

Message from the INCLEN BOT Chair

It is an honor and a privilege for me to address you as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of this prestigious organization. I will do my utmost to live up to the expectations placed in me and maintain the high standards of leadership and dedication set up by my predecessors.

More than ever before, the strengths of the INCLEN Trust are sorely needed to meet the challenges of today in the field of health. However, these strengths and the potentials of our organization are not being utilized fully by the international health community. It is up to each one of us to use every opportunity to participate in national programs of health development. We should strive harder to demonstrate that our global network of trained multi-disciplinary professionals can carry out health research relevant to the needs and priorities of the countries and, more importantly, can utilize research results to modify national and international health programs.

Our recently developed Strategic Plan of Action provides us with a framework for carrying out our mandate. We need to strengthen our CLENs and develop more INCLEN units worldwide. We need to develop more partnerships among our CLENs and with other organizations outside INCLEN. We would like to offer not only our considerable strengths in research methodology, planning and implementing research in support of equitable distribution of health care and social justice, but also we need to take a more active role in advocacy programs to ensure that health care is provided to all as a basic human right.

There are, of course, difficulties and constraints in the functioning of a wide network of collaborating units spread over the globe. These need to be looked at carefully and overcome so that our diversity becomes our strength. With this strength we need to mobilize resources so that continued functioning of our network at the present level, or even more, is ensured and assured. The members of the Board of Trustees are fully aware of these problems and are taking steps to address them.

I wish each of you success in your endeavors and I am looking forward to working even more closely than before with the members of our family

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