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## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR 2013

Dear members,

I am happy to present all the activities undertaken by the Indian Public Health Association during the last calendar year i.e. 2013

### CC and GB Meetings conducted

Meeting	Date & Venue
57 <sup>th</sup> Annual Central Council Meeting	31 <sup>st</sup> January, 2013 at Science City, Kolkata
57 <sup>th</sup> Annual General Body Meeting	1 <sup>st</sup> February, 2013 at Science City, Kolkata
164 <sup>st</sup> Central Council Meeting	13 <sup>th</sup> April 2013 at SRM, University Chennai
165 <sup>nd</sup> Central Council Meeting	28 Sep & 29 Sep 2013 at IPHA Bhaban, Kolkata

### Regional Meetings and Visits

2<sup>nd</sup> planning meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Public Health was held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2013 at Geneva. *Dr. J. Ravi Kumar (President)*, *Dr. Dipika Sur (Secretary General)*, and *Dr. Madhumita Dobe (Organizing Secretary)* attended the meeting and discussed on the following points:

- No. of anticipated Delegates.
- No. of Official WFPHA meetings.
- GC and GA, other Committee meetings and WG meetings.
- Accommodation of all WFPHA Governing Council members.
- Budget for invited officials and Marketing Plan, Budget, Sponsorship, Fundraising, Marketing publicity, identification of responsible contact persons, next ICOC meeting along with Review of Timelines/Milestones and definition of next steps and responsibilities.
- Monimita Sarkar from KWC presented about website. Members suggested that media working on PH issues could help about the content of website and make it lively.

Third meeting of planning updates on the 14<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Public Health was held in Boston on Nov 2-6, 2013. Prof Madhumita Dobe Organising Secretary and Dr. Sanghamitra Ghosh, Jt. Secretary HQ attended the meeting. An information booth on the 14<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Public Health was stalled by IPHA in The Public Health Expo located in the Boston Convention and Exhibition Centre since Nov 4-Nov 6, 2013. In the business meeting the ICOC discussed the planning for 14<sup>th</sup> WCPH taking place 11-15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2015 in Kolkata India hosted by IPHA. All WFPHA member associations and organisations were invited to attend as observers. On 5<sup>th</sup> Nov Dr Madhumita Dobe, organising Secretary presented "Are the MDG's achievable by 2015? The IPHA perspective. On 6<sup>th</sup> Nov there was a video presentation on the upcoming 14<sup>th</sup> WCPH "Healthy People, Healthy Environment".

### Reports on 14<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Public Health, Kolkata

Website Live – [www.14wcph.org](http://www.14wcph.org)

- Online Registrations to go Live on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014
- Online Abstract submission to go Live on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014
- Social Media platform – Face book and BlogSpot (managed by IPHA team internally)

- KW will send html mailers to societies with request to forward to entire membership
- Holding slide at all WFPHA meetings
- Allocations of the Donor outreach to be divided amongst the group for maximum effectiveness.
- Road shows/ Small events specifically targeting potential sponsors in the major business hubs in India
  - Delhi
  - Mumbai
  - Bangalore/ Chennai
  - Ahmadabad/ Hyderabad
- Personal interactions with industry by key members of ICOC/ IPHA
- Regular follow-ups thereafter.
- Printed brochures to be ready early January.
- Sponsor list to be divided into National and International and allocated to specific persons.
- Curtain Raiser Event – where key partners, potential sponsors and members of the Media will be invited
- 2 days to be planned for the ICOC and scientific committee meetings.

## Reports of Functional Committees

### Oration committee

The committee had reviewed and suggested the names for the orations during the 58<sup>th</sup> All India Annual Conference of IPHA.

Oration Awards	2014
<b>Dr. B.C. Dasgupta</b> Memorial Oration	<b>Dr. Nagabhusan Rao</b> Ex HOD Department of Neurology Osmania Medical College and Niloufer Hospital
<b>Dr. J. E. Park</b> Memorial Oration	<b>Dr. Santanu Tripathi</b> Professor and Head, Department of Clinical & Experimental Pharmacology, School of Tropical Medicine, Kolkata
<b>Dr. K. N. Rao</b> Memorial Oration	<b>Dr. Col Ashok Kumar Jindal</b> Professor, Department of Community Medicine, Armed Forces Medical College, Pune
<b>Dr. G. Anjaneyulu</b> Oration	<b>Dr. Arvind Mathur</b> Medical Officer-Making Pregnancy Safer WHO South East Asia Regional Office

### Fellowship Award

5 applications were received, 2 were rejected after initial scrutiny and 3 accepted by the credential committee. Following life members were selected for the award of fellowship of the Indian Public Health Association.

