

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INCLLEN Board of Trustees

Welcome to **Margaret Shaw Thomas** who joined the INCLLEN Board of Trustees in March 2002. Ms. Thomas is a certified public accountant with a Master of Health Administration degree from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. She enriches the Board work through her extensive experience in accounting, business consulting, health financing and managed health care.

Dr. Amr Hassan, current chair of INCLLEN-Africa Council, has assumed the post of Interim IA Secretary-General until the IA Council elects a new secretary-general. Dr. Hassan replaced **Dr. William Macharia**, who served as the secretary-general until June 15, 2002.

Professor Cynthia Cordero, present chair of the Department of Clinical Epidemiology, University of the Philippines - Manila, replaces **Dr. Pyatat Tatsanavivat** as INCLLEN-SEA Coordinator. Dr. Pyatat is the co-founder of the new Queen Sirikit Heart Center to be inaugurated in Khon Kaen, Thailand in the latter part of 2002.

Dr. Francois Chapuis has been reappointed for another three-year term as President of the French Ethics Review Board for Biomedical Research. This national board is in charge of coordinating French Ethics Committees to harmonize practices, train new members appointed to French Ethics Committees for biomedical research and organize national meetings. The board also advises European agencies and cooperates in European initiatives related to research ethics.

CEUs and CERTCs

Welcome to **Professor Ramesh Ahuja**, who has taken over from **Professor Manoj K. Mitra** as director of the Institute of Clinical Epidemiology at the King George Medical College in Lucknow, India. Professor Mitra has been reappointed Professor of Medicine at KGMC and recognized for his lifetime achievement in Medicine.

Dr. Kate D' Este was promoted to Associate Professor (Biostatistics) at the Centre for Clinical Epidemiology & Biostatistics (CCEB) at the University of Newcastle, Australia in January 2002.

Dr. Wayne Smith was appointed as Professor of Epidemiology at the CCEB, University of Newcastle, Australia in March 2002. Before he joined the Newcastle faculty, Dr. Smith was Senior Fellow at the National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health at the Australian National University, Canberra. He has postgraduate degrees in medicine and mathematics and is a fellow of the Australian Faculty of Public Health. His research interests include epidemiological methods, nutritional, environmental and sensory epidemiology.

Awards and Grants

Congratulations to **Dr. Dorothy Mbori-Ngacha**, member of the Clinical Epidemiology Unit at the University of Nairobi, Kenya for being awarded a prestigious grant from the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric Aids Foundation (USA) to develop programs to combat pediatric AIDS. The grant of \$450,000 is for a three-year period.

?**Dr. Hernando Gaitan**, director of the Centro de Epidemiologia Clinica (CEC) de la Universidad Nacional de Columbia, together with his colleagues, was awarded a grant of \$30,293 for the project entitled *Efficiency of Paracervical Block in Managing Pain in the Treatment of Incomplete Abortion with Manual Vacuum Aspiration*. The grant was awarded by EngenderHealth.

?**Dr. Narendra Arora**, Professor of Pediatrics at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences CEU, received a grant from the World Bank to evaluate injection practices in India. The grant amounting to about \$ 1M was awarded through the Government of India, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (See related story on page 13).

?**Dr. Leonila Dans** received the *"Gantimpala sa Kagalingan sa Pagtuturo ng Saligang Agham"* (Outstanding Teacher Award for Science). The award was given in May 2002 during the commencement exercises of the University of the Philippines-College of Medicine. Dr. Dans is an associate professor of pediatrics and clinical epidemiology and the current director of the Masters Program in Clinical Epidemiology at the Department of Clinical Epidemiology, University of the Philippines-Manila.

?**Dr Antonio Dans**, professor of internal medicine and clinical epidemiology in the University of the Philippines (UP)-Manila, received the Outstanding Clinical Professor Award. The award was given by the UP College of Medicine in recognition of the dedication, skills and commitment of Dr. Dans as a teacher.