

## **THE PARTNERSHIP FOR MATERNAL NEWBORN AND CHILD HEALTH SECOND GLOBAL PARTNERS FORUM AND MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

IPA is an active member of the Health Care Professional Association (HCPA) constituency of the Partnership for Maternal Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH), and also of the PMNCH Academic Research and Training Constituency. The second PMNCH Partners Forum, a meeting for all member societies of PMNCH, took place in Delhi in November 2010, and was followed by a meeting of the PMNCH Board of Directors. IPA was represented by Zulfiqar Bhutta (IPA Treasurer and representative to the PMNCH Board), Chok-wan Chan (IPA Past President and alternate IPA Board representative), Jane Schaller (IPA Ambassador and PMNCH Child Academic Board representative), and Sverre Lie (alternate Child Academic Board representative). Bill Keenan, IPA Executive Director, and Naveen Thacker also attended the Forum, as did other representatives of the Indian Academy of Pediatrics and a number of pediatricians from other countries.

Vinod Paul, Professor of Pediatrics at the All India Institute, played a major role in organizing and directing this Forum in conjunction with the government of India; Vinod is the PMNCH Newborn Academic Board representative and co-Chair of the PMNCH Board. Zulfiqar Bhutta presented one of the Forum keynote addresses.

This Forum and Board meeting were notable events for the global MNCH and MDG communities. The primary focus was on the UN Secretary General's recent MNCH initiative (The UN Global Strategy for Women's and Children's Health) which was launched in September 2010 at the UN MDG Summit in New York. Bill Keenan, IPA Executive Director) represented IPA at this UN Summit meeting.

Pertinent documents describing these events include the Delhi Declaration and the Forum Highlight report. Previous information about the UN Secretary General's initiative has been circulated to the IPA 2007 – 2010 Standing and Executive Committees, and further information for those who are interested can be found on the United Nations and PMNCH websites.

IPA has been active in the PMNCH Board ever since the PMNCH founding in 2005, and was previously a member of each of the three Partnerships which joined forces to create PMNCH in 2005 (Child Survival Partnership, Healthy Newborn Partnership, Safe Motherhood Partnership). We now urge each and all of our Member Societies to join PMNCH as regular members in their own right; membership application forms can be found on the PMNCH website. There is currently no membership designation for individual members.

Respectfully Submitted

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