1. Dr. (Air Cmde) Kevin Fernandez
2. Dr. S. Appaala Naidu
3. Dr. Usha Rani Chadalawada

### Indian Academy of Public Health

The IAPH discussed periodically about the course of action to be taken up in future. Professor Madhumita Dobe, Chairperson of the academy proposed the action plan along with budget for the period 2014 to 2016.

#### Objectives of IAPH

- To strengthen teaching and training of public health and make it more competence based.
- To improve old skills and learn new skills to address the big public health challenges.
- To guide, direct and sanction research project submitted to the IPHA.
- To undertake research by the IPHA and arrange for its funding.
- To organize workshop, seminar, symposium etc. on the current health problem of the country or need –based training program for the members.
- To examine scientifically sponsorship or endorsement or brand ambassadorships of the association.
- Any other matter as will be decided from time to time by the association.

**GOAL 1: Identify list of Public Health Competencies for India***Outcomes*

- A list of public health competencies that is approved by the IPHA (agreed to by members)
- Submission to appropriate authorities
- Leading Advocacy meetings for acceptance & circulation of the same to public health training institutes

**STRATEGY 1.1** Identify a list of public health competencies approved by the IPHA

No.	Task	Timeframe (Deadlines)	Responsibility	Resources needed	Remarks
1.1.1	Conduct regional workshops for identification of list of public health competencies	Feb 2014 – December 2014	IAPH	@ Rs 25,000 per workshop × 4 such = Rs 1 lakh	Travel expenses, if any, will be extra
1.1.2	Advocacy meetings for acceptance & circulation	Feb 2015 – Dec 2016 – starting with the World Congress	IAPH	Meeting expenses = Rs 20,000	Travel expenses if any, will be extra
1.1.3	Use the Indian Journal of Public Health to disseminate	Feb 2015 – Dec 2016	IAPH & IJPH		

**GOAL 2: Advance Public Health practice, education, training and research***Outcomes*

- At least one multi-centric collaborative research initiative
- Develop a framework on public health training accreditation system

**STRATEGY 2.1** Position the World Congress for further advancement of public health practice, education, training and research

No.	Task	Timeframe (Deadlines)	Responsibility	Resources needed	Remarks
2.1.1	Conduct a public health education skill building workshop at the 14 <sup>th</sup> WoCPH Replicate regionally	Feb 2015	PH Education WG WFPHA IAPH		
2.1.2	Advocate & seek multicentric research partnerships	Feb 2015	WFPHA & IAPH		

**STRATEGY 2.2** Framework of Public Health Training Accreditation

No.	Task	Timeframe (Deadlines)	Responsibility	Resources needed	Remarks
2.2.1	Conduct a workshop at the 14 <sup>th</sup> WoCPH Replicate regionally	WG at congress IAPH	@ Rs 25,000 per workshop × 4 such = Rs 1 lakh	Travel expenses if any, will be extra	

**GOAL 3: Expand and Strengthen Academic Partnerships***Outcomes*

- Strong and sustainable Academic Partnerships at all levels

**STRATEGY 3.1** Develop new partnerships where appropriate

No.	Task	Timeframe (Deadlines)	Responsibility	Resources needed	Remarks
3.3.1	Identify academic/ knowledge partners	April 2014	President, SG, Treasurer Chair-person Academy & IAPH	Meeting expenses – can be clubbed with CC meetings	
3.3.2	Negotiate for partnerships with PH research and training schools of public health and the private sector (as appropriate)	May 2014	President, SG, Treasurer, Chair-person Academy & IAPH	Meeting expenses– can be clubbed with CC meetings	

**GOAL 4: Promote and support the advancement of IAPH****STRATEGY 4.1** Develop and implement a resource generation strategy

