Significance of HAIAP: past present and future

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HAIAP 40th Anniversary

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Our Remembrance

• K.Balasubramaniam 2011
• Shila Kaur 2017
• Amit Sen Gupta 2018
• Sumlee Jaidee 2019
• Martin Khor 2020
• Mongkol Na Songkla 2020
Health Action International Asia Pacific

We are an informal network of non-governmental organizations and individuals in the Asia Pacific Region committed to strive for health for all now.

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The HAIAP founders

• Dr Mira Shiva,
• Dr Zafrullah Chowdhury
• Dato Anwar Fazal
• Dr Kumariah Balasubramaniam
HAIAP Partner Organisations

- All India Drug Action Network (AIDAN), India
- Annamalai University Department of Pharmacy
- Community Development Medicinal Unit, Odisha, India
- Consumer Association of Penang (CAP) Penang Malaysia
- Gonoshasthaya Kendra (GK) Bangladesh
- Health Action Information Network (HAIN) Philippines
- Health and Nutrition Development Society (HANDS) Pakistan
- Thai Drug Watch/ Drug Study Group (DSG) Thailand
- Third World Network (TWN) Penang Malaysia
1981 - 2021: Different Waves of Actions

- 1979: The Int Baby Food Action Network (IBFAN) born in Geneva
- 1979: Kyoto Int Conference against Drug-Induced Sufferings
- 1981: 10th Congress IOCU
- **1981**: The 34th World Health Assembly (WHA), in Geneva
  Representatives of NGOs from 26 countries decided to form Health Action International (HAI),
- 1983: Int Conf Consumer Health and Safety, Japan
- 1986: Action for Rational Drugs in Asia (ARDA) by CIROAP
- 2001: HAIAP move to Sri Lanka registered
- 2010: Last HAIAP meeting Asia Pacific Regional Consultation on Health & Medicines Financing
- 2013: ReAct-TWN-HAIAP workshop at the 5th MIMSC Malaysia
- 2017/2018 PHM-HAIAP and HAIAP core members meeting
- 2018 TWN/HAIAP and HAIAP core members meeting
- **2021**: HAIAP 40th Anniversary
Challenges and Concerns

• Access to Essential Medicines and Intellectual Property Issues
• Good quality, affordable medicines must be available

• Rights to health
• Financing system
• TRIPs and IPR
• Drug Promotion
• Access to Essential Medicines
• Antimicrobial Resistance
Fast Furious and Flexible published in 2006
The Story of HAI 1981-2006: Special Focus on HAIAP

• Section I: Keeping Memories Alive
• Section II: Health Action International Asia Pacific
• Section III: Moving Ahead
• Section IV: Selected writings of K. Balasubramaniam
• Annexures
HAIAP: Asia Pacific Regional Consultation on Health & Medicines Financing 2010 Sri Lanka

- Book where there are No Pharmacists launched
- Workshop
- Bala Retirement
Report on follow-up seminar ‘Towards a pharmaceutical policy in India in the changed perspective’ Entitled: Pharmaceutical policy and access to essential medicines

• Access to Medicine
• Rational Use of Medicine

• Campaign recommendations from the seminar
• to policy level
Establishing a Baseline to Monitor Public Health Implications of New Intellectual Property Rights Regime on Pharmaceuticals in Sri Lanka - 2010

Collaboration HAIAP and Faculty of Medicine, Univ Colombo

Objectives

• To determine the patent status of the new chemical entities registered in Sri Lanka during 2005-2010.

• To describe the price fluctuation in the market of new chemical entities/patent drugs registered during the period.

• To determine the proportion of the new chemical entities/patented drugs of therapeutic groups appearing in prescriptions dispensed at a selected state owned pharmaceutical retail outlet.

• To determine the perception of personnel involved in pharmaceutical regulation on public health implications of new IPR regime.

http://digicollection.org/hss/en/m/abstract/Js19052en/
Where there are no Pharmacists

- The concept of National Medicines Policies
- Principles of selection: Therapeutics Committees, Treatment Guidelines, Standard Medicines Lists
- Procurement, stock management and supply: sources and prices, quantification, quality issues, storage and stock control
- The process of dispensing, and dispensing according to treatment guidelines
- Rational Use of Medicines
- Integrating vertical programmes like IMCI, STI and HIV programmes, Reproductive Health
- Explaining to patients and communities the role of medicines and how to use medicines safely

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For communities: Where There Are No Pharmacists contains information to help communities benefit from the use of medicines. It does not provide clinical advice but emphasizes the need to adhere to national standard treatment guidelines or, in their absence, to appropriate texts and guidelines. Whole communities can be empowered through empowering health workers.
HAIAP-PHM Meetings, Bangladesh, 2017 /2018
PHA4 – 4th Peoples’ Health Assembly November 15-19, 2018 at Gonoshasthaya Kendra (GK), Bangladesh

HAIAP together with the Third World Network (TWN) presented a self organised workshop during the assembly.

Challenges of Antimicrobial Resistance in the region

• Overview: The AMR Situation and Challenges in Developing Countries

• Affordable access to existing and new antimicrobials- reference to hepatitis C treatment and the Malaysian CL

• Affordable access to existing and new antimicrobials – India and our region

• Philippines NAP

• Some specific practical issues and innovative health system opportunities to counter AMR e.g. Thailand Smart Use; measuring the impact of interventions
HAIAP members are still working with shared information and collective goals.

• Food for subversive thoughts submitted by HAIAP member, Claudio Schuftan
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Future of HAIAP: Networking of working

- Coordinating
- Sharing information and activities
- HAIAP News
- Aims for collective working

We look forward to being in touch with our HAIAP family and friends.

Namaste