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AAAHH Newsletter

Asia Pacific Action Alliance on Human Resources for Health

Universal Health Coverage (UHC): sharing Thai experiences and driving UHC agenda

On Thursday 25th of April a side meeting called Universal Health Coverage (UHC): sharing Thai experiences and driving UHC agenda, was held in Bangkok, Thailand, parallel to the 69th Session of the Economic and Social Commission of Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP).

The meeting provided a chance to share the experiences and challenges of UHC in Thailand in order to promote and drive the UHC agenda in the region. Included in the meeting was discussion of the necessary building blocks for UHC of which strong Human Resources for Health must be one.



The meeting included talks from:

Dr Shun-Ichi Murata the Deputy Executive Secretary of ESCAP

Ms Nanda Krairiksh Director of the Social Development Division ESCAP

Dr Charnvit Tharathep Deputy Permanent Secretary of Thailand's MoPH

Dr Winai Sawasdivorn Secretary General of Thailand's National Health Security Office

Mr Thanapol Dokkaew a patient who has benefited from UHC in Thailand

Right Time, Right Place: A call for a new thematic series

Human Resources for Health has announced a new thematic series “Right Time, Right Place: Improving access to health service through effective retention and distribution of health workers.” The aim of this series is to report on new analysis, strategic intelligence, and evidence that is pointing to improvements in retention and distribution of health workers.

The Health Workforce Australia (HWA) is sponsoring a thematic series to provide new insights for practitioners, policy makers and analysts who have a responsibility or interest in what can be done to improve access to health through more effective human resources policies, planning and management.

To learn more about the details and requirements visit the website below:

<http://goo.gl/bhZdF>

Position Vacant: WHO Regional Advisor SEARO (Human Resources For Health)

The World Health Organization are seeking a Regional Advisor for the South East Asia Region, on Human Resources for Health.

This is a two year fixed term appointment.

OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAMME :

To support countries in South-East Asia Region in identifying gaps in numbers and imbalances in skill mix in generation of Human Resources for Health and developing of Master Plan for Human Resources for Health in the broader context of health systems.

Experience:

Essential :Ten years of relevant experience in the field of Human Resources for Health (HRH) including five (5) years at the international level.

The application deadline is the 30th of May 2013.

Learn more about the position online here: <http://bit.ly/116TjQB>

THE 3RD GLOBAL FORUM ON HUMAN RESOURCES FOR HEALTH

The Third Global Forum on Human Resources for Health: Rising to the grand challenge of human resources for health, will be held in Recife, Brazil, on the 10th to the 13th of November 2013.

The Global Health Workforce Alliance are organising the Third Global Forum to serve as a global platform to advance the HRH agenda one step further, to make real progress towards universal health coverage and to place HRH at the core of the Post-2015 Development Agenda.

Learn more about the forum at the event below, or online here:

<http://www.who.int/workforcealliance/forum/2013/3gflatestnews/en/>

A Briefing on the 3rd Global Form on HRH Human Resources for Health in the context of Universal Health Coverage (UHC)

There will be a briefing on the 3rd Global Forum on Human Resources for Health, followed by a panel discussion on health workforce competencies held as a side meeting of the 66th World Health Assembly.

**Where: Palais des Nations – Room VIII
When: Monday, May 20th; 18.00 to 19.30**

Interpretation will be available in English, French, Portuguese and Spanish

Light refreshments will be served.

<http://bit.ly/15hIMnj>

AAAH Inter-session Progress Report

The AAAH secretariat are expecting the submission of first drafts of the reports from the 12 AAAH inter-session research studies by the end of May 2013.

A workshop will then be held from the on 17th - 19th June 2013 in Bangkok where results can be discussed and support given to the finalising of analysis and the write up of reports.

The workshop will also provide an opportunity to assess the possibilities for writing research papers that draw on the combined results from a number of different studies.

Prof. (Dr) Neeraj Kumar Sethi – New Focal Point for India



With the appointment of Professor Shiv Mathur to the position of AAAH Chairman, a vacancy for the position of focal point for India has arisen. India's MoH has put forward Professor Neeraj Kumar Sethi as his replacement.

Prof. Sethi is currently Head of Planning and Evaluation at the National Institute of Health and Family Welfare (NIHFW), New Delhi. Besides teaching, training and research, his job involves generating ideas and solutions for health systems.

He began his career after attaining his MBBS (Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery) degree in 1976 from the University of Delhi with merit in Preventive and Social Medicine. Thereafter, he completed his MD in Preventive and Social Medicine in 1980 from the prestigious All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi.

The AAAH Secretariat looks forward to the active involvement of Prof. Sethi in AAAH activities over the coming years.

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Vietnam Faces Bottlenecks in HRH Training.

Vietnam's Ministry of Health is having to reassess the training of quality of physicians after discovering that even after 5-6 years professional training, new doctors are still requiring professional mentoring. Read more here:

<http://bit.ly/YI0Cm6>

New approach to rural medical education needed – Australia

Australia is facing many of the same challenges of rural attention faced by AAAH Countries. There are however some success stories. At Charles Sturt University (CSU) more than 70 per cent of on-campus health students come from a rural or regional area, and more than 80 per cent of these go on to work in a rural or regional area after graduation. Read more here:

<http://bit.ly/11jh1E5>

Research— Follow the links for some of the latest HRH related research

Measuring Extent of Autonomy in Teaching Hospitals of Punjab: A Case of Services Hospital, Lahore

This study examined the practical difficulties of implementing autonomy in teaching hospitals.

<http://bit.ly/116UnUC>

The Mental Health Development in Malaysia: History, Current Issue and Future Development

This paper examines the roles of caregivers and mental health professionals in past and present mental healthcare in Malaysia.

<http://bit.ly/Yn0Zui>

A Literature Review: The Role of the Private Sector in the Production of Nurses in India, Kenya, South Africa and Thailand

This review looked at private sector production of nurses in the context of a shortage of nurses and issues of international and domestic migration.

<http://www.human-resources-health.com/content/11/1/14>

Conference Alert.

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| Topic | Evaluation of the Medical Education: Present and the Future - Asian Medical Education Association |
| Date | June 9th 2013 –June 12th 2013 |
| Venue | Health Sciences University of Mongolia—Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia |
| Website | http://amea2013.hsum-ac.mn/ |
| Topic | 1st Annual Worldwide Nursing Conference |
| Date | July 8th— July 9th 2013 |
| Venue | Hotel Fort Canning , Singapore |
| Website | www.nursing-conf.org |
| Topic | 2nd Annual Global Healthcare Conference (GHC 2013) |
| Date | July 8th 2013—July 9th 2013 |
| Venue | Hotel Fort Canning , Singapore |
| Website | http://www.globalhc-conf.org/index.html |

A Message from the AAAH Secretariat

With no conference for AAAH this year there is an opportunity for the AAAH to really develop our research and engage with other networks.

The Secretariat are excited to see the outcomes of the interim research which will be completed over the coming months. And preparing for AAAH's participation in the Global Health Workforce Alliance 3rd Global Forum in Brazil later this year.

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