This Calendar of HIV/AIDS related events is produced by UNESCO's regional HIV/AIDS coordinator, and is aimed at increased information sharing among UNESCO offices and partner agencies. The aim is to include both UNESCO events and events organized by other agencies. This Calendar is updated every three months and is distributed by the SEA-AIDS network. If you know about national and international events related to HIV/AIDS in Asia and the Pacific (workshops, conferences, training courses, study tours, et cetera) please let me know before 31st of January 2004 for inclusion in the next Calendar of Events.

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*** November 2003 ***

13th STDs/AIDS Diploma Course
Bangkok, Thailand
3-28 November 2003
Organizer: Consortium of Thai Training Institutes for STDs and AIDS
Contact: Dr Chavalit Mangkalaviraj at tmsstd@anet.net.th

Harvard Workshop on the Private Sector and HIV/AIDS
Beijing, China
5 November 2004
Organizers: John F Kennedy School Government, Harvard University
Contact: Kathrine Meyers at kathrine_meyers@harvard.edu

2003 Pride International Film Festival
Manila, Philippines
5-9 November 2003
"Pride International Film Festival is being organised to benefit HIV/AIDS education on awareness, prevention and care/cure in the Philippines, which is a major issue. This festival will include two series of symposiums on HIV/AIDS education. The theme for 2003 is "Pride, Freedom and HIV/AIDS Awareness."
Contact: Mr. Severino Planas, Festival Organizer, piff@filmfestivals.net

Chennai (Madras), India
5-12 November 2003
This 7-day workshop is for woman communicators who are (or would like to be) professionally engaged in communicating HIV/AIDS information to the public through the media (electronic, print, or broadcast). The workshop coincides with the 4th International Conference on AIDS and participants will attend the conference in hope of gaining practical experience.
Organizer: SciDev.Net in collaboration with the M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF).
Contact: Events Manager Science Development Network (SciDev.Net) events@scidev.net
Meeting of the Interagency Task Team on HIV/AIDS and Education
Dublin, Ireland 6-7 November 2003
Organizer: UNESCO and UNAIDS
Contact: Alexandra Draxler (UNESCO-IIEP) at a.draxler@iiep.unesco.org

4th International Conference on AIDS in India
Chennai (Madras), India
9-12 November 2003
Theme: Comprehensive Solutions, Now
Organizers: Tamil Nadu Dr MGR Medical University
Contact: demaids@yahoo.co.in
Website: www.aidsindia2000.org

The Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center and Tsinghua University International AIDS/SARS Summit
Beijing, China
Date: November 10
Organizer: The Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center and Tsinghua University
Contact: Ruishan You at jih@mail.tsinghua.edu.cn

Residential program at Institute on HIV/AIDS Counseling & Psycho-Social Interventions
Mumbai (Bombay), India
10 November 2003 - Jan 16 2004
10-week residential program for professionals who have obtained post-graduate degrees in social work, psychology, medicine, counseling, nursing or human development.
Contact: Cell for AIDS Research, Action and Training (CARAT), Department of Medical & Psychiatric Social Work, Tata Institute of Social Sciences carat@tiss.edu

Training Workshop on Community-based Response on HIV/AIDS
Chiang Mai, Thailand
10-21 November 2003
This programme is part of the Government of Thailand's collaboration with Afghanistan, Sri Lanka and Timor-Leste that can benefit from and add to Thai development expertise and knowledge through UNDP Programme on International Partnership for Development. The course offers solutions to HIV/AIDS prevention and care, management guidelines and tools for families, communities and health-care settings.
Organizer: The Department of Technical and Economic Cooperation (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Thailand), Chiang Mai University, UNDP Thailand
Contact: Assistant Resident Representative Sirisupa Kulthanan (Ms.) sirisupa.kulthanan@undp.org

