



Hot Spot: Dr. Evelina Chapman visits Honduras, 22-23 September 2010

Invited by the Representation, Dr. Chapman visited the country to promote the implementation of an important agenda for PAHO's Policy on Research for Health. Some of the policy implementation matters are to bring about the EVIPNet strategy as a catalyst in the process of creating the Honduras's national health research system and extend working connections with the country's stakeholders on topics such as the clinical trials registry, networks and research ethics committees development, and the promotion of capacity building for research projects through the PAHO-TDR-CIDEIM alliance. Dr. Chapman presented at two conferences during the Scientific Symposium/National Congress of Research for Health Sciences organized by the medical sciences faculty at UNAH. For more information, email eviptnet@paho.org.

Consultancy in Punta Cana, 8 November 2010

On the occasion of the XXXII Congress of AIDIS that took place in Punta Cana, PAHO's Sustainable Development and Environmental Health and Research Promotion and Development units, represented by Dr. Chapman, held a technical meeting with countries in the region introducing a proposal to elaborate a policy brief on "water distribution and reorganization, public health and human rights policy". This document will be used to formulate policies in each country involved and will be discussed in a deliberative dialogue at the beginning of 2011. eviptnet@paho.org.

"Research Ethics Involving Human Subjects" Workshop, 1-3 November 2010

The Secretariat of PAHOERC recently conducted the workshop "Ethical Research Involving Human Subjects." More than 30 participants from HQ and Representative countries worked for three days with experts from the University of Miami (CITI Program), NIH, WHOERC and PAHOERC on the analysis of ethical issues in research involving human subjects, with a view to promoting ethical research that adheres to international guidelines and takes into account local contexts. For more information email pahoerc@paho.org.

PAHO – Red Cochrane Iberoamericana Alliance

The Alliance offers virtual workshops through Elluminate to promote capacity building for research personnel in support to the national health research systems. The last workshop of the "research ethics" series takes place 30 November. A total of about 500 researchers have participated from nearly all Spanish-speaking countries in the Americas. Learn more about the workshops [here](#).

Health Agenda for the Americas 2008-2017 Prize

The objective of this award is to inspire Cochrane reviewers to address key public health and health systems research questions through the development of systematic reviews that provide helpful conclusions, have robust methods, and address topics deemed as a priority to the governments of the Americas. The list of finalists and awardees is available [here](#).

Ex-Intern at the Research Promotion and Development Unit is Awarded

A former intern, Michelle Weir, won the University of Ottawa De Koninck Award for the best interdisciplinary Master thesis. Her thesis was based on the work performed while interning at PAHO. Congratulations!

Research Interest Group (RIG) Event: "Stem Cell Research"

The event took place via Elluminate on November 11 with Dr. John Tisdale from the National Institutes of Health (NIH). He recently was awarded the Richard and Linda Rosenthal Award for discovering a new treatment regime for sickle cell disease. For details about this and other past events, click [here](#).

New Communication Strategy

The Research Promotion and Development unit is developing a communication strategy. Our objectives include profiling our audiences and identifying the best means to reach them and provide useful information, among others. If you have any suggestions send us an email at rp@paho.org.

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