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BOOKS

Malaria and the DDT Story



by Richard Tren and Roger Bate
The Institute of Economic Affairs, 2001; ISBN 0 255 36499 7

Adobe PDF file (112 pp. 355 kB):
<http://www.iea.org.uk/files/upld-publication26pdf?.pdf>

This book is a review of the devastation malaria has caused in the past and the economic problems a worldwide ban on the use of DDT is causing for a developing African nation, Mozambique. It is about more than that, though. It is about the kinds of problems we create when we allow a single agenda to force policy development without thinking through the possible consequences.

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Directory of Development Organizations 2006, Volume I: Africa

Resource Guide to Development Organizations and the Internet, Copyright © 2000-2006 Bert Wesselink.



Volume 1a - Adobe PDF file (398 pp. 6.3 MB!):
<http://www.devidir.org/files/AfricaA.PDF>

Volume 1b - Adobe PDF file (542 pp. 8.9 MB!):
<http://www.devidir.org/files/AfricaB.PDF>

The directory of development organizations, listing 47,500 development organizations, has been prepared to facilitate international cooperation and knowledge sharing in development work, both among civil society organizations, research institutions, governments and the private sector.

The directory has been divided into 6 geographical volumes: Africa, Asia and the Middle East, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, North America, and Oceania. Each region of the directory can be downloaded in 1 or 2 files (average file size of about 6.0 MB). To download other regions go to: <http://www.devidir.org/>

ONLINE PUBLICATIONS

HIV - AIDS - STI

Guidelines for measuring national HIV prevalence in population-based surveys

by Godwill Asimwe-Okiror, Rodney Knight and Eleanor Gouws
UNAIDS/WHO Working Group on Global HIV/AIDS and STI surveillance, 2005

Adobe PDF file (70 pp. 1.2 MB):
<http://www.who.int/hiv/pub/surveillance/guidelinesmeasuringpopulation.pdf>

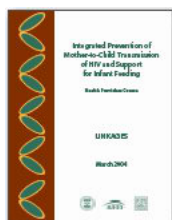


The purpose of this publication is to provide guidelines for countries planning to measure the national prevalence of HIV infection through population-based surveys. Guidelines are provided on three main topics:

- conducting a new national population-based survey to measure HIV prevalence;
- incorporating HIV testing into existing national household surveys or demographic and health surveys; and
- calculating a national estimate of HIV prevalence based on data obtained from population-based surveys and sentinel surveillance.

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Integrated prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV and support for infant feeding



Health Providers Course
The LINKAGES Project, Academy for Educational Development
March 2004

Adobe PDF file (265 pp. 2.9 MB!):
http://www.dec.org/pdf_docs/PNADE567.pdf

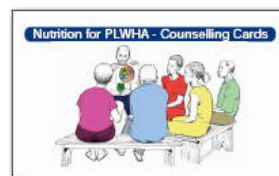
The Basic Course on Integrated Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission (PMTCT) of HIV and Support for Infant Feeding is designed to give clinic-based health personnel and supervisors a basic understanding of HIV facts and prevention, mechanisms of mother-to-child transmission (MTCT) of HIV, current MTCT risk reduction interventions, and infant feeding in the context of PMTCT. The course also reviews nutritional recommendations for pregnant women and new mothers in areas affected by HIV and AIDS.

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Nutrition for PLWHA - Counselling Cards

Regional Centre for Quality of Health Care (RCQHC), Kampala, Uganda, March 2005 (revised)

Adobe PDF file (42 pp. 1.97 MB):
http://www.linkagesproject.org/media/publications/Tools/ESA_C_Cards-PLWHA.pdf



This set of 11x14" counselling cards was designed for counsellors and health workers to help them enhance nutrition counselling for people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) during individual or group counselling. These include topics related to good nutrition and its importance, preventing infection, physical activity and managing diet.

