The South East Asia Pacific Audio-Visual Archives Association or SEAPAVAA organized their 12th Conference this year at Manila Hotel from June 23-27, 2008. The Conference was hosted by the Philippine Information Agency, in cooperation with the Society of Filipino Archivists (SFA), the Society of Filipino Film Archivists (SOFIA) and the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) of the Republic of the Philippines.

The Conference theme, “Archiving and Digitization: Dreams and Nightmares”, tackled the different applications/practices related to the digitization of AV Collections and its financial, practical, ethical and philosophical implications to the preservation of and access to our AV heritage.

Though not an AV Archives, AIRC presented its paper as a digitization project that is ongoing between its Partner Health Libraries in Asia. Mr. Joseph Yap presented a paper entitled: “Collective Digital Collaboration in Asia: on-going Experience of ACTMalaria” under the session on Digitization and Other Archiving Projects moderated by Mr. Ray Edmondson, the Chair for Asia Pacific Regional Committee for Memory of the World Programme. The presentation discussed the experiences, trials, issues and concerns of digitizing paper-based records coming from different sites of the Region. The presentation also discussed the flow and management of records from satellite libraries using an Online Management System wherein it also functions as online archives.

Hon. Conrado A. Limcaoco, Jr., Secretary of Philippine Information Agency made the keynote address. The Conference was attended by more than a hundred participants coming from several countries of Asia Pacific (Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam, Hong Kong, Japan, Australia, Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Switzerland, New Zealand, USA, UK and the Philippines).

ACTMalaria Foundation, Inc. celebrates its 5th Year Anniversary this August 13, 2008. ACTMalaria Foundation, Inc. functions as the Secretariat of its 11 member countries representing WHO WPRO and SEARO countries. Congratulations and Best Wishes to the Secretariat.
Consultative Workshop on Management of Vector Control

The National Malaria Center (CNM), in collaboration with the Asian Collaborative Training Network for Malaria (ACTMalaria), will organize an Inter-country Consultative Meeting and Workshop on Management of Vector Control Programmes on August 11 - 16, 2008. The objectives of this meeting are to:

- Review current vector control policies and activities, existing initiatives and partners involved;
- Review available data on insecticide resistance in the ACTMalaria member countries;
- Discuss available options of vector control as components of Integrated Vector Management;
- Discuss methods for assessing and monitoring the quality and effectiveness of the vector control strategies, i.e. conventionally treated mosquito nets, LLIN & IRS;
- Discuss and identify capacity development needs in the countries (including training, operations research and technical assistance).

The participants for this workshop should be those responsible or involved in vector control policy review development, training, implementation, monitoring and evaluation. They could be an entomologist from national or regional level and/or vector control programme manager. Technical assistance is provided by entomology and vector control experts from WHO, Institute of Tropical Medicine in Belgium and from the national control programmes. The workshop is funded by USAID through WHO. #

Developing Instructional and Design Skills for National Training in Giemsa Malaria Microscopy, QA and Slide Bank Operations

It is proposed to hold a Course to develop a nucleus of workers competent to establish national training in Basic Giemsa Malaria Microscopy (BGMM), Quality Assurance (QA) and Slide Bank Operations. Such training will address current needs for improved standards in malaria microscopy, based on recently agreed international recommendations and guidelines. The short title of the training is “Strengthening Training in Malaria Microscopy and Quality Assurance.” Training will take place at a suitable venue in the Philippines, in English and will cover 12 working days.

By the end of training participants will be able to:

- Demonstrate competence and ability in designing, planning, implementing and evaluating each of the different kinds of courses available to training in Malaria Microscopy (MM). The main focus being on (a) newly recruited health staff with differing educational levels at entry; (b) for staff receiving identified refresher training; (c) the retraining of working microscopists and (d) within the concept of MM training as part of an integrated training programme.
- Demonstrate competence to design and carry out training for trainers and facilitators for identified national training.

The Course will be conducted on September 8-20, 2008. Target participants for this course would be the accredited expert of reference microscopists in the region. #

ACTMalaria and ACTMalaria Information Resource Center (AIRC) activities are made possible with the support from USAID-Asia through WHO.

ACTMalaria Salutes Ms. Violy Gonzales and Mr. Pricha Petlueng

ACTMalaria has known Ms. Violy Gonzales for about six years. She has been supportive with ACTMalaria’s requests and follow-ups. We will never forget you Mam.

Mr. Pricha Petlueng has been responsible for the Mekong IEC Project for Ethnic Minorites since 2005. This Project was funded by ADB through WHO WPRO. Most of its collection can be found on ACTMalaria’s website. Fore more information visit http://www.actmalaria.net.

The farewell dinner was sponsored by Dr. Eva Christophel. We will surely miss you guys.

ACTMalaria Filipino Alumni in Action [Part I]

1 - Dr. Gil de la Cruz - PMC, CHD Calabarzon, TTT 2002
2 - Dr. Antonio Bautista, Regional Malaria Coordinator, CHD-CAR - TTT 2003
3 - Ms. Jocelyn Rosete-Pasclua - Medical Technologist II, CHD Central Luzon, TTT 2003
4 - Dr. Antonietta Ebol - RMC, CHD Southern Mindanao, MMFO 2004
6 - Dr. Rhodora Cruz - RMC, CHD Central Luzon, TTT 2007
7 - Ms. Arlene Santiago - Coordinator of Training on Malaria Diagnosis, TTT 2007
8 - Mr. Dominador Cabugayan - Logistics Officer, GF/TDF, PMM 2007

All of them are members of the national/regional training teams in the Philippines not only for malaria but also for other vector-borne and infectious diseases like dengue and avian influenza. #

