechai Viravaidya, Director of Thailand's Population and Community Development Association and former Secretary of the Thailand National AIDS Committee, and Ms. Vivienne Munro, an Australian woman living with HIV, also delivered opening keynote addresses.

Dr. Piot outlined a number of challenges facing Asia as a whole. Among these challenges is the need for communities, governments, the private sector and NGOs to work together, "with involvement for all on an equal footing, through equal partnerships." Another important task is to expand the quality rather than just the scale of action against HIV/AIDS — simply putting more money into the problem is not always the answer. It is important to look carefully at how these monies are spent. Finally, Dr. Piot reminded participants that "AIDS prevention and care is not something you can do to people — only *with* people...Keep focusing on people: their rights, their needs and their involvement."

In his keynote address, Mr. Viravaidya blamed an inadequate and ineffective response to HIV/AIDS on the fact that the problem has been "dumped" on the health profession and the Ministry of Health. He discussed lessons learned as seven "realities" or "commandments" that contribute to a necessary view of the epidemic as a multisectoral issue. Among them, he urged all parties to be honest and open, to involve all sectors of society, and to end discrimination against people with HIV/AIDS. The top levels of government must show leadership by participating actively in National AIDS Committees, and by encouraging the involvement of all ministries. "To win, we have to be unconventional, because these are extraordinary times." Mr. Viravaidya challenged UNAIDS to organize a regional summit on AIDS for government leaders.

Ms. Munro, an Australian woman living with HIV for ten years, spoke of the relative privilege of living in a country where the rights of HIV-positive people are protected by legislation. She condemned the widespread discrimination (which often takes the form of physical and psychological violence) against HIV-positive people in the world and the very limited health care available to them. At the same time, HIV-positive people are becoming more involved in research, policy making and project implementation. "Until we have access to basic human rights, we will continue to be obstructed in the important task

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*NCIHH will release this report December 1, 1995 in conjunction with
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Copies will cost \$25.00 for NCIHH members and \$35.00 for non-members

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Stay Abreast of the Fight Against AIDS

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Dear Network Member:

I am very pleased to include *AIDSLink* No. 29 in this package. In this expanded 24-page issue you will find our regular features, plus reports from the Yokohama and Cairo conferences.

NCIH is pleased to announce that we have extended our information-sharing capabilities to include the Internet. Please refer to the enclosed flyer for our e-mail address, and send us yours! We will be using the Internet to communicate with network members whenever possible. We will utilize the many resources available through the Internet and to obtain and convey the most recent information regarding HIV/AIDS issues.

In an effort to increase and broaden our readership, we are enclosing a subscription form with this package. If you know of a person or an organization that might benefit from the information included in *AIDSLink*, please pass this form on.

The other addition to this package is a description and order form for the recent publication of the report developed by the Center for Strategic and International Studies Working Group on HIV/AIDS issues. NCIH participated in the year-long series of meetings that led to the development of this document, and considers it to be an excellent summary of the many issues related to the pandemic. The report provides persuasive strategic, economic and health arguments for a strong U.S. commitment to international leadership.

I encourage all network members once again to take a moment to update us on your activities. We always welcome the submission of a few hundred words about your organization for publication in *AIDSLink*.

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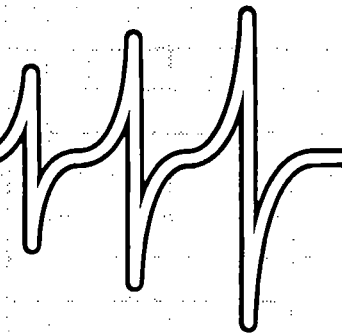
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AIDS LINK

Together for the Future:

Report on the Tenth International AIDS Conference, Yokohama, Japan

Over 11,000 researchers, activists, and health practitioners from 130 countries gathered last month in Yokohama, Japan for the Tenth International Conference on HIV/AIDS. This occasion marked the first time that the yearly gathering was held in Asia, where the epidemic is expected to explode in the next few years. Under the theme of "Together for the Future" thirty plenary sessions were held, along with 32 round table sessions, 580 abstract sessions and 2700 poster sessions. The obvious role of NGOs in fighting HIV/AIDS was clearly recognized and supported in this conference. The International Council of AIDS Service Organizations (ICASO) and the Global Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS (GNP+) were both represented on the Conference Steering Committee, which ensured valuable meeting space and significant access to the platform for both NGOs and people living with HIV/AIDS.