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HIV/AIDS as a development challenge in South Africa: the responses of youth organizations in KwaZulu-Natal province

by Nkosinathi Ngcobo
Health Economics and HIV/AIDS Research Division (HEARD), University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban, September 2004

Adobe PDF file (70 pp. 666 kB): http://www.dec.org/pdf_docs/PNADE553.pdf

A study on youth organisation's responses was conducted to locate the extent to which youth organisations and their leadership have responded to the challenges posed by the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Special reference was paid to youth organisations in the province of KwaZulu-Natal. The author concludes that youth organisations' responses to the challenges posed by HIV/AIDS are inadequate.

Sexual & Reproductive Health

Contraceptive Use among the Poor in Indonesia

By Juan Schoemaker

International Family Planning Perspectives, Volume 31, Number 3, September 2005

Adobe PDF file (9 pp. 242 kB): <http://www.guttmacher.org/pubs/journals/3110605.pdf>

The author examines changing attitudes about family size in Asia. His analysis of the 2002–2003 Indonesia Demographic and Health Survey shows that the better off a woman is financially, the more likely she is to approve of contraception and want a small family. Better off women were one-and-a-half times as likely as poor women to be using modern contraceptive methods. However, access to services did not vary substantially across groups. Programs and policies, the author concludes, should focus on changing attitudes toward family size and use of family planning methods.

Maternal & Child Health

An Investigation into the Context of Use & Functionality of Neonatal Resuscitator Devices



by Patricia Coffey, Yancy Seamans, and Kim Kelly
Program for Appropriate Technology in Health (PATH)
September 2005

Adobe PDF file (62 pp. 233 kB):
http://pdf.dec.org/pdf_docs/PNADE690.pdf

Appropriate care for birth asphyxia requires that neonatal resuscitation skills and appropriate technology be made available to all skilled birth attendants and to community-level workers where skilled attendants are not available. The goal of the study was to increase the understanding of the dimensions of neonatal resuscitator use and make the results of these findings available to health care workers in low-resource settings.

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Practical selection of neonatal resuscitators: a field guide

Program for Appropriate Technology in Health (PATH), 2005

Adobe PDF file (23 pp. 544 kB): http://www.dec.org/pdf_docs/PNADE689.pdf

Neonatal resuscitators are critical components in any program developed to lower the rate of neonatal mortality due to birth asphyxia. However, with the wide variety of resuscitators available on the global market, choosing a resuscitator best suited to your program may be a difficult and confusing process. This publication provides some of the re-

sults of an evaluation of neonatal resuscitators and includes:

- Background on neonatal resuscitation;
- Suggestions for choosing a resuscitator;
- Information about the evaluation criteria;
- Comparison of 11 currently available resuscitators.

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Under-five Mortality Trends in Africa: Reconstruction from Demographic Sample Surveys

by Michel Garenne and Enéas Gakusi
Demographic and Health Research, September 2005

Adobe PDF file (97 pp. 584 kB): http://www.dec.org/pdf_docs/PNADE460.pdf

The study presents a reconstruction of under-five mortality trends derived from data provided by the Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS) and World Fertility Surveys (WFS) in sub-Saharan Africa from 1950 to 2000. Results indicate that in sub-Saharan Africa, progress was made in the health transition during the second half of the twentieth century. However, improvement was slower than expected, with an average decline in mortality of -1.7 percent per year. The transition was not smooth in more than half of the countries, and cases of reversals in mortality trends occur that appear to be linked to political, economic, and epidemiological crises, particularly the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

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Evaluation of a clean delivery kit intervention in preventing cord infection and puerperal sepsis in Mwanza, Tanzania

by Samson Winani, Patricia Coffey, Siri Wood, Frank Mosha, Tobias Chirwa and John Changalucha
Program for Appropriate Technology in Health (PATH), July 2005



Adobe PDF file (44 pp. 589 kB):
http://www.dec.org/pdf_docs/PNADE469.pdf

The main objectives of the study were to (1) determine the effectiveness of clean delivery kits in preventing cord infection in newborns, (2) determine the effectiveness of clean delivery kits in preventing puerperal sepsis in mothers, and (3) gather qualitative information from kit users and kit non-users in the community on the acceptability, correct use, and appropriateness of the kits.

