

Program For
"Regional Meeting of South Asian Forum for Health Research"

Venue: Hotel Annapurna, Darbar Marg, Kathmandu

Date: 4 - 5 June, 2009

Theme: "Strengthening Health Research Communication"

Day I (June 4, 2009)

09:00 - 09:30 Registration

09:30 - 10:15 Inaugural Ceremony

- Welcome speech and overview of objectives, approach and methods of the meeting
- Inauguration by Chief Guest (Lighting traditional lamp jointly with SAFHeR delegates)
- Launching of SAFHeR website by the Chief Guest
- Inaugural address by Chief Guest
- Key note speech: Prospective and challenges in research communication in South Asian Region
Speaker: Dr. K. Satyanarayana, Senior Editor Indian Journal of Medical Research
- Remarks by Special Guests
- Remarks by WHO Country Representative
- Remarks by EDP Chair
- Vote of thanks and closing

10:15 - 11:00 Tea/Coffee break

Introductory Session

11:00 - 11:15 Introduction of participants
Nomination of the chairperson, co-chairperson and rapporteurs

Scientific Session: Health Research Communication

Paper Presentation

11:15 - 11:45 Research communication and ethics in communication
Speaker: Prof. Dr. Ramesh Kant Adhikari

11:45 - 13:15 Country experience on research communication by the member countries

13:15 - 13:30 Discussion

13:30 - 14:30 Lunch Break

14:30 - 15:15 How to get your manuscript published
Speaker: Ms. Giselle Jones, Senior Editor BMJ

15:15 - 15:30 Discussion

15:30 - 16:15 "How to communicate Research findings" experience with Avian influenza
Speaker: Dr. Jeremy Farrar

16:15 - 16:30 Discussion

16:30 - 17:00 Life as an editor: Nepalese prospective
Speaker: Dr. Angel Mager

17:00 - 17:15 Discussion

17:15 - 17:30 Distribution of souvenir by Chairperson of SAFHeR secretariat and NHRC

19:00 - Onwards Reception Dinner

Day II (June 5, 2009)

9:00 - 9:30 Plenary:

Capacity building and public health research communication and SAFHeR fund raising
- Wellcome Trust/ISHReCA (initiative to support health research capacity in Africa)

9:30 - 10:00 Discussion

A. Business Session: SAFHeR Governance

Paper Presentation:

10:00 - 10:15 Follow-up of decisions taken at last years
SAFHeR meeting (2008)

Speaker: Dr. Mahesh Kumar Maskey,
Executive Chairman, NHRC

10:15 - 10:45 Presentation of draft working paper on
SAFHeR governance structure

Speaker: Dr. Suniti Acharya

10:45 - 11:00 Tea/Coffee Break

11:00 - 12:00 Discussion and Finalization of SAFHeR
governance structure and functions

12:00 - 12:30 Research communications on maternal
health in Nepal, Speaker: Dr. Kedar Baral

12:30 - 13:00 Discussion

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch Break

14:00 - 15:00 Identification of regional projects for
multi-centric research in priority areas
identified in Kathmandu Declaration

- Date and venue of next meeting

15:00 - 15:30 Closing Session

15:30 onwards - Site Seeing Tour for International Participants

B. Parallel Session:

Orientation of National Editors and Researchers on Scientific Paper writing & communication

09:00 - 13:00 Interaction with Ms. Giselle
Jones, Senior Editor BMJ, Dr.
K. Satyanarayana, Senior Editor
Indian Journal of Medical
Research, and Dr. Jeremy
Farrar

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch Break