

Dear Fellow Members

Greetings to all of you. Through this news letter, we wish to briefly inform you about the activities carried out by IASP in the past one year as well as the academic events to be organized during 2011-2012.

Thirty Second Annual Conference

The XXXII Annual Conference of the Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP) was held at Utkal University, Bhubaneswar during Nov 28-30, 2010. The theme of the conference was "Population and Public Health" with sub-themes being (1) Public Health Challenges in India (2) Public Health Programmes in India and their Impact (3) Public Health Communication (4) Morbidities due to Communicable Diseases (5) HIV/AIDS Control and Challenges (6) Reproductive and Child health (7) Review of Status of NRHM (8) Urbanization and Urban Health (9) Tribal Health and (10) Population, Environment and Public health.

The conference began on Nov 28, 2010 with the President's address by Prof Arvind Pandey **President, IASP, inaugural address by Honb'le Justice SC Mahapatra and Chairman's remarks by Prof Binayak Rath, Vice Chancellor, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar.** The inaugural session was attended by over 300 researchers, teachers, research scholars/students and policy and programme managers/officers from various organizations including UNICEF, UNFPA, Population Council, IIPS, ICRW, PFI, ISEC, TISS, BHU, JNU, Utkal University etc.

The IASP felicitated two senior Demographers - Sri Amulya Ratna Nanda in the inaugural function and Prof M M Gandotra in the valedictory function- for their immense contribution in the field of Demography.

Prof. K. Srinivasan Award was given to two best papers (technical and substantive respectively) to K.S. Bastian and P. Mohanchandran Nair and Kiran Agrahari and Abhishek Singh published in 2009 volume of IASP's peer reviewed Journal "Demography India". Prof K B Pathak award for best published paper was presented to Dr S Niranjana.

The proceedings of the 31st Annual Conference in the form of a published book "**Population and Reproductive Health: Perspectives and Issues**" edited by U V Somayajulu, KK Singh, KVR Subrahmanyam and Arvind Pandey was released during the conference. Other books got released include : "Population, Health and Human Resources in India's Development" by SC Gulati, "Population, Gender and Reproductive Health" by F Ram, S Unisa and T V Sekhar, and "Ageing in India" by N Audinarayana, Two reports viz., "Rapid Appraisal of NRHM in Sambalpur and Kendrapra Districts" prepared by the PRC, Bhubaneswar were also released.

In all, the conference had 1 Panel discussion (on 2011 Census), 3 Plenary sessions (on Child Health, DLHS and NRHM dissemination and HMIS) with 10 paper presentations, 23 technical sessions with more than 100 paper presentations and 3 poster sessions with about 100 poster presentations. The conference was attended by more than 250 delegates covering length and breadth of India.

Memorial Lecture

One memorial lecture was organized as part of the conference. The George Simmons Memorial Lecture was delivered by Prof F. Ram, Director and Senior Professor, International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai, on the topic "A Discourse on Human Rights Approach to Maternal and Child Health in India" on the first day of the conference.

Awards

On the last day of the conference, Dr. C. Chandrasekharan memorial award presentation was organized as commonly done in the IASP conferences. Nine papers were presented for Dr. C. Chandrasekharan award by the young scholars working in the field of Demography. The evaluators selected the paper "*Model Life Tables from Life Expectancies using WHO Data base*" by **Pallavi Gupta for the award.**

Three best posters were given Dr. S.N. Singh award. The winners of the best posters were: Niranjan Rout, Kalyan B Saha, and Punit Kumar Mishra

Valedictory Session

The valedictory session of the conference was held on November 30, 2010. The participants expressed their satisfaction with the way the conference was organized and appreciated the efforts of the organising committee and IASP. Dr. U.V. Somayajulu presented the rapporteur general's report. The valedictory address was delivered by Dr Mark Derveeuw, UNFPA representative to India while Prof Arvind Pandey delivered the presidential address. Prof Binayak Rath, Vice Chancellor gave the chairman's remarks and thanked IASP for hosting the conference at Utkal University. Prof GK Panda, local organising secretary thanked the IASP members for their active participation in the conference.