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Neonatal erythropeiosis and subsequent anemia in HIV-positive and HIV-negative Zimbabwean babies during the first year of life: a longitudinal study

by Melissa F Miller, Jean H Humphrey, Peter J Iliff, Lucie C Malaba, Nkosinathi V Mbuya and Rebecca J Stoltzfus
BMC Infectious Diseases 2006, 6:1 (3 January 2006)

Adobe PDF file (37 pp. 220 kB):
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/content/pdf/1471-2334-6-1.pdf>

Anemia is common in HIV infection and independently associated with disease progression and mortality. The pathophysiology of HIV-related anemia is not well understood especially in infancy. The authors conclude that HIV strongly increases anemia risk and confounds interpretation of haematologic indicators in infants. Among HIV-infected infants, the EPO response to anemia is attenuated near the time of infection in the first weeks of life, but normalizes by 6 months.

Malaria

The Economics of Malaria Control Interventions

by Kara Hanson, Catherine Goodman, Jo Lines, Sylvia Meek, David Bradley and Anne Mills

World Health Organization, Published by the Global Forum for Health Research, January 2004; ISBN 2-940286-15-9

Adobe PDF file (80 pp. 266 kB):

<http://www.malariaconsortium.org/pdfs/The%20Economics%20of%20Malaria%20Control%20Interventions%202004.pdf>

Uptake of malaria interventions remains woefully low, despite good evidence that they are both effective and highly cost-efficient. This publication uses economic analysis to review knowledge on why this is the case. Influences on patient behaviour (demand) and the range of public and private providers (supply) are assessed to identify factors that limit the availability and effective use of malaria interventions, and the opportunities to improve both treatment and prevention.

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The Malaria Cost Estimation Tool

User Manual and MS Excel Spreadsheet Templates

by Moses Aikins, Benjamin Johns et al.
World Health Organization, 2004

Adobe PDF file (34 pp.) and Excel spreadsheet (packed with pkzip 3.77 MB!):

http://rbm.who.int/docs/costing_tool.zip

The Malaria Cost Estimation Tool is a tool for estimating the resource requirements of proven malaria interventions over a period of time. The tool is based on a review of costing studies and an extensive consultation with malaria experts. It provides a simple user interface requiring only basic technical and computer skills. The tool is intended for use by malaria control programme staff as well as other individuals working in the field of malaria.

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Improving Home Based Management of Malaria Using the Private Sector

by Ricki Orford

Population Services International (PSI) Malaria Department, November 2005

Adobe PDF file (2 pp. 497 kB): http://rbm.who.int/docs/publications/psi_mhm.pdf

Implementing Home-based Management of Malaria (HMM) using Artemisinin Based

Combination Therapy (ACTs) is becoming a priority as countries strive to achieve the Abuja treatment target. Experience from several countries has shown that private sector provision of pre-packaged treatment (PPT) can rapidly increase access to affordable and effective malaria treatment.

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How do patients use antimalarial drugs? A review of the evidence

by Shunmay Yeung and Nicholas J. White

Tropical Medicine & International Health, Volume 10, Issue 2, Page 121-138 - February 2005

Adobe PDF file (18 pp. 194 kB):

<http://www.blackwell-synergy.com/doi/pdf/10.1111/j.1365-3156.2004.01364.x>

Patient adherence is a major determinant of the therapeutic response to antimalarial drugs, as most treatments are taken at home without medical supervision. With the introduction of new, effective, but more expensive antimalarials, there is concern that the high levels of efficacy observed in clinical trials may not be translated into effectiveness in the normal context of use.

Tuberculosis

Ponencias del Taller Internacional sobre Tuberculosis 2005

The presentations of IX International Workshop on TB, organized by the TB Investigation Unit of Barcelona are accessible online in Spanish at: <http://www.aspb.es/uitb> (go to "Novedades")

The major themes of this workshop were:

- 1) TB in big cities
- 2) Contact tracing
- 3) HIV and TB
- 4) Immigration and TB

Other Infectious Diseases

Avian influenza frequently asked questions



World Health Organization
revised 5 December 2005

Read online at:

http://www.who.int/csr/disease/avian_influenza/avian_fags/en/index.html

- e.g.: What is avian influenza; Which viruses cause highly pathogenic disease; What is special about the current outbreaks in poultry; What are the implications for human health; Where have human cases occurred; and, How do people become infected?

