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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Jorn Olsen

The IEA is an international society for all epidemiologists, independently on their specialized topic of interest within epidemiology. The IEA organizes regional and international meetings for epidemiologists and we work on improving the working conditions for epidemiologists worldwide.

Meetings

Please note in your calendar the following scheduled meetings:

1. 2nd European IEA Congress of Epidemiology "Epidemiology in Health Care Practice", Utrecht, the Netherlands, June 28 – July 1, 2006. For more information, please visit the IEA website: www.ieaweb.org or go directly to: www.euroepi2006.org
2. 2nd American Congress of Epidemiology, Seattle, WA, USA, 21 – 24 June 2006 (includes an IEA section) – For more information, please visit the IEA website: www.ieaweb.org or go directly to: www.epicongress2006.org
3. 18th IEA World Congress of Epidemiology, Porto Alegre, Brazil, 2008
4. 19th IEA World Congress of Epidemiology, Edinburgh, Scotland, 2011

Working conditions

Many decisions are made that have profound influence on our opportunities for doing epidemiologic research. The IEA tries to influence these decisions with the limited resources we have. Decisions are made on use of health data in research, allocation of funds to research, ethical appraisal on research and much more.

Sometimes we are represented in the decision process, sometimes we are not. We accept the role of being one of the organizations that should speak epidemiologists' case. We do that by trying to get a seat in important committees, by working with the WHO and by publishing the International Journal of Epidemiology, a scientific journal with an increasing impact, thanks to the dynamic duo George Davey-Smith and Shah Ebrahim, our IJE Co-Editors. Many thanks to them for their fine work.

We also provide comments to the current debate through our Rapid Response Committee. You may find our comments at the IEA website (www.ieaweb.org and click on the Rapid Response link in the contents table). We hope you will find these comments useful in your work and when you take part in the scientific debate.

We are furthermore working on updating our document on Good Epidemiology Practice (old version can be found at: http://www.dundee.ac.uk/iea/euro_Content.htm click the discussion documents button on the left then the Good Practice button). The new version will cover all regions, not just the European region.

We are trying to get influence on the new CIOMs guidelines for doing epidemiologic research. The European region has provided an in depth analysis of the first draft and the Rapid Response Committee has also written a set of statements. Rodolfo Saracci, our IEA-WHO Liaison officer, is taking an active part in the rewriting of the text.

The IEA accepts our obligation to help training new epidemiologists in areas of the world that has no easy access to the most recent advancements in epidemiologic methodology. We have done that by publishing books and by sponsoring short courses, like the EEPE Summer School in Florence that has been in operation almost 20 years. Using this summer school as a model, we have sponsored a short course in epidemiology in Durban, South Africa, 5 - 16 February 2007, headed by our

President-Elect, Neil Pearce. For more details please contact our Regional Councillor for Africa, Champak C. Jinabhai at: jinabhai@ukzn.ac.za

The IEA has supported the OUP/IEA Dictionary since it started and John Last, the editor, has done an extraordinary job to maintain and update this dictionary. We thank Last for his most appreciated contribution but understand that he now feels he has done his duty. The new editor is our past IEA Councillor for Europe, Miquel Porta, from Barcelona, Spain, and we look forward to working with him on the next edition. He will probably be in contact with those of you who are willing to help keeping the Dictionary up to date. For more information and for finding out how to contribute to the 5th edition, please visit our website: www.ieaweb.org or directly go to: <http://tinyurl.com/h44w3>. We look forward to your criticisms, comments, and suggestions. (see details in this newsletter, under relevant heading)

The IEA also has an obligation to make younger students of epidemiology aware of the history and roots of epidemiology. Parts of this history will be lost when the founders of the 20th century epidemiology are no longer among us. Walter Holland is in charge of editing a book presenting the stories of well known epidemiologists who were key actors in epidemiology worldwide at the start of chronic disease epidemiology and many of these authors are still active epidemiologists. This book will be published by the Oxford University Press and the IEA. (see details in this newsletter, under relevant heading)

The World Congress of Epidemiology (WCE) is for many our most important face on the international scene and it is important to make sure we focus upon topics for this meeting all epidemiologists need. The WCE should help you to update your skills in methodology and to find your role global health, public health and clinical practice.

