

# Announcements

**Dr Julio Frenk**, former board member of INCLEN, Inc., recently assumed the post of Minister of Health, Mexico.

**Rodolfo J. Dennis, MD**, who is currently the Chairman of Medicine at Javeriana University, Columbia, was awarded the Prize for Research in Internal Medicine by the Columbian Association of Internal Medicine during its bi-annual meeting on October 2000. This award was given in recognition of Dr. Dennis's valuable role in training clinical researchers during his term as director of the Javeriana Regional Clinical Epidemiology Research and Training Center, and having twice won the National Academy of Medicine Award for the best clinical research study in the country.

The Cochrane Collaboration Kenneth Warren Prize was awarded to the systematic review on Intravenous Immunoglobulin for Treating Sepsis and Septic Shock authored by **Drs. Marissa M. Alejandria, Mary Ann D. Lansang, Leonila F. Dans, and Jacinto Blas V. Mantaring III** from the Philip-pines. The award was given for the first time at the 8<sup>th</sup> International Cochrane Colloquium held at Cape Town, South Africa on October 28, 2000. This is in recognition of systematic reviews done by a national living in a developing country, published electronically, and judged to be of high methodological quality and relevant to health problems in the third world. The other award went to **Dr. Anelise Lima**, from Brazil, principal author of the systematic review on the effects of carbamazepine on cocaine dependence.

**Maniyalath Narendranathan, MD**, from the Medical College, Trivandrum, Kerala, India is the new president of IndiaCLEN replacing A. M. Cherian, MD.

**Suzanne W. Fletcher, MD**, from the Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts is now the secretary general of the newly formed CanUSACLEN.

**Leonila F. Dans, MD**, director of the masteral program of the Department of Clinical Epidemiology, University of the Philippines Manila, is this year's recipient of the Outstanding Researcher Award from the University of the Philippines Manila.

**R.K. Ayachit, MD** is the new dean of the Government Medical College (GMC) and new sponsor of the CEU of GMC in Nagpur, Maharashtra, India replacing H. Nagrale, MD.

**Professor Cynthia P. Cordero** is the new director of the Institute of Clinical Epidemiology and new chairperson of the Department of Clinical Epidemiology, University of the Philippines-Manila replacing Mario Festin, MD.

**Dr Marian Jacobs**, former board member of INCLEN, Inc., has been elected as the new Chair of the Board of the Council on Health Research for Development (COHRED).