No.	Task	Timeframe (Deadlines)	Responsibility	Resources needed	Remarks
4.1.1	Identify Sources of Fund Development Develop FD work plan & Allocate fund generation responsibilities	May 2014	Finance Committee	Meeting ( can be clubbed with CC meeting)	
4.1.2	Begin implementation of FD work plan	June 2014	Finance Committee, President, SG, Treasurer & Chair- person Academy & IAPH	Meeting expenses – can be clubbed with CC meetings	
4.1.3	Renegotiate relationship with HUL & others towards support for academic activities	June 2014	President, SG, Treasurer & Chair-person Academy	Meeting expenses– can be clubbed with CC meetings	

**STRATEGY 4.2** Planning for IPHA 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2016

No.	Task	Timeframe (Deadlines)	Responsibility	Resources needed	Remarks
4.2.1	Review and compilation of IPHA archives	Feb 2014	IAPH	Interns engaged @ Rs 500 per day for at least 10 days a month × 12 months = 1,20,000 Rs – total for 2	Involve key individuals associated historically with IPHA

**Budget**

As indicated above, a total amount of approximately 4 lakhs is proposed for the period 2014-16.

**IPHA Bhaban Committee**

IPHA Bhaban Committee met twice to assess the condition of the IPHA Bhaban. The pipeline water connection from Nabadiganta Authority was installed and the Deep Tubewell source was abandoned as per directive of the Local Body.

Mr. Chandan Maitra, Chartered Engineer has been engaged to take up the issues related with the sanction of revised plan, completion certificate of the building, valuation of the building, assessment of the property tax, mutation and generation of tax bill of the IPHA Bhawan.

## Indian Journal of Public Health: Report of Editorial Board by Managing Editor

### *Present status of publication*

Indian Journal of Public Health is being published both in print and ahead-of-print online e-version since 2010 with increased visibility and open access globally. The journal is now printed by Medknow Publications and Media Pvt Ltd. The journal is indexed by Pubmed, Medline/ Index medicus, SCOPUS, Scimago journal ranking, Indian Science Abstracts, National Science Library etc. Documents H index is 14. Citations have also increased. From January to September 2013, 53195 people visited the site, new visits and bounce rates are being 73.1% and 57.1% respectively.

During these years there has been massive increase in submission of articles and also we are getting articles regularly from outside India. In 2013, we have received 569 articles submitted through e-submission system; out of them 67 (11.8%) were overseas articles. We are regularly publishing special articles, on important aspects of public health, written by nationally acknowledged experts in the related fields. Articles on Public Health Education and Public Health Research Methods are now being published in separate sections.

In 2013 all four issues have been published and printed. In 4<sup>th</sup> issue we published a few special articles from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi under the theme of universal access to health care. Online full text articles are available at [www.ijph.in](http://www.ijph.in).

### *Submission of articles and publication status over the years (as on 31.12.2013)*

Year	Total articles submitted	Status of publication			
		Published	Accepted	Rejected/withdrawn/closed	Under review
2010	292 (155 + 137 online submission)	49	—	243 (83.2%)	—
2011	528	77	—	451 (85.4%)	—
2012	535	54	17	457 (85.4%)	7
2013	569	29	6	400 (70.3%)	134

After introduction of online submission system, with large increase in article submission, rejection rate of the journal also has increased to more than 85%. In 2013 rejection rate is 70.3% and still 134 articles are under review process.

### *Article review system*

Articles are received and reviewed through online system. Submitted articles are usually screened by editorial board members to assess the suitability for formal review and to comment on the scientific basis/ quality of the articles. Technically incomplete articles are sent back to authors with request for to submit the articles by following Journal Norms. Technically complete articles are usually sent to two or more expert reviewers for review. Upon the basis of the comments from the reviewers, decision for acceptance / rejection or request for modification of the articles is taken by the editorial board. Sometimes we have to send articles to 3<sup>rd</sup> or even 4<sup>th</sup> reviewer. The whole process of review and revision sometimes take a long time to be completed. For this activity peer reviewers and editorial board members periodically meet at IPHA Bhawan to assist Managing Editor/Assistant Managing Editor. Senior editorial board members including Editors and Chief Editors are consulted for taking decisions on suitability of publications as and when necessary. One young MD (PSM) professional at Kolkata with updated computer competency and good English communication skill is currently being exposed to the regular routine editorial work related activities to manage the work more efficiently.

