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【行业新闻】



Group photo at the Third Annual CIPRA conference including SAB staff.

Summary of the Third International Conference on AIDS and other Infectious Disease

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The Third International Conference on AIDS and other Infectious Diseases was held in Nanning, Guangxi Province from December 1st to 3rd, 2004. This conference was sponsored by the Chinese Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (China CDC) and the US National Institutes of Health (NIH), and held jointly by the Chinese Academy of Medical Science (CAMS), the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (US CDC) and the Committee on Virology of the Chinese Society for Microbiology. China Integrated Programs for Research on AIDS (China CIPRA) and the Guangxi Medical University organized the conference.

The main theme of the conference was Scientific Approaches to Prevention and Care. Foreign and local scientists and academics from a range of backgrounds (basic science, epidemiology and clinical care) convened to advance scientific research and prevention of AIDS and other infectious diseases in China, while concurrently furthering international communication and cooperation in the world of academic research.

Close to three hundred delegates from home and abroad participated in the conference, among which fifty-eight were from the US, the UK, Botswana, South Africa and other countries. In addition, more than 200 people from thirteen provincial cities and autonomous regions attended this conference. Beijing, Shanghai, Yunnan, Anhui, Shanxi, Xinjiang, Hubei, Hong Kong SAR, and Taiwan were all represented. There were also twenty-six representatives from international organizations including

the World Health Organization, UNAIDS, the Clinton Foundation, and others representing domestic and international government research organizations, universities, research institutes, and virus control and prevention organizations.

The conference was formally opened on the morning of December 2nd, 2004, and was presided over by Professor Yiming Shao from the China CDC and Dr. Rodney Hoff from the US NIH. The Vice-Governor of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, Xinwen Liu, the Director General of the China CDC, Wang Yu, as well as six other specially invited guests, spoke at the opening ceremony. Over the subsequent two days, fifty-six experts from home and abroad spoke at the meeting on the theme of Scientific Approaches to Prevention and Care. There were many fruitful reports on the latest developments in research, treatment and prevention of AIDS. Topics included Policy Development on Disease Control, Country and Regional Experiences, Scientific Progress and Technology Development, Basic Research and Vaccine Development, Epidemiology Research and Prevention Strategy, Clinical Research Design and Patient Management. In addition, group discussions were organized which yielded many lively exchanges. Topics ranging from “cost effective HIV surveillance system and evaluation of intervention and prevention strategy” and “sustainable AIDS treatment strategy for developing countries”, to “collaboration opportunities among domestic and international networks in areas of basic research and vaccine development” were

discussed at great length. All abstracts from the meeting can be found in English online at <http://www.ciprainc.org.cn/old/english/englishindex/engindex.php> and in Mandarin at <http://www.ciprainc.org.cn/news/scene/abstracts.doc>

At the closing ceremony of the conference on December 3rd, Professor Myron Cohen from the University of North Carolina, School of Medicine in the USA and Professor Yiming Shao from the China CDC represented the Scientific Committee of the conference in summarizing the meeting. They mentioned the gracious support of sponsors and organizers whose hard work and time made the conference possible. They also thanked the representatives whose active participation was the basis for the success of the conference. Dr. Jie Shen, Vice-director

General of the China CDC, praised the conference for its academic achievement and guidance for planning future work. She also mentioned that this conference was the third one co-sponsored by the China CDC and the US NIH. It has become an important event for international scientists and public health workers in the field of HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment to share information and experiences. Furthermore, making progress in the future and maintaining this level of achievement will lead these organizations into a new era of advancement.

Those who attended the conference felt that it broadened their perspective on AIDS/HIV in China, facilitated communication and cooperation, and hence was a successful endeavor.

【现场镜头】

China CIPRA staff accompany NIH officials on an inspection of the Yunnan site

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On December 6th-10th, 2004, Gerald Sharp and Ray Chen (NIH representatives), Judith Chamberlin (Westat representative), Zhongmin Yang, (China CIPRA Program 1 co-leader), Haynes Sheppard, (Core C consultant), Yueping Yin, (Core C co-leader), Chuntao Ma (Core C staff member), Yan Cui and Joseph Tucker (Research and Training Department of Core A Director and staff member) visited Yunnan CDC, Gejiu CDC and Kaiyuan CDC. The inspection was to assess if the research design criteria for Project 1 had been met and to confirm the research sites. The

inspection team's work looked at the laboratories and the research staff.

