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## Link Science and Action at 2010 Annual Meeting

IANPHI's 2010 Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Oct. 31–Nov. 3, will feature numerous scientific topics around the theme of using evidence-based decision-making to improve public health practice and outcomes. Hosted by the U.S. CDC, meeting highlights will include remarks from CDC Director Tom Frieden and topics such as safe food and water, NPHIs' role in disaster preparedness, risk factor and behavioral surveillance, and injury as a public health problem.

Expected to attend are NPHI directors from almost 70 countries plus representatives from partner organizations including the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The meeting will be held at the [Emory Conference Center](#) (located directly across the street from CDC) and will include a reception at CDC, a regional luncheon, topical roundtables, and optional site visits and Atlanta tours. The regional meeting for Africa will convene at the conclusion of the 2010 Annual Meeting on Wednesday, November 3, from 1 pm to 5 pm, followed by an evening social event.

IANPHI members and guests received invitations in May to the annual meeting. Non-United States citizens require pre-approval for access to the CDC campus well in advance of their visit, so IANPHI encourages early registration including completion of a detailed security questionnaire, which must be submitted by July 1, 2010. IANPHI members can find out more, view the tentative agenda, and [register at the IANPHI website](#).

## Partner Spotlight: HDR CUH2A Design 4 Others

[Design 4 Others \(D4O\)](#) has put its heart—and hundreds of hours of volunteer architectural and engineering services—into helping IANPHI boost NPHI capacity in Africa.

HDR CUH2A, a leader in the planning and design of advanced research and laboratory facilities around the world, launched the D4O initiative three years ago. "One of our architects, Jeff Minton, was so deeply moved by a television documentary about children and poverty in Africa that he suggested that the firm offer help to communities in need," says Scott Butler, HDR CUH2A's senior vice president and Science+Technology program director.

That idea grew into Design 4 Others, focusing the energy and expertise of some 120 volunteers into a powerful team that is making a worldwide impact.



## Partner Spotlight Continued...



*D4O volunteer Scott Butler is HDR CUH2A's senior vice president and Science+Technology program director.*

The volunteers come from every discipline: construction, administration, lighting plumbing, planning, architecture, and engineering. They offer their time and technical expertise to help NPHIs plan and design sustainable labs and other critical public health facilities. For every hour donated, the firm pays for another hour.

Butler has been an active participant in D4O since its inception. In his travels with IANPHI to Mozambique, he has witnessed the lack of capacity to meet enormous public health needs in low-resource countries. "Many institutes need help at so many levels: from defining their mission to determining what facilities they need to support that mission and address key health threats," he says. D4O volunteers often must be creative and look for ways to reconfigure projects to deal with the on-the-ground realities NPHI directors face—including lack of reliable power and water supplies as well as budgets that don't cover basic labs, medical equipment, and supplies. They need appropriate technology, infrastructure, and training to maintain and operate sustainable facilities.

D4O helps upfront by planning and designing for free, then transitions to local architects in the early stages of the project so they can integrate local standards and carry out the project.

While D4O provides pro bono services, access to funding to build capacity remains a struggle for many countries. D4O proved instrumental in that arena as well after more than 40 volunteers, in collaboration with partners from U.S. CDC, Brazil's Fiocruz, and IANPHI, helped [Mozambique](#) develop a conceptual design for an 8,000-square-meter facility outside of Maputo.

"Having a facility plan, along with a human resources plan, that people can see and be energized about is the best way to engage funding," Butler believes. "We can talk about the mission all we want, but people sit up in their seats when they can see a facility."



*During a recent site visit to the Mozambique Ministry of Health, an IANPHI, FIOCRUZ, and D4O team recommended that this insectory, where malaria research is conducted, be moved to a safer location in the National Institute of Health's proposed facility.*

*Photo by Michael Barrientos*

PEPFAR did take notice and last year, in collaboration with U.S. CDC, awarded \$9 million to the Mozambique INS for much-needed new administrative space and labs that will provide safer, more functional and productive work environments for research, surveillance, outbreak investigation and control, and training. The building is one component of a comprehensive, five-year strategic plan that, when implemented, will result in the development of a fully functioning NPHI, including the necessary infrastructure, equipment, and human resources to tackle public health challenges in Mozambique.