Workshop on Social Science and AIDS in Southeast Asia
Chiang Mai, Thailand
10-12 November 2003
Aim: This workshop aims at instigating scientific debates among social scientists working on HIV/AIDS in Southeast Asia. During the discussion results from current research will be shared, new methodological tools will be presented and new research issues will be identified. This should allow us to determine the research priorities on HIV/AIDS as well as to specify the role of social sciences in the fight against the epidemic.
Organizer: International Network on Social Science and AIDS in Southeast Asia
Contact: Dr Marie-Eve Blanc, Project manager meblanc@newsup.univ-mrs.fr
Website: http://www.up.univ-mrs.fr/wmap

22nd World Conference of the International Lesbian and Gay Association (ILGA)
Manila, Philippines
14-18 November 2003
Interfaith AIDS Conference 2003
Bangkok, Thailand
21-25 November 2003
Aim: The Conference aims to bring leaders and community workers of faith-based communities and religions together to find a common understanding and cooperation by which an intensive effort against HIV/AIDS crisis could be launched. The program finally brings the HIV/AIDS issues into the mainstream concern for inter-sectoral and inter-faith cooperation.
Organizer: Christian Conference of Asia, World Council of Churches, Christian Aid, Norwegian Church Aid, Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance, Ecumenical Coalition on Tourism and CCT AIDS Ministry
Contact: Dr. Prawate Khid-arn, prawate@cca.org.hk

3rd International Refresher Course on Sexual Health
Narai Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand
22 November 2003
Organizer: Consortium of Thai Training Institutes for STDs and AIDS (COTTISA)
Contact: Assoc Prof. Dr. Verapol Chandeying, Fax: (66-74) 446 361, cverapol@ratree.psu.ac.th
Website: http://www.comminit.com/events_cal/2003/1703-event.html

Subregional course on development and delivery of drug abuse prevention, treatment and rehabilitation programmes for youth
Bangkok, Thailand
24-28 November 2003
The Course will provide a forum for the development of an overall framework for country-level pilot training programmes concerning drug abuse prevention, treatment and rehabilitation programmes for at-risk youth and juvenile drug offenders. The capacity-building Course will deepen the understanding of the participants on youth-focused substance abuse prevention and treatment issues.
Organizers: UNESCAP and UNODC
Contact details: San Yuenwah or Janet Maychin Wong, wongj@un.org

During November and December 2003 the Indonesian organization Church World Service (CWS) – Indonesia will arrange a range of different activities related to HIV/AIDS prevention and care
These activities include poster design competitions, launch of website guides, music and film festivals, media activities (talk show, chat room etc.) as well as activities related to the World AIDS Day. Please visit the website for more information on locations and exact dates.
Contact: Galuh Wulan, galuh@cwsindonesia.or.id
Website: www.cwsindonesia.or.id

*** 1 December 2003 SPECIAL FOCUS: WORLD AIDS DAY ***

For more information on events during the World AIDS Day, please visit sites like http://www.unaids.org/en/events/world+aids+day++.asp or http://www.worldaidsday.org/newsevents/events.cfm.

The publication will include a current situational analysis of HIV/AIDS in 27 countries across Asia, as well as regional overviews.

Activities in the region:
India
The Association for Social Development is planning an awareness-raising campaign.
Contact: sajid@asindia.org
Kannamal Dental Clinic is planning an awareness-raising poster campaign.
Contact: dr_sandeepgeorge@hotmail.com or phone +91 484 3103381

Indonesia
InfoKESPRO is an NGO working on training journalists how to effectively write HIV/AIDS news and media stories to ensure fair and accurate messages about HIV/AIDS. They are planning a special World AIDS Day focus.
Contact: infokespro@yahoo.com

Pakistan
Daily Jang Karachi Journalist Waseem Ahmed Siddiqui plans to write some detailed articles in newspapers and magazines for the raising of awareness of AIDS in public of country.
Contact: akhbnbarnaees@hotmail.com.
Peri Urban Welfare Association. This Karachi-based NGO has been working on reproductive health and with PLWHA for several years. They regularly organize awareness activities around Worlds AIDS involving all prominent NGOS and public organizations. This year they will hold a youth health festival for 2 000 young people in the Government Girls College in Korangi. They are also planning a poster competition on stigma and discrimination and aim to attract media coverage.
Contact: +92-300-2117372 or +92-21-5064247.