We also have a committee working on streamlining our By Laws and other IEA new Committees have been established to help achieve the main role of the IEA (see details in this newsletter, under relevant heading). The work of these committees will be discussed at our next Council Meeting in Alexandria, 17 – 18 August 2006.

Communications and Recruitment

The IEA can only help epidemiologists if they help us by becoming members of the IEA. At present too few epidemiologists feel they need to contribute

to their international organizations. We hope at least professional epidemiologists who have an interest in global health will join the organization but others are welcome too.

New members can use our website to learn more about the organization and to download the application form. The website address is: www.IEAweb.org.

We welcome suggestions from members on all matters related to the scope of work within the IEA. If you are aware of important topics where we could make a contribution, please let us know.

We hope to see all of you at the Regional IEA meetings and of course at the next WCE in Brazil 2008. I am sure that those of you who took part in the WCE in Bangkok, 2005, excellently organized by Chitr Sitthi-Amorn, our IEA Past President, and his staff, will know the WCE is an event not to be missed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY Ahmed Mandil

1. Membership

It is a well known fact that the current IEA members only represent a very small fraction of the actual body of active professionals working in the field of epidemiology on a global scale. For some reason, national epidemiology societies in regions as Europe, North and South America, seem to much more attract epidemiologists compared to IEA. We need to investigate the reasons behind such phenomenon, and work towards more effective representation of the global body of professionals eligible for IEA membership. 216 new members joined IEA during 2005 and the first 5 months of 2006. The breakdown, by region, is shown below:

Europe:	54 (25 %)
Latin America & Caribbean:	43 (20 %)
Western Pacific:	36 (16.7 %)
South East Asia:	35 (16.2 %)
Eastern Mediterranean:	19 (8.8 %)
North America:	19 (8.8 %)
Africa:	10 (4.6 %)

During the last IEA Council Meetings before and after the Bangkok World Congress of Epidemiology (August 2005) it was agreed upon with the regional councillors to strengthen IEA in their respective regions, at the aggregate level and put up a plan to

increase IEA memberships including: joint scientific meetings / teaching activities; advocacy and lobbying; and specific task forces.

Current procedures for new memberships and renewals since 2003:

1. IEA Secretariat handles

- Receipt of new memberships and approval by the Secretary
- Sending confirmation e-mail for the receipt of the application form
- Sending a welcome letter (in case of acceptance of application)
- Sending a membership certificate (signed by the president and secretary), and
- Sending new membership forms to OUP for payment procedures

2. Oxford University Press (OUP) handles

- Renewals' correspondence directly with IEA Members
- Sending updated database to the IEA Secretariat electronically
- Sending all amendments of the database regarding: renewals, cancellations, etc, to the IEA Secretariat
- Mailing the International Journal of Epidemiology (IJE) to subscribers / IEA members
- Payments of members (new / renewals)

A continued, almost daily correspondence has been on going with the IEA secretariat and Ms Paula Thomson, OUP, regarding different issues of membership and IJE. Around 600 - 700 exchanges took place between 2003 and May, 2006.

Sponsorship

1. After the Council approval during its Bangkok meeting, 2004, regarding the generous offer and establishment of the "**Elmer V Villanueva Sponsorship Fund**" offering to support a total of seven nominees (one for each of the regions or any variation thereof) for three-year membership per year for five years), six new members were granted full IEA sponsored membership for 3 years as of 2006 as follows:

- **4 nominations** by regional councillors from: Cuba, Laos, Malaysia, India
- **2 awardees** during the IEA World Congress of Epidemiology, Bangkok, Thailand, 2005 for: Best

Paper Presentation from less technically developed countries, from: Kuwait, China

2. IEA Sponsored Members: During the IEA Council Meeting, 2004, it was agreed that two professionals from each region are to be sponsored for IEA Membership for 3 years. Accordingly, IEA has granted 4 members from developing countries full sponsored membership for 3 years, namely from: one each from Iraq and Romania, and two from India

IEA members, who wish to sponsor 3-year memberships for candidates nominated by Regional Councillors from less-developed nations, are kindly requested to write to the Secretariat at: IEAsecretariat@link.net. Such contributions are highly welcomed and most appreciated.

