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Conversation: AAMH: Connect May edition



Welcome to the May edition of AAMH: Connect, an e-newsletter providing updates on Asia Australia Mental Health activities, achievements, and other opportunities. In this first edition for the year we look at:

- APCMHDP network conference in New Delhi, India - February 2011
- Australian Leadership Awards Fellowships (ALAF)
- AAMH key advisor to Australian Government Delegation to China
- Director General of Health Services, India, visits Melbourne
- Upcoming launch of the APCMHDP stage 2 publication



Building Partnerships in Community Mental Health - 17-19 February 2011, New Delhi, India

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, India, co-hosted the The Asia Pacific Community Mental Health Development Project network conference earlier this year from **17 - 19 February, 2011** in **New Delhi, India**. The conference highlighted best practice partnerships in community mental health from 14 countries in the region.

[A summary report of the conference is now available for download](#)



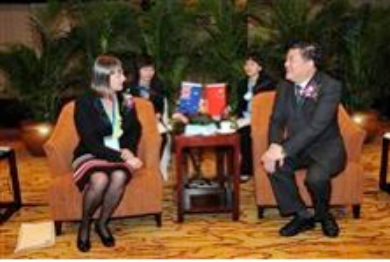
Australian Leadership Awards Fellowship

The Australian Government has acknowledged the importance of mental health leaders with the latest round of Australian Leadership Awards Fellowships.

These Fellowships are for professionals with leadership roles that can influence social and economic policy reform.

In February this year, AAMH was successful in securing 7 ALA Fellowships allowing us to work closely with mental health professionals from China, Cambodia, India, Laos and Fiji to enhance leadership in Community Mental Health within their own countries.

[Read more](#) about this diverse group of leaders and their Australian experiences



AAMH invited to participate in Australia-China Health Policy Dialogue

In April this year, Australian and Chinese health experts were invited to the China-Australia Health Policy Dialogue, hosted by the Ministry of Health China and the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing, and supported by Ministry of Commerce and AusAID. Asia Australia Mental Health co-director A/Prof Chee Ng joined Minister Roxon as a key advisor to the delegation.

Chee Ng indicated that "it was important to see mental health included on the health agenda for China and Australia".

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Director General Health Services, India, visits Melbourne

Dr. R.K. Srivastava, Director General of Health Services, India, has visited Melbourne with a high level delegation from India. During their visit, the delegation visited key mental health services around Melbourne and built an understanding of the service delivery mechanisms used in Victoria and Australia.

AAMH hosted the delegation at a special dinner to celebrate the partnership between India and Australia. AAMH and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare are about to begin a two year community mental health reform project. An MoU between the two countries is currently being drawn up.

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APCMHDP network: Launch of Stage Two Publication and Melbourne Conference

The countries of the Asia Pacific Community Mental Health Development Project ([APCMHDP](#)) network and community will launch its second stage publication at the Melbourne conference, to be held in **Melbourne from 9-11 November, 2011**.

This second stage publication will highlight examples of best practice partnerships happening in community mental health across 17 countries/regions in the Asia Pacific.

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