Sri Lanka
AKRA An environmental and children’s rights organization is planning the following activities for the Rathnapura district:
• Street drama to general public.
• A demonstration by a group of 150 volunteers who will distribute leaflets to passengers in public buses, shop keepers, general public.
• Banners, posters, cut-outs will be displayed from 29 November.
• Activities in 50 schools.
Contact: +94-45-2262884 or akra_17@yahoo.co.uk.

Thailand
UNFPA will hold a campaign to promote HIV/AIDS prevention in five provinces namely, Phayao, Chiang Rai, Pattani, Yala, and Narathiwat. Some activities will take place in Bangkok as well.

Viet Nam
Viet Nam’s Preventive Medicine Centre is planning a month-long series of activities from 15 November to 15 December, including: sports competitions, public demonstrations, health promotion and condom distribution, bicycle tours, displays, competition targeting schoolchildren, media activity and visits to people living with HIV and AIDS
Contact: aidsaganh@hcm.vnn.vn

*** December 2003 ***

Launching of the media campaign for the promotion of HIV/AIDS counseling and testing
Phnom Penh, Cambodia
December 2003
In the framework of their partnership on HIV/AIDS, UNESCO and UNICEF are supporting the National AIDS Authority for a campaign on counseling and testing directed at young people. The campaign will used 4 well-known Cambodian athletes and will consist of 4 TV spots, of full-page announces published in the most popular magazine and in calendar inserted in condom package (in cooperation with PSI).
Organizer: National AIDS Authority, with the technical and financial support of UNESCO and UNICEF
Contact: Fabrice Laurentin f.laurentin@unesco.org

6th Home and Community Care Conference for People Living with HIV/AIDS Conference
Theme: “Plus de Soins Pour Mieux Vivre” - “More Care for Better Living”
Dakar, Senegal
8-11 December 2003
Website: http://www.dakarvh2003.sn

The Hanoi School of Public Health (HSPH) and the Population Reference Bureau (PRB) - East Asia regional training workshop
Hanoi, Vietnam
8-9 December 2003
An East Asia regional training workshop supported by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The workshop, Managing Information for Effective Health Programs
Contact: Justine Sass jsass@prb.org

The Second 2003 Meeting of the United Nations Regional Task Forces on Mobility and HIV Vulnerability Reduction
Zengcheng, China
9-10 December 2003
Theme: Pre-Departure, Post-arrival and Returnee Reintegration
Contact: Mariko Jitsukawa, mariko.jitsukawa@stanfordalumni.org

International HIV/AIDS projects conference
Chengdu, China
11-13 December 2004
Organizer: International Project Management Office National Center for AIDS/STD Prevention and Control
Contact: Dr Wang Xiaochun at wangxc@163.net

*** January 2004 ***

1st National Conference on Sexual and Reproductive Health
Manila, Philippines
15-16 January 2004
The National conference aims to contribute to the establishment of a supportive environment on reproductive health. It will also facilitate the sharing of good practices.
Organizer: The Philippine NGO Support Program, Inc. (PHANSuP)
Contact: Alex Torres, alextorres@phansup.org

Community Forum
12-14 January 2004
TBC, Bangkok, Thailand
Contact: Susan Chong, apcaso@pd.jaring.my

7th Annual Bangkok Symposium on HIV Medicine
Bangkok, Thailand
21-23 January 2004
Aim: The symposium is to provide health care workers in Thailand and the region with an update on management of HIV infection, including antiretroviral therapy
Venue: Queen Sirikit National Convention Centre, Bangkok Thailand
HIV/AIDS and Human Rights in Asia and Pacific Workshop
United Nations Convention Center, Bangkok, Thailand
February 2004 (TO BE SPECIFIED)
Organizer: UNAIDS/SEAPICT in collaboration with Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
Contact: Nicholas Howen, Regional Representative of the OHCHR, howen@un.org

