

## RECORD OF IAMANEH MEETING ON 17 MARCH 2005

On Thursday 17 March Professor Dave Woods (president of IAMANEH) used the opportunity of being in Geneva to meet informally with Professor Aldo Campana (Secretary-general of IAMANEH). Unfortunately Mr Freddy Santschi was away on vacation. A number of important topics were discussed:

1. The 9<sup>th</sup> World IAMANEH congress will be held in Alexandria, Egypt from 1-3 November 2006. The Egyptian Society for Maternal and Neonatal Health (the local section of IAMANEH) will host the congress. When the venue is finalized a formal notice will be sent to all national sections informing them of the congress and asking them to start raising funds so that at least one member of each section can attend. Due to funding limitations the international section of IAMANEH will not be able to help with funding national delegates.
2. Another successful postgraduate course in reproductive health has been run by the Geneva Foundation for Medical Research and Education, in collaboration with IAMANEH and WHO (see [Training in Research in Reproductive Health - Geneva 2005 - Lecture plan](#)). IAMANEH funded 6 participants at the course (see [Training in Research in Reproductive Health - Geneva 2005 - List of Participants](#)). Recently courses have also been provided in other countries; [Argentina](#), [Cameroon](#), [China](#), [Indonesia](#), and [Romania](#).
3. The [Newborn Care manual](#) of the Perinatal Education Programme has been added to the IAMANEH website. Members of national sections can now download the course so that they can use part or all of the course to manage their own self-help distance learning projects. Soon the Maternal Care manual will also be added. Although these courses are available free, they are protected by international copyright and national sections are requested recognize their origin and not to sell them for profit. Through links from the IAMANEH website to the Perinatal Education Programme website ([www.pepcourse.co.za](http://www.pepcourse.co.za)) the supplementary manuals on Primary Newborn Care, Perinatal HIV/AIDS and Mother and Baby Friendly Care are also available. The Saving Mothers and Babies manual on mortality audit and the Birth Defects manual on genetic counseling will soon be added. Funding and help is needed to translate the PEP training material into other languages.
4. It was agreed that a partnership between IAMANEH and the GFMER be formed to use the PEP training material to develop a web-based interactive learning program. Funding from public/private organizations will need to be raised for this project. It is possible that some of the fees from this program could be used to fund future activities of IAMANEH.
5. The formal acceptance of the Thailand national section by IAMANEH will take place at the next General Assembly meeting in Egypt in 2006.
6. Members from all national sections should be encouraged to submit suitable articles to the electronic journal '[Reproductive Health](#)', a peer reviewed, open-access, Medline-indexed specialist journal; published

articles are freely available online. The journal invites submissions on all aspects of human reproduction.

Prof. Dave Woods  
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