As host of the Conference, Japan demonstrated its commitment to contributing to the global fight against the HIV/AIDS pandemic by sending its highest officials. The opening ceremony included speeches from a number of well-known Japanese public figures, including Tōmichi Murayama, the Prime Minister of Japan, His Imperial Highness Crown Prince Naruhito and Dr. Hiroshi Nakajima, Director General of the World Health Organization. The features of the epidemic in Asia received significant and long-overdue attention — of the 17 million HIV infections worldwide estimated by the World Health Organization, over 2.5 million are in Asia — a million more than one year ago. By the year 2000, the majority of new HIV infections will occur in Asia, with 42% of the total in India, Thailand and Myanmar.

As usual, scientific concerns dominated a large portion of the conference. Challenges presented by the development of an effective vaccine were outlined by Dr. Dani Bolognesi of Duke University. The lack of any natural immunity to HIV makes the establishment of a potential vaccine's correlates of protection almost impossible. HIV's characteristic latency, immunopathogenicity and mutational capabilities also present serious obstacles to vaccine development. Dr. David Ho of Aaron AIDS Research Center (USA) described the features of "long-term non-progressors" (LTNPs), a group of HIV-positive individuals who, despite their serostatus, remain asymptomatic for many years. Dr. Ho concluded that LTNPs

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NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL HEALTH

THE NEW STRATEGIC PLAN FOR NCIH (1996-2001)

MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONNAIRE (June 1996).

DEAR MEMBER OF NCIH:

THE NCIH Executive Committee and the Governing Board are developing a new strategic plan for NCIH. A major goal of this exercise is to position NCIH for the twenty-first century. As a membership organization, it is critical that NCIH members actively participate in the development of a strategic plan.

Angela Churchill, the Chairperson of the NCIH Governing Board, believes in the central role of individual and organizational members of NCIH in shaping the general direction of this organization. In NCIH Governing Board meetings, membership advocates actively participate in all deliberations, and have provided useful insights on many critical issues.

Since January 1996, the Strategic Planning Committee, has focused on the review of existing documents and the development of draft strategies. Draft mission, vision, value, goals, and objectives' statements are ready for review and modification by the leadership and membership of NCIH. **THE COMMITTEE IS REQUESTING INPUT FROM NCIH MEMBERS, ESPECIALLY DURING THIS CONFERENCE. TO FACILITATE RESPONSE FROM MEMBERS, THE COMMITTEE DEVELOPED THE ENCLOSED QUESTIONNAIRE.**

Please follow the instructions in each section of the Questionnaire. We are providing space in each section for your comments/and or modifications of the vision, value, mission, goals and objectives statements. A staff volunteer is available to receive your responses to the Questionnaire at the Registration Booth and NCIH Stand in the Exhibition Hall. **THE COMMITTEE WILL APPRECIATE YOUR RESPONSE DURING THIS CONFERENCE, OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 1996.** Chuck Woolery, the NCIH Membership Director is the staff liaison for the strategic planning process (202-833 5900 ext. 206, and Fax 202 833 0075).

Thank you for your time and assistance in the completion of this questionnaire. The leadership of NCIH is committed to the development of a membership-driven strategic plan.

Sincerely,

Chinua Akukwe
Chair, NCIH Strategic Planning Committee

PLEASE COMPLETE EACH STATEMENT WITH THE RESPONSE THAT BEST REPRESENTS YOUR OPINION. KINDLY CIRCLE YOUR RESPONSE TO EACH STATEMENT.

GENERAL QUESTIONS

1) Are you a member of NCIH: YES NO

2) How many years have you been a member of NCIH:

1 - 4 YEARS ; 5- 10 YEARS; 11- 20 YEARS; OVER 21 YEARS; CHARTER MEMBER

3) SEX: MALE FEMALE

4) BORN IN U.S.: YES NO

5) DO YOU WORK IN UNITED STATES YES NO

5) IF YOU WORK IN U.S., WHICH STATE _____

IF YOU WORK OUTSIDE U.S., WHICH COUNTRY _____

6) HOW MANY YEARS HAVE YOU EVER WORKED OUTSIDE OF U.S

7) WHAT AGENCY DO YOU WORK FOR:

NATIONAL GOVERNMENT; STATE GOVERNMENT; LOCAL GOVERNMENT

PRIVATE SECTOR (NON-RELIGIOUS)-NOT-FOR- PROFIT;

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION; PRIVATE SECTOR-FOR PROFIT.

OTHERS (DESCRIBE) _____

7) DO YOU PROVIDE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING SERVICES (Please circle the answer that best describes your function).