New Rate Classification

Reference to the new World Bank Classification (www.worldbank.org), the IEA rate classification has been amended accordingly as follows:

Developing Countries Rates: applied to countries of low-income economies, lower-middle-income economies and upper-middle-income economies

Normal Rates: applied high-income economies, except Western Europe.

Western Europe Rates: applied to all countries in Western Europe.

Details of such rates and new categories (please see details below) are available on the IEA Application Form, which is downloadable from the IEA website: www.IEAweb.org

New Membership Categories

Life-time Membership

During the IEA Council Meeting, Bangkok, 2005, the council approved a membership category of "Life-time membership" which includes payment of IEA membership fees for 10 years (as appropriate for each region / membership category) and thus receive a life-time membership, including the receipt of the IJE. So far, 6 IEA membership applications were approved for life-time memberships.

Students / Senior Membership

After the approval of the students / senior rates (50% of the applied fees for each region) during the IEA Council Meeting in Bangkok, 2004, the rates were added to the IEA application form of membership and announced on the IEA website in November 2004. So far, 21 IEA membership applications were approved for student memberships.

Update Form

The Update Form posted on the IEA website in 2004 has been efficiently working. The IEA Secretariat has received almost 80 updated forms from members around the world during 2004, 2005 and first 5 months of 2006. An attractive announcement to encourage members to update their membership information has been posted on the IEA website: www.IEAweb.org.

IEA On-line directory

The IEA online directory is being updated on a yearly basis for the use of the IEA members.

2. Meetings

The following regional / global IEA meetings were held during 2003 - 2005:

- 21st IEA European Epidemiology Federation & Spanish Society of Epidemiology Joint Scientific Meeting, Toledo, Spain, October 1 – 4, 2003
- 6th IEA Eastern Mediterranean Regional Scientific Meeting, Ahwaz, Iran, December 9 – 11, 2003
- 6th IEA Latin America & Caribbean Regional Scientific Meeting, in association with the VI Brazilian Epidemiological Meeting, Recife, Brazil, June 19 – 23, 2004
- European Congress of Epidemiology, Porto, Portugal, September 8 - 11, 2004
- 8th IEA South East Asia Regional Scientific Meeting, Jhansi (UP), India, December 5 - 8, 2004
- 17th IEA World Congress of Epidemiology, Bangkok, Thailand, August 21 - 25, 2005

Planned Meetings:

- 2nd European Congress of Epidemiology 'Epidemiology in Health Care Practice', Utrecht, The Netherlands June 28 – July 1, 2006

- 2nd American Congress of Epidemiology Seattle, WA, USA, June 21 – 24, 2006
- Joint PHASA IEA AFRICA meeting, Johannesburg, South Africa, April 15-17, 2006
- 18th IEA World Congress of Epidemiology Porto Alegre, Brazil, 2008
- 19th IEA World Congress of Epidemiology, Edinburgh, Scotland, 2011

IEA has also jointly collaborated with INCLEN global meetings held in Kunmin, China, during February 2003 (especially IEA Western Pacific Region) and in Agra, India, during February 2004 (especially IEA South East Asia Region), by participating in the scientific programme and different deliberations of such meetings.

3. New Short Courses

During the IEA Council Meeting, Bangkok, 2005, it was agreed that the IEA should have more involvement and role in the promotion of Epidemiology regionally and world wide. Accordingly, it was agreed to launch the International Course on Epidemiological Principles and Methods, Durban, South Africa, 5 – 16 February 2007 (see details in this Newsletter, under relevant heading).

4. IEA New Committees

According to the latest IEA Council meeting held in Bangkok, 2005, five new sub-committees have been established to help achieve IEA objectives. They are:

1. World Congress Meetings (chaired by: Eduardo Franco; email address: eduardo.franco@mcgill.ca)
2. Ethics (chaired by: Rodolfo Saracci; email address: saracci@iarc.fr)
3. Editorial / Books (chaired by: George Davey-Smith; email address: george.davey-smith@bristol.ac.uk)
4. Teaching / Training (chaired by: Neil Pearce; email address: n.e.pearce@massey.ac.nz)
5. Public & Rapid Response (chaired by: Jorn Olsen; email address: jo@ucla.edu)

If you are interested, you are welcome to write the Chair of the committee, indicating your interest to be involved, accordingly

Suggestions and views from membership about means and ways to improve the performance of the IEA Secretariat in the future are widely welcomed.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT-ELECT Neil Pearce

First IEA short-course in epidemiologic methods to be held in South Africa, February 2007

The first IEA short-course in Epidemiologic Methods will be held in Durban, South Africa, 5-16 February 2007.

