

HAIAP 40th Anniversary
May 29 2021 7 pm Penang time



Program

(for more information about presenters see next pages)

Moderator – HAIAP’s Coordinator Beverley Snell will open the meeting and moderate the proceedings

From HAIAP’ Founders

1. **Dato’ Seri Anwar Fazal: Dedication and Overview** of HAIAP since the beginning; activities and current focus.
2. **Professor Tan Sri Dzulkifli Abdul Razak** who has played a monumental role in the life of HAIAP.
3. **Dr Mira Shiva** – working with and learning with HAIAP.
4. **Dr Zafrullah Chowdhury** - the Politics of Essential Drugs
5. **Dr Niyada K Angsulee.** Significance of HAIAP past present and future

6. Stories from the region

Professor Dr Krisantha Weerasuriya The role of Dr Kumariah Balasubramaniam

Dr Ekbal Bappukunju Managing Covid-19 in Kerala

Professor Dr Michael Lim Tan How HAIN (Health Action Information Network Philippines) and HAI discovered each other in 1985 when the Marcos dictatorship was falling apart.

Dr Shaikh Tanveer Ahmed How HANDS (Health and Nutrition Development Society) has developed and sustained a comprehensive integrated model supporting public health, access to essential medicines and community development - in 24 districts of Pakistan.

Dr Manuj C Weerasinghe – The Struggle for Health rights in Sri Lanka - last two decades

Dr Sun Kim People’s Health Movement for Equitable Access to Essential Health Technologies in the context of COVID-19 - In South Korea, South East Asia and Pacific, and beyond.

Dr Chee Yoke Ling, TWN Malaysia - Regional partnerships and the struggle for universal health care

6. Dato’ Seri Anwar Fazal - Revival of the Olle Hansson Award and launch of HAIAP / Gonoshasthaya Kendra Fellowship Award.

7. HAIAP at 40 -new book: Beverley Snell will explain the plan to develop this book and its contents.

Conclusion of meeting and thanks: Beverley Snell on behalf of HAIAP

Bangkok, Thailand 6:00 pm

Cologne, Germany 1.00 pm

Amsterdam NL 1:00 pm

Colombo, Sri Lanka 4:30 pm

Karachi, Pakistan 4:00 pm

Manila, Philippines 7:00 pm

Melbourne, Australia 9:00 pm

Nairobi, Kenya 2.00 pm

New Delhi, India 4:30 pm

Penang, Malaysia 7:00 pm

Dhaka, Bangladesh 5:00 pm

Geneva, Switzerland 1:00 pm

Hanoi, Vietnam 8:00 pm

Jakarta, Indonesia 6:00 pm

Seoul, Korea 8:00 pm

Tehran, Iran 3:30 pm

Thiruvananthapuram, India 4:30 pm

Toronto, Canada 7:00 am

New York, USA 7:00 am



Dr Mira Shiva is a founder member and former Chair of Health Action International (Asia Pacific). She obtained her Post - Graduate Degree in Medicine at Christian Medical College Ludhiana, Punjab in 1978, the year of the Alma Ata Declaration on Primary Health Care (PHC), then completed a Community Health and Development Residency. For over four decades she has been engaged with Comprehensive PHC, issues of gender justice, social and health equity. She has been involved with issues of Rational Drug Policy and Rational use of Drugs, Women and Child health, Food and Nutrition security, Food Safety and Biosafety, Environment and Health, Using Law for Public Health. She was involved in relief work and health impact studies after the Bhopal Gas Tragedy.

Dr Mira is a Founder Member of Peoples Health Movement - a Steering Committee Member for two terms and currently an Advisory Committee member.

Dr Mira Shiva is Coordinator of the Initiative for Health and Equity in Society and Founder Coordinator and Co-Convenor of All India Drug Action Network and was a member of the Health Committee of National Human Rights Commission.