8th National Convention of the Indian Network of NGOs on HIV/AIDS
Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
21-23 February 2004
The 2004 convention will explore the need for social justice in respect to denial, vulnerability, care and treatment by strengthening the advocacy and lobbying, which is so essential for sustaining intelligent priorities for care and protection of HIV/AIDS patients and their families and all the other vulnerable.
Organizers: Host organizers - Bharosa and Naz Foundation International - Lucknow & INN Secretariat - Ahmedabad
Contact: INN Secretariat, B 01 Siddhachakra Apartments, Ellisbridge, Ahmedabad 380 006 India, inn94@icenet.net

International Conference on Sexual & Reproductive Health Care
"East Meets West"
Chiang Mai, Thailand
7-11 February 2004
The conference programme includes numerous sessions on the impact of HIV/AIDS on different aspects of sexual and reproductive health.

One World Beat 2004
Global
19-21 March 2004
The One World Beat global music festival against AIDS is a network of local events around the world where musicians of all styles and levels unite to make a difference with their music.
Contact: Andy Treichler, Director One World Beat festival@oneworldbeat.org
www.oneworldbeat.org

15th International Conference on the Reduction of Drug Related Harm
Melbourne 20-24 April, 2004
More information can be obtained from the Conference Director, Assoc Prof Nick Crofts, on crofts@burnet.edu.au

HEALTH 2004 : The 18th World Conference on Health Promotion and Health Education
Melbourne, Australia
26-30 April 2004
HIV/AIDS will be a major stream of the World Conference, and will address successful advocacy, treatments activism, the balance between treatments and prevention and other topics. Local and international keynote speakers for this stream are being sought. Abstract submission closes 31 October 2003.
Organizer: International Union for Health Promotion and Education
Contact: Conference Secretariat at 03 9667 1333 or enquiries@health2004.com.au

*** May 2004 ***

1st Asia and Pacific Reproductive Health Youth Camp
TO BE ANNOUNCED
May 2004 – TO BE SPECIFIED
The camp will be participated by young people form the Asia and the Pacific regions and the focus will be on Adolescent Reproductive Health and HIV/AIDS.
Organizer: The Philippine NGO Support Program, Inc. (PHANSuP)
Contact: Alex Torres, aleetorres@phansup.org

New Technologies - New Responses
Sydney, Australia
17-21 May 2004
The HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C & Related Diseases (HHARD) Social Research Conference and The AFAO/NAPWA HIV Educators’ Conference
Contact: Dean Murphy, d.murphy@unsw.edu.au
Website: www.afao.org.au (click on “Conference 2004”)

SEAMEO-UNESCO Education Congress and Expo
Will include two parallel sessions on HIV/AIDS, called “Mobilizing the Education Sector in responding to HIV/AIDS”. Exact topics dependent on kind of papers and presentations that are proposed. The Education Congress Expo will showcase new programmes, publications, products and services related to education, ICT, culture, and other areas of the international and national education marketplace
Queen Sirikit Convention Center, Bangkok, Thailand 25-27 May 2004

*** June 2004 ***

Managing Community-based HIV Programs in Developing Countries
Melbourne, Australia
29 June - 7 July 2004
This 7 day intensive course is suitable for those working in international health and/or development. The course will provide a comprehensive summary of the issues involved in assessing the risk of HIV transmission in a community, and developing and managing a multi-sectoral response to HIV/AIDS.
Organizer: Centre for International Health, Burnet Institute
Contact: Marion Brown, +61-3-9282 2167 or mbrown@burnet.edu.au

*** July 2004 ***

IJUSTI Asia Pacific Congress 2004 - 13th Congress on Sexually Transmitted Infections
Chiangmai, Northern Thailand
6-9 July 2004
Aim: The congress aims at validation and optimization of the knowledge on STI and HIV. The scientific program of each track will cover wide array of the topics, as well as update the new knowledge.
Organizer: www.cottisa.org
Contact: Assoc Prof. Dr. Verapol Chandeying, Faculty of Medicine Prince of Songkla University
cverapol@ratree.psu.ac.th

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Bangkok, Thailand
11-14 July 2004
Webpage: www.aids2004.org