### *Editorial board meetings*

Two formal and one informal meeting of editorial board members have been conducted in 2013- 14 sessions to review the journal activities and the problems related to publication of the journal. As per the editorial board decision, to update the database of IPHA members, the announcement for membership information (KYC) has been inserted in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> issue of the journal and also in website. Financial conditions of the journal were also discussed vividly in the editorial board meeting. To overcome the financial constraints, the editorial board members suggested enhancement of the advertisement rate, subscription rate and publication fees for the journal; introduction of processing fees at the time of submission of article; emphasis on publication of more special sponsored issue; although the decisions are awaiting to be ratified in general body meeting. The members also emphasized on e-version of the journal instead of print version to minimize the publication cost.

*Revised rate of subscription/advertisement/publication fee etc as recommended by editorial board meeting***\*Subscription rate**

Print version	Individual		Institutional	
	Present	Revised	Present	Revised
Single issue	Rs. 156	Rs. 1,000	Rs. 938	Rs. 1,500
All issues	Rs. 500	Rs. 3,500	Rs. 3,000	Rs. 5,500

**Advertisement rate**

2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> cover page	Rs. 10,000 for B & W Rs. 15,000 for colour	Rs. 20,000 for B & W Rs. 30,000 for colour
Ordinary page	Rs. 8,000 for full page Rs. 5,000 for half page	Rs. 15,000 for full page Rs. 10,000 for half page Rs. 20,000 for colour

**Publication fee**

	Member		Non member	
	Present	Revised	Present	Revised
Original Article/Review Article/Special Article	Rs. 1,200	Rs. 3000/-	Rs. 1,500	Rs. 4000/-
Brief Research Article	Rs. 800	Rs. 2000/-	Rs. 1,000	Rs. 3000/-

**Processing fee**

At the time of submission of article	Nil	Rs. 500/-	Nil	Rs. 500/-
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- Online version is of free access. Overseas rate remain unchanged  
The journal is having now 348 Institutional subscribers, no individual subscriber. No free reprints are provided to the authors. Free PDF file of the article are sent to corresponding author.

**Association Activities**

Venue and Date	Activity
World Health Day 2013 was observed on 6 <sup>th</sup> April at NICED Auditorium	Dr. Rabin Chakraborty renowned Cardiologist Apollo Gleneagles Hospital Kolkata delivered key note address on Hypertension.
<b>World Environment Day</b> Date: 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2013 Venue: NTC Auditorium ESI Hospital Manicktala Kolkata.	Professor Jayasri Mitra, Dean Postgraduate Institute Manicktala ESI Hospital Kolkata inaugurated the programme. A Panel discussion on "Think-Eat-Save" was held and representatives from different parts of society took active part in the programme. A poster competition on the theme was held amongst the nursing students of different Nursing Colleges of the Country.
<b>World Population Day</b> Date: 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2013 Venue: Lady Dufflin Hospital Auditorium, Kolkata	Dr. Krisnanshu Roy, Director Family Welfare Training Institute, Govt. of West Bengal discussed on "Spotlight on Adolescent Pregnancy".
<b>World Breastfeeding Week, 2013</b>	Dr. Sunil Nag, Central Council Member, Organizer Programme in Association with IAP.
<b>Independence Day</b> Date: 15 <sup>th</sup> August, 2013 Venue: IPHA Bhaban, Kolkata	Flag Hoisted by Dr. Dipika Sur, Secretary General IPHA in presence of many office bearers and Central Council members and others members of our Association.
<b>58<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day and World Rabies Day Celebration</b> Date: 28 <sup>th</sup> September, 2013 Venue: College of Nursing Auditorium, Medical College Kolkata.	Chief Guest: Professor, Director Dr. Amit Banerjee, V.C., WBUHS, Kolkata. Dr. B.R. Satpathy, DHS, Govt. of WB was guest of honor and Professor T.K. Lahiri, Principal MCH, Kolkata grace the occasion as special guest. Dr. A.L. Saha Memorial Oration was delivered by Dr. Radhamadhab Tripathy and Dr. S.C. Shil Memorial Oration was delivered by Dr. Chandrakant Lahariya. Professor A.K. Chakraborty was received the Lifetime Achievement Award 2013 in memory of Dr. S.P. Mukhopadhyay. Dr. Rupali Basu CEO (ER) Apollo Gleneagles Hospital Kolkata was felicitated in the programme. A poster competition was held on the theme of World Rabies Day at College of Nursing, Medical College Hospital Kolkata. Leaflets were distributed for Mass Awareness in prevention of Rabies in outpatient departments of different Medical Colleges of Kolkata.