Discussions with IEA members, particularly at the recent World Congress of Epidemiology in Bangkok, August 2005, have identified a particular need for short courses in epidemiologic methods, particularly in lower and middle-income countries. Many IEA members, and potential members, have completed an introductory course in epidemiology, and may have considerable practical experience, but may have few opportunities to undertake a course at intermediate or advanced level. IEA has had a long association with the very successful European Educational Programme in Epidemiology (EEPE) which is held in Florence each year (<http://www.eepe.org/>), but no comparable courses exist in the South hemisphere. The IEA has therefore decided to start its own short course which will be complementary to the Florence course, and will be held in a different IEA region each year, with the specific level and content of the course varying according to regional needs.

The Durban course will be at an intermediate level, and the participants will be expected to have already completed an introductory course. It will include lectures, computer-based analyses (using the Stata package), exercises, discussion sessions, and practical experience in the design of a research proposal. The course will be of interest to epidemiologists, public health professionals, statisticians, and clinicians. The course is free to members of the International Epidemiology Association; non-members will be required to join the IEA before commencing the course.

The course Directors are Professor Champak Jinabhai (South Africa), Professor Neil Pearce (New Zealand), and Professor Rodolfo Saracci (Italy). For further information, please see the IEA website: www.ieaweb.org

STATEMENTS FROM REGIONAL COUNCILLORS

Africa C.C Jinabhai

During the period from August 2005 to May 2006 the following are current and planned activities:

Firstly, a co-sponsored joint Scientific meeting with the Public Health Association of South Africa (PHASA) to be held in Johannesburg, South Africa during May 2006. The IEA council has made available US\$ 10,000 for bursaries to allow IEA members from the Africa Region to attend this scientific meeting. During January 2006, a formal request & call for Applications was posted on the web site as well as an electronic mailing and mailing to all listed IEA members. A full report will be tabled at the next Council meeting.

Secondly, a planning meeting was held in March 2006 in Durban with Prof Neil Pearce (the President Elect) to organize the First African Epidemiology Training Programme over a three week period. Prof Pearce and I have formulated draft programme and budget for consideration by the IEA Council. Provisional support for this budget has been given by the Treasurer, subject to Council approval. During the second half of 2006, we will be finalising the Local Planning Committee to organise this training programme, identify and finalise the list of trainers and prepare the Call for Participation.

Thirdly, I have established formal contact with Prof N Arora, the Executive Director, and Prof Amr Hassan the Secretary General of INCLEN in Asia and Africa respectively. We are exploring a closer collaboration and possible joint scientific meetings in the Africa Region to both promote epidemiology and share resources more effectively. I have been invited to attend the Africa meeting of INCLEN AFRICA in Egypt during the Global Health Forum meeting in October 2006.

A key priority in the second half of the 2006 would be to forge closer partnerships with other organisations like INCLEN, the Global Forum for Health Research to share organisation and institutional resources to promote epidemiology. This would be subject to the policies that the IEA Council will be adopting during the August 2006 council meeting on building partnerships and alliances with other organisations. A further involvement for consideration is with the World Federation of Public Health Associations - they are

holding their World Congress in Rio, Brazil, during August 2006.

A major activity will be planning for and organising the Epidemiology Training Programme in 2007.

Europe

Anne-Marie Andersen

There may be a number of reasons for having joined the IEA, but an individual's engagement in organisations like the IEA is crucial for development of our field. Had it not been for a number of individuals, who put some of their energy into purposes outside their own scientific career, we would not have international scientific meetings and seminars, the International Journal of Epidemiology, and activities like the European Educational Programme in Epidemiology, Florence. The same holds for activities within the framework of national societies or associations that organises the epidemiologists, and for individuals who participate in debates and decision-making on issues of significance for our activities as epidemiologists. In almost all spheres of political activities, the number of people engaged in activities on the grass-root level has decreased over the years. Grass-root activities are the basis for all democratic organisations, including the European Epidemiology Federation (EEF) and IEA. That is why it is VERY encouraging that the organising of the network of young epidemiologists, EYE (European Young Epidemiologists), has proved to be so successful. I do hope that the Young Epidemiologists in Europe will take every opportunity to let their voices be heard in national societies, in the EEF and in the IEA. Please, join the organisations, join the meetings, put forward suggestions, take initiatives and get influence the direction that epidemiology in Europe takes.