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Lymphatic filariasis elimination programme: training module for drug distributors in countries where lymphatic filariasis is co-endemic with onchocerciasis

Lymphatic Filariasis Elimination Programme, Department of Control, Prevention and Eradication (CPE), Communicable Diseases (CDS), World Health Organization, 2004



Learner's guide - Adobe PDF file (42 pp. 262 kB):

http://whqlibdoc.who.int/hq/2004/WHO_CDS_CPE_CEE_2001.23_Rev1_Pt1.pdf

Tutor's guide - Adobe PDF file (50 pp. 215 kB):

http://whqlibdoc.who.int/hq/2004/WHO_CDS_CPE_CEE_2001.23_Rev1_Pt2.pdf

This training module is to assist national programmes with the different aspects of lymphatic filariasis elimination and is made up of two separate parts. Part 1, the Learner's Guide, which comprises eight learning units containing detailed information on the most effective way to carry out drug distribution within a national lymphatic filariasis elimination campaign; Part 2, the Tutor's Guide, which addresses those responsible for conducting training programmes, outlines the main points to be learned and provides guidance and suggestions on the learning process.

Hygiene & Sanitation

Training Health Workers in the Management of Sharps Waste

Guide for Facilitation, Version 1

Program for Appropriate Technology in Health (PATH), October 2005

Adobe PDF file (109 pp. 3.6 MB!): http://www.dec.org/pdf_docs/PNADE691.pdf

The purpose of this publication is to train health workers in the management of sharps waste. The objectives are to raise awareness of public health and environmental hazards that may be associated with inappropriate segregation, storage, collection, transport, handling, and disposal of sharps waste, provide information on proper practices for disposing of sharps waste and identify roles and responsibilities of all staff involved with managing sharps waste.

Education

Writing the Wrongs - International Benchmarks on Adult Literacy

by David Archer of ActionAid



Based on Research by the Education For All Global Monitoring Report 2006 & UNESCO, November 2005

Adobe PDF file (79 pp. 853 kB):

<http://www.campaignforeducation.org/resources/Nov2005/1.%20Writing%20Wrongs%20Literacy%20Benchmarks%20Report.pdf>

To download the document in French or Spanish language, go to:

http://www.campaignforeducation.org/resources/resources_listall.php

This study is the largest-ever attempt to systematise experience of what works in adult literacy. The authors analyzed 67 successful literacy programmes in 35 countries in order to see whether they shared any common features that could be simplified into concrete, hands-on benchmarks or guidelines for policy-makers. The report highlights the lack of excuses for denying adults the right to learn, and provides evidence of what works in practice.

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Perspectives on Distance Education: Emerging Trends in the Development of School Networking Initiatives

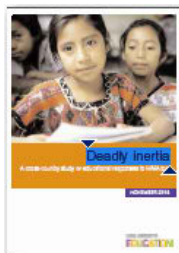
by Vis Naidoo and Heba Ramzy, Editors
Commonwealth of Learning, 2004; ISBN: 1-895369-95-9

Adobe PDF file (150 pp. 689 kB):
http://www.col.org/PSemerging/PSeries_Schoolnet.pdf

Schoolnets can be defined as the entities that facilitate collaboration among schools and that use information and communications technologies (ICTs) for this and other educational purposes. This book focuses on the variety of school networking models that have emerged in different regions and the resulting trends and issues that need to be considered in terms of supporting the learning, teaching, management and teacher training processes.

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Deadly inertia - A cross-country study of educational responses to HIV / AIDS



by Tania Boler and Anne Jellema
Global Campaign for Education, November 2005

Adobe PDF file (52 pp. 496 kB):
<http://www.campaignforeducation.org/resources/Nov2005/ENGLISHdeadlyinertia.pdf>

Education systems have a critical role to play in fighting the AIDS epidemic, because of their capacity to reach very large numbers of young people with life-saving information and skills. A complete primary education can halve the risk of HIV infection for young people; and in fact, basic education has such a powerful preventative effect, especially for young women, that it has been described as the 'social vaccine'. As the epidemic gathers pace, however, it poses increasing risks to education itself, threatening to stop children from enrolling, teachers from teaching and schools from functioning.

