

COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE HUMAN RESOURCES FOR HEALTH UNIT AND CICAD/OAS ON INTERNATIONAL HEALTH AND DRUGS

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The Human Resources for Health Unit of PAHO and the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD) of the OAS are collaborating on an initiative to incorporate an international health perspective in the study of the drug phenomenon in selected public health academic institutions in Latin America. This initiative, which was initiated with a base study in 2003-2004, conducted its second regional meeting with 13 academic institutions in Cordoba, Argentina from 25-27 October 2006. Each of the participating institutions presented the latest advances on their projects for the incorporation of an international health perspective into their curriculum, research and extension activities, which are being carried out with seed money from CICAD and the collaboration of both institutions. A principal component of the meeting was a workshop on international health, which contributed to the participants' knowledge in this area and will facilitate its incorporation into their own future activities. The group confirmed the need for continued training in this area, particularly for their own teaching staff. The possibility for providing such training will be explored for 2007. The meeting also served to strengthen the current institutional network, resulting in the definition of the coordinating committee and the establishment of three commissions – teaching, research and social extension – for the continued development of its work.