The representative for EYE, Ana Azevedo, presented the network at the IEA-EEF board meeting we held in Copenhagen in December. Other issues discussed at the board meeting were the 2006 IEA-European Congresses of Epidemiology in Utrecht, the suggested CIOMS guidelines for epidemiological research, accreditation of IEA-EEF as a NGO in the EU system, and improvement of the infrastructure for sharing knowledge on accessible data in Europe. The tradition of having the European Congresses of Epidemiology every year except for the years of World Congresses of Epidemiology is now well established, and the board wants to continue that tradition.

The Society of Social Medicine (UK and Ireland) offered to organise the EuroEpi2007 in Cork, a suggestion that was gratefully applauded.

The CIOMS guidelines for Epidemiology are under preparation from bodies outside epidemiology pinpoints the need of active organisations within epidemiology and for activists, prepared to engage in the discussion. Likewise, a number of regulations and administrative decisions affecting our working conditions as scientists and epidemiologists are prepared in the Council of Europe and the EU system, not to forget that an increasing part of research funding are mediated through EU Framework Programmes.

The accreditation of IEA-EEF as a NGO in the EU system will make us a hearing partner and facilitate our access to necessary information. Still, it is a challenge to assure that we keep the appropriate level of information and more so, to be able to react timely. Following an initiative of the Netherlands Epidemiology Society, national societies were discussing how this could be achieved best: By creating a permanent EU working group within the organisation or by contracting with a professional law/lobbying firm, which will do the surveillance of new initiatives of interest for epidemiologists. The latter may be a very attractive solution, but is not cheap and we cannot be sure that such a firm actually understands what the crucial issues are for epidemiologists. The discussion about how to improve sharing of experience, knowledge and data has just started. The possibility of using the web to share information about existing cohort data is just one of many strategies. Other means is the series of cohorts published in the IJE and in the IEA-EEF Newsletter we aim at having presentations of very big studies funded and started in Europe. The aim is to publish the IEA-EEF Newsletter twice yearly. Finally, at the IEA-EEF board meeting, we also elected Hans-Werner Hense (German Society of Epidemiology) as vice-chairman, Jaume Marrugat (Spanish Society of Epidemiology) as Secretary.

So where are we now as seen from the chair? An increasing number of national societies are now active in the IEA-EEF. It seems that the new generation of epidemiologist are prepared to make their influence felt. We have had great success with the epidemiological conferences in Europe. We have to improve our work with influencing EU decisions about research and research funding.

We will all benefit from more cross-country collaboration and data sharing, and this is an

obvious task for IEA-EEF. I am looking forward to the EuroEpi2006 Conference in Utrecht, where I imagine that plenty of us European epidemiologists take the opportunity to meet, listen, ask, exchange views, even argue, for certain learn and hopefully get new friends and colleagues. For more information, please visit the congress website: www.euroepi2006.org

Activities September 2005 to May 2006

- Board meeting December 2005
- Newsletter spring 2006 : Please visit: http://www.dundee.ac.uk/iea/euro_Contents.htm
- Executive board meeting April 2006

Future meetings

- EuroEpi2006 meeting Utrecht, June 2006
- Board meeting in June 2006
- Business meeting June 2006

North America Patricia Buffler

Presently, IEA North America is **cosponsoring the American Congress of Epidemiology and** organizing one of the symposia during the upcoming 2nd American Congress of Epidemiology, Seattle, WA, USA, 21 – 24 June 2006. The **focus** of the IEA symposium is on estimates of race/ethnicity in epidemiologic studies using self-reports versus genetic ancestry informative markers and the possible importance of this to address potential confounding by population stratification in gene association studies.