Dr Mira is recipient of the first Dr Olle Hansson award for showing Moral Courage and for contributions Nationally and Globally for Rational Use of Medicines. She was also recipient of the Women Scientists Award in 2006 by Science and Society, Dept of Science and Technology for 'prevention of misuse of Medicines and Medical Technologies'.



Dr Zafrullah Chowdhury was one of the founders of Health Action International. He is the founder of Gonoshasthaya Kendra (GK) - People's Health Centre - a rural healthcare organisation in Bangladesh.

In 1971, during the Bangladesh Liberation War, he and colleagues set up the 480-bed Bangladesh Hospital for freedom fighters and refugees; run by a team of Bangladeshi doctors, medical students and volunteers. Women were trained within days to help provide care for patients. In 1972 Dr Chowdhury set up GK for providing all basic healthcare to the community by paramedics from the community – trained at GK and supported by a strong referral system. The centre also runs a university, hospital, agriculture cooperatives, printing press, community schools, a generic drug manufacturing plant and a vocational training centre. All basic services, for example plumbing, electrical services, vehicle maintenance, carpentry are provided by women who are trained on site.

GK has been very successful in providing family planning services, and lowering maternal and infant mortality rates as well as manufacturing good quality cheaper essential generic drugs. The Bangladesh National Drug Policy formulated in 1982 ensured access to essential medicines for all Bangladeshis. Dr Zafrullah was the force behind the Bangladesh National Drug Policy in 1982. He was awarded the Ramon Magsaysay Award for Community Leadership in 1985; and in 1992, he was awarded the Right Livelihood Award for his 'outstanding record of promotion of health and human development.'



Dato' Seri Anwar Fazal is a founder and one of the prime movers of several local and global citizens movements, including Consumers Association of Penang (CAP) founded in 1969, International Baby Food Action Network (IBFAN) in 1979, Health Action International (HAI) 1981 and Pesticide Action Network (PAN) in 1982.

His determination and driving force helped establish the much-needed Consumer Interpol in 1981, a consumer and environmental alert system to monitor global trade in hazardous products and technologies. His consumer activism ensured that issues such as appropriate infant feeding practices, pesticide hazards, and health and pharmaceuticals, were indeed consumer issues requiring urgent global action.

As President of the International Organization of Consumers Unions - now known as Consumers International (CI) he ensured that the voices of the poor consumers in the developing world be heard in international fora. In 2003, he established Citizens International, In Penang, Malaysia, a global initiative that seeks to analyse the causes of increased militarisation and to work towards an environment of peace and international security, social justice, and sustainable development. International recognition has included the Right Livelihood Award, popularly called the 'Alternative Nobel Prize' for his work in promoting and protecting the public interest in 1982; the title 'Activist of the Year' in 1983 by Ralph Nader's Multinational Monitor; and election to the 'Environmental Hall of Fame' by Mother Earth News. He was the founding director of and currently Chairman of, International Advisory Council, Right Livelihood College & is the founder President of the Dr. Wu Lien-Teh Society, named after a global medical legend of the last century.



Dr Niyada Kiatying-Angsulee, Ph.D. currently leads three major organizations, first as Chair of HAIAP (Health Action International Asia Pacific), second as Chair of the Health and Development Foundation, and then as Manager of Drug System Monitoring and Development Centre, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Chulalongkorn University.

She obtained a Bachelor Degree in Pharmacy from Chulalongkorn University, Master Degree in Pharmacology from Mahidol University, and Ph.D in Health Policy from London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, University of London.

Niyada serves on various Thailand Ministry of Public Health committees: National Antimicrobial Resistance Policy Board, Drug Committee (as expert by law), and Sub-committee on Promotion of Rational Drug Use, under the National Drug Policy Board. Her two major previous positions were Director of Chulalongkorn University Social Research Institute, and member of Fund for Promotion of Safe and Innovative Media (by law). At the same time, she volunteers with many civil society organizations (consumer and patient groups) nationally and internationally. She is a Board Member of ISIUM (International Society for Improving Use of Medicine) and an appointed temporary expert with World Health Organization.



