

ISEE-SA News: Summer 2006

An Occasional Update of the South Asian Regional Chapter of the International Society for Environmental Epidemiology

The South Asian¹ Regional Chapter of the International Society for Environmental Epidemiology (ISEE-SA) was officially formed in December 2004. Members are committed to work on a range of environmental risk factors in addition to outdoor air pollution, including indoor air pollution, arsenic in drinking water, and lack of clean water and sanitation. The chapter will facilitate the building of a strong network of professionals from across the region, enabling them to draw on international support and take the lead in the region to tackle these issues.

International Conference on Environmental Epidemiology & Exposure

The International Conference on Environmental Epidemiology & Exposure will take place in Paris (France), from the 2nd to 6th September 2006. This will be a joint meeting of the International Society for Environmental Epidemiology (ISEE) and the International Society for Exposure Analysis (ISEA).

For more information, please visit <http://www.paris2006.afsset.fr/>

ISEE-SA will have a chapter meeting during the conference. Members who plan to attend, please contact Rakesh Ghosh at Rakesh.Ghosh@newcastle.ac.uk

Curriculum for Environmental Epidemiology in South Asia

The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has recently announced that it will open an ICMR School of Public Health sometime in 2007. To ensure that training in environmental epidemiology can be incorporated as soon as possible, interested members of the Chapter are encouraged to participate in the development of a regionally appropriate environmental epidemiology training curriculum. This curriculum will be submitted to ICMR for consideration, and will also be made available to all members for future training / capacity building activities within the region. Members interested in participating in curriculum development should contact Sumi Mehta at smehta@healtheffects.org

ISEE-SA Regional Workshop

The first regional workshop for the chapter is scheduled to take place in Spring 2007. This workshop would include presentations of works in progress by chapter members as well as post graduate students. In addition, the Chapter's recommendations for an environmental epidemiology training curriculum will be finalized during the workshop. Members interested in participating in the conference organizing group should contact Sumi Mehta at smehta@healtheffects.org

News from our Members

All members are encouraged to share information

¹ 'South Asia' as defined here includes Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. ISEE-SA holds a policy of inclusion of all Asian affiliates, however, and welcomes all collaboration with members from all Asian countries.