Information & Communication Technology

Web-based data collection: detailed methods of a questionnaire and data gathering tool

by Charles J. Cooper, Sharon P. Cooper, Deborah J. del Junco, Eva M. Shipp, Ryan Whitworth and Sara R. Cooper
Epidemiologic Perspectives & Innovations 2006, 3:1 (4 January 2006)

Adobe PDF file (27 pp. 501 kB):
<http://www.epi-perspectives.com/content/pdf/1742-5573-3-1.pdf>

There have been dramatic advances in the development of web-based data collection instruments. The described application includes data instrument design, data entry and management, and data tables needed to store the results that attempt to maximize the advantages of this data collection method. The software also efficiently produces a coding manual, web-based statistical summary and crosstab reports, as well as input templates for use by statistical packages. The code has been made available for non-profit use only to the public health research community as a free download at:

<http://www.srph.tamhsc.edu/dept/PHEB/Research/cicooper/FreeSurvey/default.aspx>

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Harnessing information and communication technologies to leverage scarce resources for cancer education, research and practice in developing countries

by Valentine B Andela

Health Research Policy and Systems 2006, 4:1 (3 January 2006)

Adobe PDF file (14 pp. 245 kB):

<http://www.health-policy-systems.com/content/pdf/1478-4505-4-1.pdf>

Low levels of cancer awareness and organizational constraints on access to specialized care contribute to inadequate patient help-seeking behavior in sub-Saharan Africa. As much as 95% of cancer patients in sub-Saharan Africa are diagnosed at late to end stage disease. The future of cancer medicine in sub-Saharan Africa thus hinges on the demystification of cancer through positive information. This paper strives to make a cogent argument, that highlights the capital importance of information and communication technologies in organizing and leveraging scarce resources for cancer education, research and practice in sub-Saharan Africa.

Others

Marriage in the Arab World

A Population Reference Bureau Policy Brief, September 2005
by Hoda Rashad, Magued Osman, and Farzaneh Roudi-Fahimi

Adobe PDF file (8 pp. 232 kB):

http://www.phishare.org/files/3645_MarriageInArabWorld_Eng.pdf

Families in the Arab world are undergoing major changes as new patterns of marriage and family formation emerge across the Middle East and North Africa. Universal, early marriage is no longer the standard it once was in Arab countries: The average age at marriage for both men and women is generally rising, and more Arab women are staying single longer or not marrying at all. While these trends are part of a general global phenomenon, they are also introducing new issues into Arab societies—issues that can confront deeply rooted cultural values and raise legal and policy challenges.

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Medical Assessments and Public Health Reports from the Former Soviet Union

by Lawrence M. Probes
International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, 1992

Adobe PDF file (412 pp. 20 MB!):
<http://www.eurasiahealth.org/resources/mdlDoc/1700.pdf>

The document is a collection of assessment reports on the state of health in the various countries of the former Soviet Union. Additional topics include: humanitarian assistance; visiting nurses helping the elderly survive; aid to refugees from the former Soviet Union; linking relief to development.

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Microfinance Poverty Assessment Tool

by Carla Henry, Manohar Sharma, Cecile Lapenu and Manfred Zeller
Consultative Group to Assist the Poor (CGAP) - Technical Tool Series No. 05, September 2003

Adobe PDF file (225 pp. 1.47 MB): http://www.cgap.org/docs/TechnicalTool_05.pdf

The Poverty Assessment Tool (PAT) was developed for CGAP by the International Food Policy Research Institute. The multi-dimensional Poverty Index constructed by the tool is targeted at donors and investors who require a standardized, globally applicable set of poverty indicators to make poverty-focused funding decisions and to compare MFIs across regions and countries.

ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

CD-ROM - Effective Development Assistance: A Guide to Aid Instruments

Produced by The HLSP Institute, 2005
<http://www.hlspinstitute.org/projects/?mode=type&id=15313>



The CD-ROM, provides a structured overview of key aid instruments and development assistance issues. The CD explores the development context (poverty, the architecture of international aid, the Millennium Development Goals and Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers). It examines the advantages and disadvantages of different aid instruments and when and where each is applicable, as well as practical issues such as partnership working, fiduciary risk procurement and monitoring. This resource is available free of charge (subject to availability). For more information go to the above HLSP Institute web site or <mailto:institute@hlsp.org>

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Polio News - Issue 25, Autumn 2005

A Newsletter for the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, World Health Organization in association with Rotary International, United Nations Children's Fund and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Adobe PDF file (6 pp. 968 kB):

<http://www.polioeradication.org/content/polionews/PolioNews25.pdf>

Contents:

- Standing recommendations for polio outbreak response
- Polio infrastructure helps respond to natural disasters
- Turkey provides funding for polio

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Free Information Resources Bulletin - December 2005

EurasiaHealth Knowledge Network

Adobe PDF file (6 pp. 49 kB):

http://www.eurasiahealth.org/resources/mail/archive_en/FRB%20Dec%2005.pdf

The Free Information Resources Bulletin is intended to promote improved access for healthcare institutions and professionals to relevant health information resources, with an emphasis on resources available in English as well as Russian and other languages of the Eurasia region. This bimonthly Bulletin provides information on different types of publications – manuals, monographs, books, journals, CD-ROMs and other resources – available for free in hardcopy or electronic format for healthcare professionals from developing countries.

INTERESTING WEB SITES

International Alliance Against Hunger

<http://www.fao.org/DOCREP/006/Y9550E/Y9550E00.HTM>



The International Alliance Against Hunger aims to raise awareness of the problems of hunger and to work towards long-term solutions to guarantee food for all. International Alliance Against Hunger aims to unite national governments, the international community, civil society organizations, the private sector and concerned individuals to mobilize the political will, technical expertise and financial resources needed to improve food security.

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The WHO Mediterranean Centre for Vulnerability Reduction (WMC)

<http://wmc.who.int/>



WMC in Tunis is a global resource for social mobilization, training and operational research. The current focus of the Centre's work involves social mobilization activities to promote healthy behaviour; building capacity of health services to respond to the needs of vulnerable populations; and promoting equity in health to reduce vulnerability.

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AIDS.ORG

<http://www.aids.org/>



Non-profit AIDS.ORG is providing online AIDS education and prevention programs, and essential HIV resources. AIDS.ORG looks for ways to help people communicate with each other, and to share HIV and AIDS information in the battle against AIDS.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Pharmacoepidemiology

Part 1: 6th February, 2006 - 10th February, 2006
Part 2: 8th May, 2006 - 12th May, 2006
Nordic School of Public Health, Gøteborg, Sweden

Course Content:

Epidemiological methods for the study of population level effectiveness and side effects of pharmaceuticals prescribed in ordinary clinical practice, methods to study magnitude, quality and determinants of use of pharmaceuticals in populations, basic aspects of economic evaluations of pharmaceuticals and pharmaceutical

Entry Requirements:

Basic knowledge of epidemiological concepts and drug terminology

For more information contact:

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or see:

http://www.nhv.se/customer/templates/InfoPage_641.aspx

For more courses and conferences see:

<http://www.bobdesign.at/specials/Golnt/index.php?page=E01>

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Rational Medicine Management - A Focus on HIV/AIDS, Tb and Malaria

28 August - 9 September, 2006
Ifakara, Tanzania

Objectives:

To enable health professionals to understand and apply the concepts and principles of essential medicines and rational medicine management with a focus on the diseases of poverty HIV/Aids, malaria and tuberculosis; to recognise the need for a national and international medicine policy environment; to improve knowledge and skills and to gain practical field experience for rational medicine management within different health system contexts.

Target Group:

Health professionals and managers with experience (at least two years) in the health sector and in the pharmaceutical sector.