Professor Tan Sri Dzulkifli Abdul Razak (Dzul) was the Vice Chancellor of the Science University of Malaysia (USM) in Penang from 2000-2011. He was responsible for enriching the very close relationship between HAIAP and the Poison Centre at that University's Medical Faculty which was one of our very first network partners. The centre was also a WHO Collaborating Centre.

His first degree was Bachelor of Pharmacy from USM and then he obtained Master of Science in Pharmacology from the University of Strathclyde.

He left USM to become the Vice Chancellor of Albukhary International University in Kedah, Malaysia where he developed the concept of 'the humaniversity', before moving to become a Distinguished Fellow at the Malaysian Islamic University of Science (USIM)'s Faculty of Leadership and Management and Chair of Islamic Leadership in 2014.

Prior to joining USIM, he served as a member of the World Health Organization (WHO) Expert Advisory Panel on Drug Policy and Management from 1995 to 2010 and the WHO Scientific Committee of Tobacco Product Regulation from 2004 to 2006. He was also President of the International Association of Universities from 2012 to 2016.

The Gilbert Medal recognising outstanding achievement in the internationalisation of higher education was awarded to Dzul by *Universitas 21* for 2017.

He was made an Honorary Doctor of Science by the Universities of Portsmouth and Nottingham and Mykolas Romeris University and an Honorary Doctor of Educational Science by Istanbul Commerce University.

Beverley Snell, current Coordinator of HAIAP, is a pharmacist who has specialised in essential medicines work within a public health and PHC framework including refugee settings and humanitarian emergencies. Between 1981 and 1986, she worked in refugee and host communities in Somalia. Since 1990, she has contributed to the essential medicines sector in many developing countries, including Pacific Island and Mekong Countries, on the ground and through program design and development of policies, manuals and texts. For 12 years she taught in the International Health stream of the Master of Public Health program delivered by the Burnet Institute Centre for International Health for Monash University. She was awarded the Order of Australia Medal (OAM) in 2012 for her contribution to International Health.



Contributors from the region

Professor Kisantha Weerasuriya is a Physician and Public Health Clinical Pharmacologist with extensive experience in medicines and health care systems in national, regional and international organisations and projects with a focus on Low and Middle Income Countries (LMICs). He has developed work plans and led projects on antibiotics, essential medicines, medicines regulations, medicines for neglected diseases. He is a Professor Emeritus in the Department of Pharmacology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo and was the Secretary of the Drug Evaluation Sub Committee (DESC - the Independent Advisory Body for Registration of Medicines) of the Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka in the 1990s. During that period Sri Lanka was noted for decisions on medicines where health was the primary deciding factor. This was in the tradition of Professor Senaka Bibile, Professor NDW Lionel and Dr Kumariah Balasubramaniam - his teachers. He then worked with the South East Asia Region and Headquarters of the World Health Organisation for over 15 years and retired as the Secretary of the WHO Expert Committee on Essential Medicines. He is a lifelong 'Swashbuckler' for Essential Medicines with dreams of Universal Health Care for the LMICs within his lifetime.



Dr Ekbal Bappukunju is a public health activist, a neurosurgeon, and an academic in Kerala, India, and is serving as a member of the Kerala State Planning Board; and the Chairperson of the Covid Expert Committee advising the Government of Kerala on Covid control since January 2020. He was the Professor of Neurosurgery at Medical Education Department Kerala until 2000 and Vice-chancellor of the University of Kerala during the period 2000–2004. He is an active member of the Peoples Science Movement in Kerala (KSSP) and was the president of KSSP 1983-85. As a member of the Kerala State Planning Board, he played a vital role in the People's Plan Campaign for Decentralisation a by the Government of Kerala. He is also one of the joint convenors of Jan Swasthya Abhiyan (Peoples Health Movement - India). He was the President of the Democratic Alliance for Knowledge Freedom, Kerala, popularizing Free and Open Source Software concepts.