DIRECT SERVICES; MANAGEMENT SERVICES; POLICY DIRECTION AND

LEADERSHIP; SUPPORT SERVICES; TECHNICAL SERVICES

8) ARE YOU SATISFIED WITH THE NOMINATION AND THE ELECTION PROCESS FOR NCIH GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS

YES

NO

IF YOU ARE NOT SATISFIED, WHAT SPECIFIC CHANGES SHOULD TAKE PLACE

9) PLEASE WHAT SPECIFIC MEMBERSHIP SERVICES DO YOU EXPECT FROM NCIH

10) DO YOU BELIEVE THAT NCIH SHOULD FOCUS ON GLOBAL HEALTH ISSUES, IN ADDITION TO ITS COMMITMENT TO MOBILIZE US PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS AWARENESS OF INTERNATIONAL HEALTH ISSUES.

YES

NO

PLEASE, KINDLY STATE THE REASON FOR YOUR ANSWER

11) DO YOU THINK THAT NCIH SHOULD DEVELOP LINKAGES ON INTERNATIONAL HEALTH AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE U.S. PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS.

YES

NO

PLEASE, KINDLY STATE THE REASON FOR YOUR ANSWER

PRELIMINARY DRAFT OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN (1996 - 2001)

Please kindly read the statement/s and circle the number of your most appropriate response. There can only be one response to a statement.

VISION

The National Council on International Health envisions a global health village where the United States and other nations of the world vigorously promote the improvement of health worldwide.

- 1) **Strongly Disagree**
- 2) **Disagree**
- 3) **Agree and Disagree**
- 4) **Agree**
- 5) **Strongly Agree**

Additional Comments/and or modifications of the above statement

VALUE STATEMENT

The National Council for International Health wishes to promote global health in the United States by providing leadership and advocacy for international health practices that recognizes the rights, dignity, diversity, and the limitless potential of every individual, his or her family, and the community where they live.

- 1) **Strongly Disagree**
- 2) **Disagree**
- 3) **Agree and Disagree**
- 4) **Agree**
- 5) **Strongly Agree**

Additional Comments/and or modifications of the above statement

THE NCIH MISSION

To improve health worldwide by providing vigorous leadership to increase U.S. awareness and response to international health needs.

To accomplish its mission, NCIH will:

- 1) Provide vigorous leadership and advocacy to increase U.S. public and private sector awareness of, and response to international health needs.
- 2) Bring together individuals and organizations in the U.S. and around the world to share experiences and lessons learned in international health, promote exchange of ideas and voice expert scientific opinion on pressing health concerns, and to build partnerships that respond effectively to these problems.
- 3) Provide opportunities for the professional growth and the enhancement of the technical skills of NCIH members.
- 4) Promote the linkages between health and sustainable development in international health by increasing U.S. public and private sector awareness, and response to health-development issues.

- 1) **Strongly Disagree**
- 2) **Disagree**
- 3) **Agree and Disagree**
- 4) **Agree**
- 5) **Strongly Agree**

Additional Comments/and or modifications of the above statements

GOALS

- 1) To stimulate and sustain public support for international health in the United States.
- 2) To develop the necessary skills and capacities of NCIH individual members/organizations, and other organizations active in international health to contribute and work effectively toward promotion of global health.
- 3) To advocate for international health policies that promote global health.
- 4) To broker linkages and partnerships on international health and sustainable development issues within the U.S. public and private sectors.
- 5) Develop a solid and secure financial base for NCIH activities.

- 1) **Strongly Disagree**
- 2) **Disagree**
- 3) **Agree and Disagree**
- 4) **Agree**
- 5) **Strongly Agree**

Additional Comments/and or modifications of the above statements

GENERAL OBJECTIVES

- 1) Refocus NCIH as a membership organization by developing specific programs and activities that promote student membership and meet the professional aspirations of new, mid level, and veteran members.

- 2) Develop short and long term objectives and targets for extramural funding (grants, donations, corporate sponsorship, endowments, scholar-in-residence, e.t.c.) for the internal management and external activities of NCIH.
- 3) Integrate the international health and leadership advocacy roles of NCIH by developing a blue print of international health issues that directly and indirectly affect the United States.
- 4) Expand the existing international partnerships/networks between NCIH and U.S. and non U.S. organizations to include organizations active in international health and sustainable development.
- 5) Offer quality forums for dialogue and exchange of ideas between international health professionals, other public health workers, and U.S. citizens, at national, regional, state, and local levels.
- 6) Enhance the technical capacity of the NCIH management to initiate or respond to cutting-edge issues on policy, advocacy, and fundraising.
- 7) Develop a proactive strategy providing accurate and timely information on current or emerging international health issues to the U.S. public and private sectors, especially the media, political leaders, businesses, foundations, and philanthropic organizations.
- 8) Establish measurable objectives for the annual evaluation of the general objectives of NCIH.

- 1) **Strongly Disagree**
- 2) **Disagree**
- 3) **Agree and Disagree**
- 4) **Agree**
- 5) **Strongly Agree**

Additional Comments/and or modifications of the above statements