Under the leadership of Butler, Minton, and Lynn Mignola who manages day-to-day operations, D4O also has completed strategic planning in [Uganda](#) and regional labs in [Tanzania](#). "We would welcome even more projects," says Butler. "We have a lot of people who want to help, and we're looking for more opportunities." [Read more.](#)



*Francisco Tancredi*



*Busarawan Sriwanthana*



*Samuel Perry*

## IANPHI Names 2010 Mentor-Mentee Pairs

In its ongoing effort to build human capacity and provide a career path for public health professionals, IANPHI has announced two new mentor-mentee pairs in the [IANPHI Mentorship Program](#).

Long-time professor and former director of Latin America program development for the Kellogg Foundation, [Dr. Francisco B. Tancredi](#) of Brazil, will mentor [Fátima Omar Mecupa](#), deputy director for administration and finances, National Institute of Health (INS) in Mozambique, and help her acquire strategic planning skills while creating a stronger human resource foundation at INS.

Veteran public health leader at the U.S. CDC [Samuel Perry](#) has been paired with medical scientist [Busarawan Sriwanthana](#) from Thailand's National Institute of Health. Perry will help Sriwanthana gain policy development and strategic planning skills and learn how to use networks to help with institutional management.

Now in its second year, the IANPHI Mentorship Program facilitates active partnerships between experienced public health leaders and promising current or potential national public health institute (NPHI) leaders and provides training in strategic leadership and management. The program is funded by a generous gift from David Heymann, derived from a Heinz Family Foundation award and through the Better World Fund. [Read more>>](#)

## Member Update

Dineke Mulock Houwer has been named the interim director-general of the [Netherlands National Institute for Public Health & the Environment \(RIVM\)](#).



*Dineke Houwer*

Oni Idigbe, director of research for the [Nigerian Institute of Medical Research \(NIMR\)](#) chaired Nigeria's 5th National Conference on HIV/AIDS in May, which drew more than 4,000 delegates, including stakeholders and donor partners. About 85% of Nigeria's HIV response is funded by donor partners. "In the contemporary era of global economic recession it is obvious that donor fatigue may be just a matter of time," says Idigbe. "We thought it was time to address the issues around the gradual process of Nigeria taking over ownership of the national response. This is the only way we can ensure sustainability of our programs."

Idigbe also recently was appointed adjunct professor of tropical medicine at the Feinberg School of Medicine, Northwestern University, USA.



*Oni Idigbe*





Barry Schoub

## Member Update Continued...

The European and Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP) has named three IANPHI member institutes as Centers for Excellence in the West Africa Network of Excellence for TB, AIDS, and Malaria (WANETAM): the Bandim Health Project, which is a component of [Guinea Bissau's National Institute of Public Health \(INASA\)](#); [Ghana's Noguchi Memorial Institute for Medical Research](#); and the [Nigerian Institute of Medical Research](#). The main objectives of WANETAM are capacity building and technology transfer within the West African sub region for the successful conduct of clinical trials.

In his [review](#) of Yazdanbakhsh and Kremsner's short paper about influenza in Africa, Prof. Barry Schoub, executive director of the [South Africa National Institute for Communicable Diseases](#) and a member of IANPHI's Executive Board, highlights the lack of attention that influenza receives in Africa and pushes for a renewed focus on influenza surveillance on the continent.

## Conference Round Up

### [IANPHI Summer School](#)

June 7–11, 2010, Helsinki, Finland

### [International Public Health Workshop on HPV](#)

July 3–8, 2010, Montreal, Canada

### [International Conference on Emerging Infectious Diseases](#)

July 11–14, 2010, Atlanta, USA

### [Smallpox Eradication after 30 Years: Lessons, Legacies, and Innovations](#)

August 24–27, 2010, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

### [HPA pandemic influenza conference H1N1: The world responds to a 21st century pandemic](#)

September 14–15, 2010, University of Warwick, UK

### [4th Africa Nutritional Epidemiology Conference](#)

October 4–8, 2010, Nairobi, Kenya

### [ASTMH 59th Annual Meeting](#)

November 3–7, 2010, Atlanta, USA

### [IANPHI Regional Meeting for Africa](#)

November 3, 2010, Atlanta, USA

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