IASP gratefully acknowledged the financial support provided by IIPS, Mumbai, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW), Govt. of India, Central Statistical Organization (CSO), Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, UNFPA, UNICEF, Sigma Research and Consulting Pvt Ltd, VISAWASS, AIHMS, and Arohee. IASP also appreciated the efforts made by the Population Research Centre (PRC), Department of Statistics and Department of Geography, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar in making the conference a great success by providing excellent venue as well as hospitality to all the delegates including darshan of Lord Jagannath.

EC and GB Meeting

On 27.11.2010 the Joint Meeting of Board of Trustees and Executive Committee held at Utkal University, Bhubaneswar approved the membership applications of 17 Life and 10 Annual members for admission to IASP. And the General body meeting of the IASP was held on Nov 29, 2010.

IASP Election

The association's election for the term 2010-12 was held during February 2011 to elect the President, 10 members for the Executive Committee and two members of the Board of Trustees. The returning officer of the election was Mr. A K Singh, Office of the Registrar General, New Delhi, India.

Following are the elected members:

President – Prof. F Ram (Un-opposed)

Executive Committee members:, Prof. Pradeep Mishra, Prof. K.K. Singh, Prof. D.C. Nath, Dr T V Sekhar, Prof. A. Subbiah, Prof. Sayeed Unisa, Dr.Suresh Sharma, Prof K S James, Dr. S K Singh

Members of the Board of Trustee: Prof. V K Ravindra Kumar and Dr. K.V.R. Subrahmanyam.

In the Joint Executive Committee meeting held on 22.03.2011 at IIPS, Mumbai, the office bearers of the association for the term 2010-12 were elected. They are as follows;

Vice Presidents	1. Prof. D.C.Nath 2. Prof. Pradeep Mishra
General Secretary	Dr U V Somayajulu
Treasurer	Prof. Sayeed Unisa
Joint Secretaries	1. Dr. Suresh Sharma 2. Dr. T V Sekhar

EC Meeting Decisions

The EC nominated Dr Shireen Jeejebhoy, Population Council, New Delhi and Prof. P.M.Kulkarni, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi as co-opted members of the association.

The EC meeting expressed condolence over the sad demise of Prof K Mahdevan. Prof. Arvind Pandey mentioned about the contribution of Prof Mahedvan in the field of Demography.

The EC reviewed the applications of persons who applied for membership of IASP and the membership of 20 Life and 16 Annual Members was approved.

The EC discussed about the criteria for life membership of the association and decided that irrespective of age, one should be annual member for two terms to become eligible for life membership.

Announcement 1: Thirty Third Annual Conference of IASP

We are pleased to inform that the Thirty Third Annual Conference of IASP will be held at the Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow during Nov 11-13, 2011. Further details about the themes and sub themes will be shared with the members in the due course. We urge the members to send us their valuable suggestions regarding the sub themes for the conference and possible partner organisations to be considered.

Announcement 2: K. Srinivasan Award for best papers in Demography India

Two of the best papers published in Demography India during January to December issues of 2011, one on Demographic techniques and the other on substantive Demography, will be selected for the Srinivasan Award. The selection of the best papers will be made by the Editorial Committee of the Journal and communicated by the Chief Editor during the next conference.

Announcement 3: Chief Editor of Demography India

Prof F Ram has already been entrusted the role of the Chief Editor of Demography India and all the correspondence including sending the manuscripts be done with Prof F Ram, Director and Senior Professor, IIPS, Deonar, Govandi Station Road, Mumbai – 400 088, Ph. 022-42372442, e mail : fram@iips.net/demographyindia@yahoo.com

Announcement 4: Renewal of Annual Membership

The annual members who have not renewed their membership are requested to send the membership fee.

Announcement 5: Updating the Address of IASP Members

All the members are requested to kindly communicate change of address, if any, along with e mail address. You can visit the website of IASP (www.iasp.ac.in) and check your mailing address given under the "Member: Annual/Life". Due to non availability of correct address of the members, many a times the communication sent by IASP including copies of the Demography India come back. We seek cooperation of all the members to overcome this problem and appreciate your timely help in updating the member information. The members are requested to send the information relating to demise of any of the members and change in the address of other members so that the member data base can be updated.

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