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Sex, Youth and Health

Swiss TPH Annual Spring Symposium

On **April 16, 2010**, the Swiss TPH will present its annual Spring Symposium in Basel, Switzerland. This year's symposium will focus on Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health. We will explore strategies and interventions used to reach and involve young people in promoting their health, globally and in Europe, and address the question of the evidence base. Invited speakers and experts from international organisations, partner countries and the Swiss TPH will present and discuss the Sexual and Reproductive Health issues facing youth today around the world. To bridge the gap between the realities in a European context and those in resource limited countries of the South and the Middle East, similarities will be explored and context specific aspects will be addressed. Please visit the symposium website for more details and to register www.swisstph.ch/events/symposium.^{bj}



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PASHA Contributes to Tanzania HIV Policy Making

The Tanzanian government in cooperation with the Tanzania Commission of AIDS (TACAIDS) is in the final stages of drafting an HIV Prevention Strategy for the Tanzania Mainland. This process was supported by the SCIH Senior Education Advisor Heinrich Heinrichs. The HIV Prevention Strategy for Tanzania Mainland is based on a thorough review of HIV epidemiology in Tanzania (magnitude, trends and drivers) and the current HIV prevention response. The aim is to guide comprehensive multi-sectoral HIV prevention efforts with a major emphasis on full scale proven and prioritised HIV prevention interventions that address the drivers of the epidemic, while ensuring that appropriate HIV prevention efforts are pursued in disproportionately affected population groups. The strategy is designed to provide stakeholders involved in a wide range of HIV prevention, care, treatment, and support programmes with guided reference for the prevention of new HIV infection. The various stakeholders include policy makers, community leaders, government ministries, community based organisations, people living with HIV/AIDS, faith-based organisations, the private sector and development partners. Source: Tanzania AIDS Week in Review, issue Nr. 056, February 18-25, 2010 <http://ajaat.or.tz>



Working group members review HIV prevention strategies, source: Tanzania AIDS Week in Review

Furthermore, Heinrich Heinrichs of the SCIH, and PASHA Project Manager, led and moderated the local workshop in which the Ministry for Education and Vocational Training (MoEVT) developed its strategy on HIV/AIDS. Currently Heinrich Heinrichs is planning the implementation of the Education strategy on HIV/AIDS with MoEVT officials. A planning workshop will be conducted with all relevant MoEVT stakeholders and selected development partners. This workshop is led by the AIDS Coordinating Unit of the Ministry and moderated by Heinrich Heinrichs.^{hh}

Where is the SCIH Now?

As the move of the SCIH offices was long awaited and very well planned by our Project Administration team, we all arrived sound and safely. If you are wondering where to find us now, we are at Socinstrasse 55a – right next to the Swiss TPH villa. The Health Technology and Telemedicine and the Health Systems Economics Units can be found on the 2nd floor, the Systems Performance and Monitoring Unit is on the 3rd floor, and the



Moving into the new SCIH offices in Basel

Sexual and Reproductive Health Unit, as well as Nicolaus Lorenz (Head of SCIH) are located on the 4th floor. Teaching and Training (1st floor) and the Medical Parasitology and Infection Biology Laboratories (ground floor and sub-level) of the Swiss TPH are also with us in our new building. We welcome your next visit to our new offices. ^{bjj}

Swiss TPH Open House!

On **April 10, 2010**, the Swiss TPH will welcome the public to visit our facility and learn more about what is happening at the Swiss TPH in the midst of Basel, Switzerland. The SCIH will focus on "The Human Face of SCIH Expertise." Various colleagues will present the path of their careers and how they came to be experts at what they now do for the SCIH. Our younger colleagues will also be available to discuss how they are building the basis of their careers in International Development Cooperation. The portfolio of the SCIH will be presented in various media such as film, presentations, internet, and exhibits. A tour of our new offices and an art exhibit is also planned. If you will be in the areas on April 10, please feel free to join us. Detailed information will be available shortly on the Swiss TPH website. ^{bjj}

Newly Awarded



Local Fund Agent Mandate in Myanmar

The Systems Performance and Monitoring Unit (SPMU) of the SCIH has been awarded the Local Fund Agent (LFA) services mandate for Myanmar. Although this mandate will considerably increase the SPMU's already heavy workload, we are very proud of the efforts made by our staff, and of course, to have succeeded in receiving it. The SPMU will propose a two years contract to Dr. Sameh Youssuf who will be based in Myanmar and oversee his new team as of March 2010. Such additional service agreements with the Global Fund can be taken as a sign of the trust and satisfaction in the quality of services provided by the SCIH, especially in Cambodia and Lao PDR. ^{wy}

Philipp Marty Lends his Expertise to the SCIH in Tajikistan

From February to June 2010, Philippe Marty, a geographer, will fulfil his Swiss compulsory community service obligation in support of the Systems Performance and Monitoring Unit. He will work within project Sino in Tajikistan to enhance the existing health information system monitoring tool with geographic definition. This will give the tool a spatial dimension which allows a clearer visualisation of the regional health situations. We wish Philipp a good start in Tajikistan. ^{wy}



Philipp Marty

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