## This year two new branches were initiated

### 1. I.P.H.A. Rajasthan State Branch

<b>President</b>	Dr. Arvind Mathur
<b>Hon. Secretary</b>	Dr. Gourav Aggarwal
<b>Two members in Central Council</b>	1. Dr. K.R. Haldiya 2. Dr. Gourav Aggarwal

### 2. I.P.H.A. Uttarakhand State Branch

<b>President</b>	Dr. S. D. Kandpal
<b>Hon. Secretary</b>	Dr. Pradeep Aggarwal

## Reports of Existing Branches

Out of 31 local and state branches only 9 have submitted their report as per the prescribed format for the branch report.

### State branches

#### *West Bengal state branch*

The branch had its last Annual General Body Meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2013 at College of Nursing Auditorium; Medical College of Kolkata during its 57<sup>th</sup> State Conference Total number of the members in the branch is 1200. The branch was involved in many public health activities throughout the year.

The list of office bearers is as follows:

<b>President</b>	Dr. Phalguni Dutta	<b>Two members in Central Council</b>	Dr. Goutam Prasad Sarkhel
<b>Hon. Secretary</b>	Dr. Tutul Chatterjee		Dr. S. K. Sharma

#### *Maharashtra state branch*

The branch had its last Annual General Body Meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2013. Total numbers of the members in the branch is 594. The branch holds its joint state conference on 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2013 at Govt. Medical College Nagpur as a Joint Activity with 40<sup>th</sup> National Conference of IAPSN. The branch was involved in many public health activities throughout the year. The branch conducted Public Health Activities and also organized Quiz competition during the World Health Day, 2013. Branch also published the IPHA Maharashtra Chapter Newsletter.

The list of office bearers is as follows:

<b>President</b>	Dr. S. S. Dodwad	<b>Two members in Central Council</b>	Dr. S. S. Dodwad
<b>Hon. Secretary</b>	Dr. (Lt. Col.) B.S. Nasir		Dr. Murlidhar Tambe

#### *Delhi state branch*

The branch had its last Annual General Body Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2013. Total No. of members are 561.

The list of Office bearers is as follows:

<b>President</b>	Dr. V. K. Ramteke	<b>Two members in Central Council</b>	Dr. Vibha
<b>Hon. Secretary</b>	Dr. D. K. Raut		Dr. N. K. Yadav

#### *Gujarat State Branch*

The branch had its last Annual General Body Meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2013.

The list of Office bearers is as follows:

<b>President</b>	Dr. Dileep Makwana
<b>Hon. Secretary</b>	Dr. Vinubhai M. Patel

## Local Branches

### *South Kolkata down town branch*

The branch had its Annual General Body Meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2013 at Kalitara Mahila Samity, Pagladanga, Beliaghata, Kolkata. Total No. of members 84.

The list of office bearers is as follows:

<b>President</b>	Ajit Kumar Sur	<b>Two members in</b>	Ms. Bandana Ray
<b>Hon. Secretary</b>	Mr. Tapan Kumar Dutta	<b>Central Council</b>	Smt. Manju Chatterjee

### *Dehradun branch*

The branch held its meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2013. Total No. of members are 39. The branch organized CME cum Workshop on disaster preparedness and post disaster management on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2013 in collaboration with IPHA HQ. The Branch also celebrated World AIDS Day on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2013.

The list of office bearers is as follows:

<b>President</b>	Dr. S. D. Kandapal	<b>Two members in</b>	Dr. Meenakshi Singh
<b>Hon. Secretary</b>	Dr. Pradeep Aggarwal	<b>Central Council</b>	

### *V.S.S. Medical College, Burula branch*

Total No. of members are 21.

The list of office bearers is as follows:

<b>President</b>	Dr. R. C. Giri	<b>Two members in</b>	Dr. H. R. Acharya
<b>Hon. Secretary</b>	Dr. S. K. Pradhan	<b>Central Council</b>	Dr. M. R. Giri

### *IPHA Local Branch PGIMER Chandigarh*

The list of office bearers is as follows:

<b>President</b>	Dr. Manmeet kaur	<b>Two members in</b>	Dr. Rajesh Kumar
<b>Hon. Secretary</b>	Dr. Sushma Saini	<b>Central Council</b>	Dr. (Mrs.) Inderjeet Walia

## Service Branch

### *Railway service branch*

The branch held its Annual General Body Meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2013 at Chennai. The branch also organized its 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference at Chennai on 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2013. About 160 delegates attended the conference.