The members of the inspection team separately visited the laboratories of Yunnan Province CDC, Kaiyuan Municipal CDC and Gejiu Municipal CDC. In Kaiyuan city, the group, accompanied by the Research Institute of Skin Diseases and STDs and staff involved in the Program also paid a visit to two entertainment hubs—the economic development zone and the old railway station. In Gejiu city, they also

visited the local entertainment areas. Then on December 9th, to coordinate the Program's work, the inspection team visited the FHI supported STD treatment standardization clinic—the Gejiu Red Cross Reproductive Health Clinic.

Following the site investigation, the representatives from NIH and Westat unanimously agreed that, on the whole, the conditions of the three laboratories and the level of competence of the staff involved met

the research criteria for Project 1. The inspection visits to the local entertainment areas also showed that the local CDC staff have built up good relationships with the owners of the local establishments, which means that their workers will be able to cooperate actively with China CIPRA Program's work.

At the end of the inspection, Gerald Sharp, one of the NIH officials, indicated that the preparation for the field research could be begun in Yunan.

The National AIDS Treatment Taskforce is to be located in Chaoyang District.

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According to those involved, this step marks a greater focus on behavioral intervention work with high-risk populations in cities as part of China's AIDS prevention work.

Reported in the Capital Times (Jinghua Shi)
(Reporter Wei Ming)

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Last night, Shen Jie, Director of the National Center for AIDS/STD Control and Prevention, China CDC, expressed his feelings of appreciation with the old English adage "A friend in need is a friend indeed."

Shen Jie and Wei Shi, Director of Chaoyang CDC signed a collaborative contract that would allow eight researchers in HIV virology and immunology to enter the Chaoyang CDC laboratory and begin research into the main biological factors affecting the spread of AIDS in China. This program has been listed

a one of the fifteen National Taskforce themes.

It is reported that Chaoyang District Government has invested 15 million yuan in the construction of its district's public health system since the founding of the Chaoyang CDC two years ago. The community of Liulitun in Chaoyang District is Beijing's first AIDS control and prevention trial areas. The AIDS Voluntary Counseling and Testing Clinic is relatively well equipped. The National Center for AIDS/STD Control and Prevention, faced with a shortage of office space, has joined with Chaoyang CDC to form a strong coalition.

Professor Yiming Shao, Director of Virology and Immunology, National Center for AIDS/STD Control and Prevention, stated that China started its AIDS control and preventative work in 1985, however the majority of work was in the countryside so now there is a need for behavioural intervention work with high-risk people living in cities, including commercial sex workers, homosexuals and drug users.

Professor Shao believes that the China AIDS Treatment Research Program is to be carried out in Chaoyang due to the district's excellent technical facilities, the municipal

government's support and the rich study sample population. At the same time, this marks a greater focus on behavioral intervention work with high-risk populations in cities in China's AIDS prevention work.

Shen Jie said that the collaboration between the China AIDS Treatment Research Program and Chaoyang CDC would begin with virology and immunology and then expand to the wider fields of biology and medicine. "A breakthrough in biological and medical research would influence the entire strategy of the National AIDS Control and Prevention Program and possibly lead to a new avenue of treatment of AIDS in China."

In addition, Chaoyang Municipal Government will earmark one million yuan in 2005 for a special AIDS Treatment and Prevention Fund which will be used for behavioural intervention, health education and the building of a comprehensive AIDS prevention model community.

China CIPRA Program Management Training successfully completed

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China CIPRA Core A held a training session for the research team members from China CIPRA adjunct SARS Program at the China CDC on November 26th, 2004. The training was in US NIH Research Program Management.

The participants were from six SARS collaborative research program units, which were: The Institute of Virology of China CDC, Beijing Xiehe Hospital, Beijing Children's Hospital, The Institute for Microbiology and Epidemiology of China Academy of Military Medical Sciences, The Institute for Infectious Diseases of China CDC, and The National Institute for the Control of Pharmaceutical and Biological Products.

Program manager, Kai Zhou from China CIPRA

program Core A, Director, Yan Cui from the Research and Training Department and Financial Director, Song Wang separately introduced the US NIH management model for research topics and their requirements, ethical criteria and related application procedures, financial budget and report forms and so on. Based on his practical experience, Deputy Leader, Jianqing Xu from CIPRA program 3 gave an in-depth analysis of relevant cases and also explained how to write a research plan according to US NIH regulations.

In the one-day training, relevant SARS program units gained a greater understanding of the NIH and CIPRA program which will be of benefit to them in their future work.



Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year!

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