

Dear SPRINT trainees,

Congratulations on all your hard work! We are really seeing some exciting steps ahead in the Region with greater coordination in-country occurring in a number of settings, echo trainings being conducted as well as sites being identified for implementation of the MISP in protracted settings.

Please find below the first SPRINT e-update.

**Save the date: 5th APCRSHR**  
**17 - 20 October 2009**

The 5th Asia and Pacific Conference on Reproductive and Sexual Health and Rights (APCRSHR) will be held in Beijing, China in October. The Conference aims to provide a common platform for stakeholders to share experiences and develop strategies in advancing the reproductive health fields in Asian and Pacific countries, to attain greater attention from the international community for reproductive health issues, and to facilitate the attainment of MDGs in the Asian and Pacific Region.

The conference will consist of symposia, panels, poster display sessions and capacity building workshops. We would like to encourage all of you to attend and submit an abstract to participate in relevant sessions. Abstracts can be submitted online. The deadline for submission is 30 June 2009. If you would like assistance in developing your abstract, please contact the SPRINT Secretariat at: [ACollins@ippfeseaor.org](mailto:ACollins@ippfeseaor.org)

The cost of registration before 31 August 2009 is US\$300 (Delegate) or US\$150 (Accompanying person/student/other).

The APCRSHR may provide partial or full scholarships to people whose abstracts are accepted. The SPRINT Secretariat can also support a limited number of scholarships for this event. Individuals are eligible for a SPRINT scholarship if they successfully submit an abstract on good practices or lessons learned on the following three topics:

1. Conducting echo trainings on the MISP
2. Advocating to integrate SRH into national emergency response plans
3. Coordinating the implementation of MISP in a crisis

You can find more information on the conference at: [www.5apcrshr.org](http://www.5apcrshr.org) <<http://www.5apcrshr.org/>>

**Save the Date: SPRINT Annual Review Meeting**  
**21 - 22 October 2009**

The first SPRINT Annual Review Meeting will be held immediately after the APCRSHR conference. The meeting will bring SPRINT stakeholders together to:

- 1) Review the activities of the SPRINT Initiative to date
- 2) Identify and problem solve challenges related to:
  - a) Echo trainings
  - b) In-country advocacy towards integration of SRH into national emergency response plans
  - c) Implementation of the MISP in a crisis
- 3) Strategise the next steps of the SPRINT Initiative to scale up the MISP in the Region

SPRINT stakeholders including SPRINT trainees, donors, SPRINT partners (UNSW UNFPA ARHA), representatives from the Inter-Agency Working Group (IAWG) on RH in Crisis Situations, and other relevant colleagues will be invited to participate in this meeting.

This is an exciting opportunity that you don't want to miss! Mark it in your calendars. Some scholarships are available for SPRINT trainees. Preference will be given to people who

successfully submit an abstract to the APCRSHR.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Sarah Chynoweth at: [SChynoweth@ippfeseaor.org](mailto:SChynoweth@ippfeseaor.org)

### **Regional SPRINT Network**

An online network has been established for SPRINT trainees and other interested stakeholders. This network presents a great opportunity to share your experiences, challenges, good practices and to communicate with each other on any subject relating to SPRINT, national advocacy on SRH or the implementation of MISP.

After registering for the network, you will only have to send an email to [sprint@my.ibpnetwork.org](mailto:sprint@my.ibpnetwork.org) and it will reach everyone that has joined this community. As well as sharing your own knowledge, we hope that here you will be able to access a range of people working on the same issues that can draw on their experience to answer your queries. Relevant articles and other documents can be posted on the site as well.

To register go to: <http://my.ibpinitiative.org/public/iawg>, click on 'register' in the top left-hand corner and enter your details. Your request will be sent to the Inter-agency Working Group on RH in Crises (IAWG) for approval. After approval, go into the IAWG site and register for the SPRINT Asia Pacific sub-working group. (For more information on IAWG, see [www.iawg.net](http://www.iawg.net))

In the future, SPRINT will send its e-updates and other information through the network, so we encourage you to register. If you need assistance, please contact Amy Collins at: [ACollins@ippfeseaor.org](mailto:ACollins@ippfeseaor.org).

Best wishes and keep up the good work!

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