Professor Michael Lim Tan trained in Veterinary Medicine (DVM, University of the Philippines, Diliman, 1977), Anthropology (MA, Texas A and M University, 1981) and Medical Anthropology (PhD, University of Amsterdam, 1996) He worked with the Catholic Church's social action programs from 1977 to 1981, mainly in community-based health programs in Mindanao and in Luzon, and with a community-based tuberculosis control program. He founded a health NGO, Health Action Information Network (HAIN), among the first HAIAP partners, concentrating on research and information for community-based health programs, government and non-government health agencies, mass media and legislators. HAIN played a major role in pushing for health reforms around providing safe and affordable pharmaceuticals, responding to HIV and AIDS and reproductive health needs. Michael Tan and HAIN made major contributions to HAIAP resources. He began teaching in University of the Philippines (UP) in 1985 and in 1997 he became Anthropology Field School Director, then Chair of the Anthropology Department, Dean of the College of Social Sciences and Philosophy and, from 2014 to 2020, Chancellor of University of the Philippines Diliman. During his term, he has encouraged faculty, students and staff to engage the world outside, including speaking out on national issues.



Dr Shaikh Tanveer Ahmed is the Chief Executive of the leading non-profit organization HANDS (Health and Nutrition Development Society). He is a medical graduate, and Master in Public Health. His unique experience of working as a Public Health professional and development specialist is spread across a canvas of twenty years. His position as CEO of HANDS has led to his enormous understanding of grass roots realities as well as national and international policies and initiatives. His consistent leadership of HANDS has developed it into an inspiring integrated development model, working in 24 districts of Pakistan with staff strength of nearly 2000.



More than 25 papers are among his credentials, presented in international conferences, held in different countries. He is also the writer of 23 publications on development and public health issues.

Professor Manuj C Weerasinghe is a public health practitioner, currently working as the Head and Professor at the Department of Community Medicine, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka. He has been involved in research on many aspects of public health. His work covers health disparities and health seeking behaviour in marginalized populations, adolescent health, maternal and child health, health of older Sri Lankans, non-communicable diseases. He also focusses on health program evaluation, health financing and policy transition in developing countries, and the public health impact of international trade agreements. Globalization has been a topic of interest to him for many years. He has been closely examining the effects of new trade treaties on the medicines market. His work on effects of IPR on medicines is now published as a research report titled '*Establishing a baseline to monitor public health implication of new Intellectual Property Rights regime on pharmaceuticals in Sri Lanka*'. He was also a member of the group that developed the '*Regional Framework on Public Health Innovation and Intellectual Property*' for the WHO SEARO in 2011.



Dr Sun Kim is Director of the Health Policy Research Centre, based at the Peoples' Health Institute South Korea - generating and disseminating information to support people's decision-making from the perspectives of social justice and equitable health.



The People's Health Institute (PHI), a progressive non-profit research institute, was founded in 2006 based on the initiatives of health activists, researchers, and leaders of civic organizations. In accordance with the vision, PHI generates and disseminates information to support people's decision-making from the perspectives of social justice and equitable health.

Dr Sun is Regional coordinator of the People's Health Movement (PHM) South East Asia and Pacific (SEAP).

Dr Chee Yoke Ling is a lawyer and currently the Executive Director of the Third World Network, home of HAIAP since 2011, a policy research and advocacy organization which has its international secretariat in Penang, Malaysia. She has been very active since the mid-1980s, from the national to global level, focusing on trade, environment, health and general development issues from the perspective of developing countries. Some focus areas of her work are public health and access to affordable medicines, in particular Antimicrobial Resistance and the national implementation of flexibilities in the Agreement on Trade-related Aspects on Intellectual Property Rights administered by the World Trade Organization.