For more information, please visit the IEA website or go directly to: www.epicongress2006.org

South East Asia Babu L. Verma

For the present tenure(2005-2006) of the IEA Councillorship, my major plans include regional collaboration with INCLLEN, improvement in the IEA membership of the Region, organization of a Regional Scientific Meeting(RSM), participation in the academic endeavors of regional/national professional societies/NGOs including sponsoring an IEA session/symposium in their scientific events, exploring possibilities for a short International Course in Epidemiology & Biostatistics and work for further increasing IEA visibility in the Region. During recent 9 months (1 September 2005 – 30 April 2006), I have taken few

steps towards the IEA activities, as planned above, in the Region – the brief account of which is given as under:

As regards my efforts to increase IEA membership, I organized adhoc small scale campaigns for the purpose in India early this year by arranging a special IEA Desk at the reception of the two national conferences, one on biostatistics and the other on epidemiology, viz.:

- “23rd Annual National Conference of the Indian Society for Medical Statistics” at Belgaum(Karnataka), India on 20-22 January 2006 and
- “6th Joint Annual National Conference of the Indian Society for Malaria and other Micro-bacterial Diseases and Indian Association of Epidemiologists” at Agra (UP), India on 11-13 February 2006.

Pamphlets on benefits for becoming IEA member were displayed at the venue of the Conference and I, as South East Asia Region Councillor of IEA, was available in both the Conferences to approach relevant delegates for the purpose and to provide them any additional information about the IEA, if required by them. Several delegates took Membership Application Forms and showed their interest to opt its membership. I am hopeful that some of them may join our organization in near future. My efforts of this kind will continue in future also.

Presently INCLLEN Headquarters Office is in New Delhi, India. I am in touch with its Executive Director, Dr Narendra K Arora for possible collaborative activities of IEA-SEA with INCLLEN in near future and will inform the Council in case of any positive outcome. Further, I am keen that SEA RSM is organized before the next IEA WCE in the Region at a place preferably, outside India and if not possible, then in India. I am in correspondence with some IEA members of the Region and hopeful for a positive outcome. I also intend to explore possibilities to organize IEA sessions/symposia in some national/regional Conference(s) on epidemiology and biostatistics in coming two years.

Furthermore, as things are not in good shape in SEA Region with regard to present standard of teaching, research and practice of epidemiology, some improvement in capacity building of the discipline is desired. One way could be to organize special training courses in epidemiology in the Region. Some national level sporadic short courses in epidemiology & biostatistics are already

there, particularly in India. As IEA is likely to initiate a short International Course in Epidemiology & Biostatistics for Developing Countries with effect from 2007, I will like that the next such course in near future is held in South East Asia with its venue in India.

A DICTIONARY OF EPIDEMIOLOGY - FIFTH EDITION - CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Miquel Porta, Editor

The International Epidemiological Association (IEA) and Oxford University Press (OUP) are pleased to announce that work is now beginning on the Fifth Edition of 'A Dictionary of Epidemiology', whose first four editions were edited by John Last (Ottawa) and published by OUP. This new, Fifth Edition will be edited under the leadership of Miquel Porta (Barcelona), who was selected for such task by the IEA Council in 2000. The tentative publication date is September of 2008, to coincide with the IEA World Congress of Epidemiology in Porto Alegre, Brazil.

Members of IEA and all other epidemiologists worldwide are cordially invited to contribute to the work by submitting to the editor amendments, corrections of existing definitions, and new material. There is already a small file of suggested amendments and possible additions to the new edition, which John Last received and kindly guarded since publication of the Fourth Edition in 2001.

Further contributions, corrections and comments are warmly welcomed at our exciting new collaborative web environment. Rather than communicating via email, we have established a wiki, a collaborative website where all interested parties can participate in the creation of this new edition. Please note that the wiki is the only way to make your contribution.

If you would like to contribute to the 5th edition, and for more information, please visit the IEA website: www.ieaweb.org or go directly to <http://tinyurl.com/h44w3>. We look forward to your criticisms, comments, and suggestions.

Please feel free to publish, post, circulate or otherwise distribute the announcement.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF EPIDEMIOLOGY

Walter Holland, Author

The book, "The Development of Epidemiology", commissioned by the IEA and OUP, edited by 3 past (and present) presidents of the Association, Walter Holland, Charles Florey and Jorn Olsen is almost ready for delivery to the printers (1 July 06).

