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The AAAH Side Meeting of Prince Mahidol Award Conference (PMAC), 2015



The Prince Mahidol Award Conference (PMAC) 2015 on Global Health Post 2015 Accelerating Equity, the conference took place during 26th-31st January 2015 at Centara Grand at Central World Hotel, Bangkok while 26th-27th January 2015 the side meetings were held in Lotus Suits and World Ballrooms. There were 24 side meetings in this conference including AAAH which was a host to AAAH Steering Committee meeting on Tuesday 27th January 2015.

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The AAAH Steering Meeting



The AAAH has gotten new Chair - **Dr. Manuel Dayrit** which his tenure is 2 years starting from January 2015 to December 2016. On this occasion AAAH Secretariat convened AAAH Steering Committee Meeting in PMAC 2015 as one of the side meetings to introduce new Chair and also to set expectations and revise selection

focal points for effective coordinator and networking. The meeting **firstly** introduced new Chair with his sense of gratitude to have been elected and his commitment to AAAH target. The steering committee members introduced themselves and expressed their expectations which are similar, that AAAH was expected as a network to provide a platform for engagement. The selection process of country focal points was suggested to renew for getting competent focal points, which was to inquire WHO regional office whether it is needed to put the selection process through WHO country office. Once the result clarified AAAH will inquire the focal points to either continue as AAAH focal points or not continue with nomination of a replacement. In addition the steering committee agreed to adapt universal health care to the next AAAH Conference theme which the theme will be strengthening HRH for universal health care. The 9th AAAH Conference will be held in Colombo, Sri Lanka in October 2016.



Call for Proposals

AAAHRH intersession activities are the research activities during 2 years in between AAAHRH Conferences. They are the platform of learning and sharing across country partners, especially capacity building of young scientists and active involving of academia and researchers from country partners and emphasizing the process of interaction with stakeholders in and outside MOH and policy makers. The intersession research activity during 2015-2016 focuses on faculty development hence AAAHRH Secretariat is now announcing ***Call for Proposals: Emerging Challenges and Solution on Faculty Development in Asia and Pacific Region***

Eligible criteria

1. Open to all member states in WHO South East Asia Region and the AAAHRH members in the Western Pacific Region (Cambodia, China, Lao PDR, Mongolia, Philippines and Vietnam)
2. Co-financing of the proposal or in kind contribution by the MOH at least 25% of total cost of this proposal ensuring country ownership and engagement by policy makers in country
3. Proven technical capacities in conducting high quality research and linking research with policies

Application and selection process

1. All submissions must be made online by the closing date, 31st March 2015, to secretariat@aaahrh.org, hard copies of submissions will NOT be accepted.
2. All submissions must be written in English only.
3. The Proposal of not more than 10,000 words should:
 - a. Describe background and context, well thought objectives and research methodology relevant to respond to each research question.

- b. Provide details of the research team including their position, qualifications and related publication of the Principal Investigator and all team members. The description of the team should also give an indication of the team's capacity for applying policy analysis and health system.

- c. Clear description how this research link with policy makers, as well as dissemination plans for the research results and evidence-to-policy actions.

- d. Provide an estimate and itemized budget summary and narrative justification of each budget components, not exceeding US\$ 10,000 to US\$ 15,000; including indications of 25% co-contribution by government either in cash or in kind.

4. Applicants must submit their proposals by 31st March 2015, 23.59 hours Bangkok Time.



5. All proposals will be technically reviewed and scored by two independent external technical experts. Final decisions regarding funding will be made by a selection committee. Five international experts comprise the selection committee, for which AAAH serves as secretariat.

6. Proposals will be judged according to the following criteria:

a) Relevance of the proposed research to the country context and potential contributions to fill the gaps on faculty development.

b) Suitability of methods and study design

c) Capacity of the research team to implement the proposed study

d) Demonstrated linkages between research and policy decision bodies.

e) Appropriateness of the budget and timing for proposed research activities

7. Successful applicants will be notified by end of April 2015

8. For successful applications, the principal Investigator will be invited to a workshop facilitated by experts by June 2015. The aim of this workshop are to:

a. Refine research questions

b. Facilitate cross country learning / analysis of the findings

c. Discuss analytical frameworks and methods which enables cross country analysis and learning,

d. Support the development of necessary methodological tools

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Health providers' perspectives on delivering public health services under the contract service policy in rural China: evidence from Xinjian County

- Huixuan Zhou, Weijun Zhang, Shengfa Zhang, Fugang Wang, You Zhong, Linni Gu

To effectively provide public health care for rural residents, the Ministry of Health formally unveiled the contract service policy in rural China in April 2013. As the counterpart to family medicine in some developed countries, the contract service established a compact between village doctors and local governments and a service agreement between doctors and their patients. This study is a rare attempt to explore the perspectives of health providers on the contract service policy, and investigate the demand side's attitude toward the public health services delivered under the contract policy. This evidence from Xinjian County, Jiangxi Province, the first and most representative pilot site of the contract service, could serve as a reference for policymakers to understand the initial effects of the policy.

Read more: <http://www.biomedcentral.com/content/pdf/s12913-015-0739-x.pdf>



"Why should I have come here?" - a qualitative investigation of migration reasons and experiences of health workers from sub-Saharan Africa in Austria

- Elena Jirovsky, Kathryn Hoffmann, Manfred Maier, Ruth Kutalek

There are many health professionals from abroad working in the European Union and in Austria. The situation of sub-Saharan health workers in particular has now been studied for the first time. The objective was to explore their reasons for migration to Austria, as well as their personal experiences concerning the living and working situation in Austria. For most participants, the decision to migrate was not professional but situation dependent. Austria was not their first choice as a destination country. The main motivation for migrating to Austria was partnership with an Austrian citizen. Other immigrants were refugees. Most of the immigrants found the accreditation process to work as a health professional to be difficult and hindering. This resulted in some participants not being able to work in their profession, while others were successful in their profession or in related fields.

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3rd International One Health Congress
16th -18th March 2015
Amsterdam, Netherland
<http://www.iohc2015.com>

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Rural Innovations Changing Healthcare Forum 2015
18th March 2015
New South Wales, Australia
<http://www.aci.health.nsw.gov.au/about-aci/calendar/rural-innovations-changing-healthcare-2015>



World Health Care Congress 2015
22th-25th March 2015
Washington, DC, USA
<http://www.worldcongress.com/events/HR15000/>

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and management capacity toward
adequate, equitable, efficient and
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in the Asia-Pacific region**



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