The list of office bearers is as follows:

<b>President</b>	Dr. B. B. Agarwal	<b>Two members in</b>	Dr. Gajendra Kumar
<b>Hon. Secretary</b>	Dr. N. K. Depal	<b>Central Council</b>	Dr. R. K. Jain

All branches require yearly recognition. This recognition can be given followed by ratification in the annual General Body of the Association provided the branches submit report of their activities including the report of their Annual General Body meeting and Statement of Accounts. As is evident from the records, majority of the branches are not submitting Audited Report of Accounts.

This year 160 new life members have been enrolled. The branch/state wise contribution towards *membership* subscription is as follows:

Name of Branch	Number
AP State Branch	5
Chandigarh State Branch	0
Delhi State Branch	13
Gujarat State Branch	5



Name of Branch	Number
Guwahati Local Branch	1
Karnataka State Branch	18
Kerala State Branch	2
Maharashtra State Branch	12
Tamilnadu State Branch	18
U.P. State Branch	12
West Bengal State Branch	34
Jharkhand State Branch	1
Odisha State Branch	4
Uttarakhand State Branch	4
Goa State Branch	1
Chhattisgarh State Branch	0
Srinagar State Branch	0
M.P. State Branch	8
Rajasthan State Branch	14
Pondicherry State Branch	5
Behala Local Branch	0
Sikkim State Branch	3
TOTAL	160

The MIPHA scrolls have been prepared and dispatched to the members. All members are requested to continue their efforts towards membership drive.

## Other Organizational issues

### *IPHA membership Directory*

The software of membership directory has been updated and upgraded to a modern version. Thanks for the effort to the website and software committee and Dr. S. Ghosh (Jt. Secretary HQ). The directory has been updated regularly – branches and individual members are requested to send relevant updates as soon as any change occurs – to facilitate better communication. During ballot dispatch and return we could correct several hundreds of addresses including information about deceased members.

### *Website*

Our new Website committee meet at NICED and proposed for a new look with many added features in our website.. We can also start generating revenue in the form of advertisement on our website which will make it self sufficient.

This year will be devoted to understanding and consensus on some critical issues in the vision beyond 2015. The public health sector has a very important role towards realization of this vision. This conference provides a timely opportunity to deliberate and discuss these issues.

During the South East Asia Regional Public Health Conference and Annual National Conference, we are in the process of partnerships, collaboration and networking with other associations, organization, institutions in South East Asia and at the National level to strengthen the Public Health profession and to improve health of the people.

As founder member of WFPHA, IPHA maintains a close relationship with WFPHA – Dr M Dobe, Secy Gen is a member of the Governing Council of WFPHA. We are hosting the 14th World Public Health Congress in 2015. The International Core team including the President and President Elect of WFPHA will join us at the conference for planning the World Congress.

We need to chart out new roles for the association as well, for collaborating and supporting the Government at National and State levels. IPHA should play a lead role in disseminating good public health practices in every nook and corner of the country.

I believe these are optimistic times for public health and times when we should gear up to prove our worth as the largest public health association in this part of the world. As the pioneer public health association with a rich heritage of guiding and directing public health activities, significant responsibility rests with the IPHA.

## Acknowledgements

I would like to place on record our appreciation for the wonderfully hosted *South East Asia Regional Public Health Conference* and *57<sup>th</sup> All India Annual Conference of IPHA* was held from **February 01-03**, 2013 Organized by IPHA HQ. Particular mention must be made for the committed efforts of the Organizing Chairman Dr. Chandrakant S. Pandav, the **Organizing Secretary** Dr. Madhumita Dobe and their wonderful team.

We thank all our members for being with us always and gratefully acknowledge the support and cooperation received by the association from all government and non government institutions and organizations.

We would like to place on record our deep appreciation of the sincere and committed efforts of our office staff for making all our achievements possible.

Last year we have lost some of our members notable among them was Dr. Deoki Nandan, Past President of IPHA and Chief Editor of IJPH. We convey our heartfelt condolences to the berieved family members and pray for peace of the departed souls. Indian Public Health Association will always remember their contributions!

Let us keep working together for realizing all our dreams for the Indian Public Health Association.



**Dr. Dipika Sur**  
**Secretary General,**  
**(On behalf of the Indian Public Health Association)**