It consists of about 40 chapters in 4 sections: history, diseases, methodology and regions (countries). The authors provide a fascinating account of the changes which have occurred in the 50 years since the foundation of the Association. Some surprising trends are revealed, e.g. the changes in disease in China and the Middle East. The underlying commitment of the authors to improvements in Society is evident in almost all chapters. Lessons can be learnt from the experiences which are detailed in this book.

RESULTS OF THE ELECTIONS OF THE 2005 – 2008 COUNCIL

August 2005, Bangkok, Thailand

Executive Councillors

- President: Jorn Olsen
- Secretary: Ahmed Mandil
- Treasurer: David H. Wegman
- President-Elect: Neil Pearce

Regional Councillors

- Africa: Champak Jinabhai
- Latin America & Caribbean: Mauricio Barreto,
- Eastern Mediterranean: Hassan El Bushra
- Europe: Anne-Marie N. Andersen
- North America: Patricia A. Buffler
- South East Asia: Babu L. Verma
- Western Pacific: Yosikazu Nakamura

(For contact information, please see IEA Council list in this newsletter)

UPCOMING IEA EVENTS & SEMINARS

Global Meetings

- XVIII IEA World Congress of Epidemiology, Porto Alegre, Brazil, August, 2008
- XVIII IEA World Congress of Epidemiology, Edinburgh, Scotland, 2011

Regional Meetings

Second European Congress of Epidemiology Epidemiology and Health Care Practice June 28 – July 1, 2006, Utrecht, the Netherlands

We are proud to invite you to the European Congress of Epidemiology 2006 of the European Epidemiology Federation of the International Epidemiological Association (IEA-EEF), which will be held in Utrecht, The Netherlands, from 28 June to 1 July 2006. The congress is organized by epidemiologists of Utrecht University, under the auspices of the IEA-EEF, and in collaboration with the Netherlands Epidemiological Association.

The goal of this congress is to maintain the highest scientific quality of the presentations and promote the most advanced achievements in our field. Our aim is to provide a comprehensive and educational programme in the field of Epidemiology in Health Care and Public Health, and offer room for contemporary methods and innovations from the perspective of policy makers, professionals and patients. Above all, we want to stimulate open discussion among the congress participants.

Abstracts has been submitted on a wide range of topics (for example cardiovascular diseases, mental health, and pain syndromes), and disciplines (for example Public Health and Prevention, Clinical Epidemiology, and Occupational Medicine). About 100 abstracts will be selected for oral presentations during parallel sessions and about 300 abstracts will be selected for poster presentations during session breaks. The scientific programme includes educational workshops on selected topics, and there will be an opportunity to propose mini-symposia.

Registration: Become an IEA member and reduce our congress registration fee. Please go to: www.ieaweb.org for membership information

For more information please visit the IEA website: www.ieaweb.org or go directly to the congress website at www.euroepi2006.org

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Second American Congress of Epidemiology, 21 – 24 June 2006, Seattle, WA, USA, (Includes an IEA section)

Registration Information

The registration fees include attendance at all conference sessions, conference materials, continental breakfasts, and refreshment breaks. A printable form is now available at: www.epicongress2006.org/regform.pdf. If you wish to mail or fax in your registration. To register online please go to: www.epiresearch.org/congress/regform2.php. The early registration deadline is May 30, 2006.

Registration Fees: (fees are in US dollars)
Early registration (by May 30, 2006): US\$ 375
Late registration (after May 30, 2006) : **\$425**

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Seminars

IEA Internet Seminar on access to research data: the seminar is divided into 6 video clips. You can download both video and slides via the IEA website: www.IEAweb.org

OTHER NON - IEA EVENTS & COURSES

1. European Education Programme in Epidemiology

**19th Residential Summer Course in
Epidemiology, Florence, Italy, 26 June –
14 July, 2006, including:**

- Epidemiological and Statistical Methods, in the first two weeks and
- Modules on Special Topics, Methodological and Substantive, in the third week

**Confounding Control and Mendelian
Randomization in Epidemiological Studies,
Florence, 25 September - 29 September 2006**

The deadline for receipt of applications:

- for the three week course (starting June 26): May 6, 2006;
- for the one week course (starting September 25) July 8, 2006.

For information, please contact *EEPE secretariat in Lyon* at: [e-mail : eepe@eepe.org](mailto:eepe@eepe.org) or visit our website at: www.eepe.org
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