Application deadline: 15 June 2006
The total course fee is CHF 1,500.- (Swiss Francs)

For more information contact:
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4002 Basel / Switzerland
Tel.: + 41-61-284-8280
Fax: + 41-61-284-8106
<mailto:courses-sti@unibas.ch>
<http://www.sti.ch/en/tut/advanced-studies-in-internathealth/rational-drug.html>

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The Health Outcomes and the Poor

Call for Applications for E-Learning Course in English
Organizers: The World Bank Institute and the World Health Organization

Duration and Course Load: 6 Weeks - 8 to 10 hours per week
Dates: 1 March - 12 April 2006
Application Deadline: 7 February 2006

Participants: (Health) Professionals involved in the Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers process either as PRSP authors or as advisors to the government.

The overall course objective is to improve the health of the poor and vulnerable through analytical work that leads to pro-poor policies, actions and expenditures. This course is intended to provide the tools for PRSP authors and reviewers focusing on Health, Nutrition, and Population. The course will cover (i) typical problems faced by the poor and the diagnostic tools that can be used to identify and analyze them; (ii) pro-poor health sector policies with examples from existing PRSPs; and (iii) Pro-poor actions and policies outside the health sector.

Course Fee: US\$ 500

General Course Contact:
Jo Hindriks jhindriks@worldbank.org

For an application, please go to the online form at:
<http://wbln0018.worldbank.org/wbi/wbicatalogue.nsf/vewExternalEvents/F670E93168FE2667852570DF005F7D7F?OpenDocument>

CONFERENCES

Microbicides 2006



23rd – 26th April 2006
International Convention Centre, Cape Town, South Africa

Closing Date for submission of abstracts extended to 15 January, 2006

The conference intends to provide updates on recent Microbicide research, a forum for the discussion of new developments in Microbicide research and to present opportunities for knowledge sharing between Microbicide researchers, public health workers, advocates, communities and civil society organizations. The organizers have added in a new focus for the conference (Track D), on Advocacy and Community, and they look forward to receiving abstracts and papers addressing these important issues.

For more information see:

<http://www.microbicides2006.org/> or download the 2nd Announcement and Call for Abstracts as Adobe PDF file (1 page, 61 kB) at:

<http://www.microbicides2006.org/word/2nd%20Announcement.pdf>

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Report: 3rd Asia Pacific Conference on Reproductive and Sexual Health (APCRSH)

In November 2005 FFPAM, Malaysia hosted the 3rd Asia Pacific Conference on Reproductive and Sexual Health (APCRSH). The conference was held in Subang Jaya, Selangor from 17-21 November. The theme for the conference was "Expanded and Comprehensive Response in Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) for All Communities".



Read more about the outcomes from the conference covered in the four issues of the 3rd APCRSH newsletters now available online as Adobe PDF file (14 pp. 1.29 MB) at:

<http://www.liaison-combination.com/pdfs/3rdapcorsh.pdf>

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TIPS & TRICKS

Full Screen Web Pages

If you want to see even more of the webpage you are surfing through, hit the F11 key in Internet Explorer. It will go into full screen mode and give you a little more browser area.

Still not enough? Right-click any blank area on the toolbar and select "Autohide" from the resulting menu. The toolbar will vanish until your mouse draws near.

Want things back the way they were? Hit F11 again.

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The 46 Best-ever Freeware Utilities

http://www.techsupportalert.com/best_46_free_utilities.htm

Computers these days don't come loaded with as much software as they used to, but before you spend money on software for that new computer, check out The 46 Best-Ever Freeware Utilities. This site has reviews of freeware (which means free software), in just about every category imaginable. There are programmes for Web browsing, image viewing, anti-virus protection, spam filtering, HTML editing, spyware removal, photo editing, pop-up blocking, file management, Web searching, and much more. There is a whole suite of programmes that perform the same functions as Microsoft Office -- and they are free.

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Find Icons on your Desktop

Too many icons on your desktop? If you ever had a hard time locating the icon you are looking for in that mess, here is a trick that will help.

Just click the desktop and then press the first letter of the shortcut. The first instance of a shortcut starting with that letter will be highlighted. If that's not the one, keep pressing the key until the shortcut you are looking for is highlighted.

Best regards,

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