Are you an ACTMalaria alumni? Do you want to be featured here? Please send us your CV at infonetwork@actmalaria.net

MMFO 2009

The Asian Collaborative Training on Malaria (ACTMalaria) and the Bureau of Vector Borne Disease (BVBD), Department of Disease Control, Ministry of Public Health, Bangkok, Thailand will launch the sixth International training on the “Management of Malaria Field Operations” (MMFO) during 19 January to 13 March 2009 in Bangkok, Thailand. The curriculum is performance-based training, using current educational approach such as problem-based learning and inquiry-led that allows participants to develop critical thinking and life-long learning skills. Participatory method is applied to make the course student-centered and to ensure active participation of course participants. Case studies used in the course are based on real events, which include actual data. This training course was developed by the BVBD in collaboration with and support from:

- ACTMalaria;
- World Health Organization; SEARO/WPRO
- USAID Bureau of Global Health;
- Malaria Consortium, UK;
- Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC, USA).
- Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University

The duration of the course is 2 months from 19 January to 13 March 2009 in Bangkok, Thailand. Course work will mainly take place in Bangkok and Field study will take place in a malaria endemic province.

For more information, download the course brochure here: http://actmalaria.net/index.php?page=trainings#

ACTMalaria Represented at K Café

The 9th National Forum on Health Research for Action with the DOH Knowledge Management Team hosted a Knowledge Café last July 23, 2008 at Pan Pacific Hotel in Manila. Knowledge Café brings together group of people to have an open, creative conversation on a topic of mutual interest by sharing ideas through experiences and observations. Among its objectives are to: gain mutual understanding of a complex issue, gain deeper understanding of other people’s perspectives, gain deeper understanding of one’s own views and thinking process, and help build consensus around an issue or topic. About 25 participants from health, information and knowledge sectors meet to discuss Knowledge Hubs for Health and how it will improve knowledge sharing among health stakeholders. After two rotated small group discussions, teams report their insights to a larger group and is presented in a plenary during the Forum.

The Knowledge Café is in part of this years theme: “Concretizing Actions in Health Research Translation to Speed Up Health Reform Implementation.” Mr. Joseph Yap, Information Resource Officer, ACTMalaria participated and shared his knowledge during this event.

AIRC Online Training on Digital Scanning

A course for Online Training on Scanning was developed to enrich the contributors capacity in sharing materials for AIRC. Six modules were created: imaging concepts, image files and formats, scanning, pdf production, uploading and archiving. A pre-test will determine the level of understanding of each participant. Each module has also a post-test to evaluate the knowledge gained. Please visit http://resource.actmalaria.net and register for a chance to experience this online training course.
ACTMalaria partnered with GF Malaria in the Philippines through Tropical Diseases Foundation to provide consultancy in the development, organization and conduct of trainings for the different levels and expertise.

General objective:

Strengthen capabilities of Provincial/Rural Health Unit Staff in providing regular quality malaria prevention and health care services.

Specific objectives:

1. Strengthen early diagnosis & prompt treatment capability at the peripheral level;
2. Understand the basic concepts and rationale of vector control measures;
3. Establish a system for supervision and monitoring of RDT and microscopy centers, as the case may be;
4. Strengthen recording, compilation and utilization of malaria data;
5. Monitor the disease trends over a period of time using feedback from the Phil-MIS hub as basis;
6. Strengthen simple logistic management.

TRAINING ON MALARIA CONTROL PROGRAM MANAGEMENT FOR PROVINCIAL HEALTH OFFICE STAFF

• June 23-28, 2008, Marco Polo, Davao City

TRAINING ON MALARIA MANAGEMENT FOR RURAL HEALTH UNIT STAFF

• July 7-10, 2008, Dipolog, Zamboanga del Norte
• July 15-17, 2008, Marco Polo, Davao City
Lao PDR is looking for Surveyors and Entomologist

Lao PDR is looking for surveyors and entomologist. Interested applicants may apply to them directly. TORs can be downloaded from here: http://forum.actmalaria.net/YaBB.pl?num=1214793881

Galilee College: International Health Management Programmes

Galilee College is a public, international management-training institution. The College gives advanced leadership, management and capacity building seminars, usually of three weeks duration, to professionals coming from all over the globe. Our International Department offers a core curriculum of over a dozen programmes.

Among the courses offered are the following:

- Crisis and Mass Disaster Management for the Health Sector (August 2008).
- Health Systems Management (November 2008).
- Management of Human Resources in the Health Sector (December 2008).

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John E. Fogarty International: Directory of Grants and Fellowships in the Global Health Sciences

A comprehensive compilation of international funding opportunities in biomedical and behavioral research, separated by category.

Visit: http://www.fic.nih.gov/funding/globaldir06.html

Forum / AIRC Contest 2008


Be one of the following:

- 350th My Library User
- 350th Requestor
- 350th Blogger
- 350th Forum Poster
- 350th Individual Contact Listed at Individuals Database

Just visit http://resource.actmalaria.net or http://www.forum.actmalaria.net to register, post and comment. Hurry, join now.

Who may participate? All registered users of AIRC My Library and ACTMalaria Forum. Participants must be national malaria/infectious/communicable/vector control staff, researchers working in the field of malaria, village/community/barangay malaria health workers, NGO staff working in the field of malaria, malariology students, experts and scientists.

Winner/s are entitled to conference registration fees and allowance. Possible winners are contacted via email upon submission of required documents and a short essay stating how important are resource centers and forum to the advancement of malaria education and research.

Note: This does not include fees for hotel accommodation, air fare, visa, passport and land/sea transport going to and from the airport.

ACTMalaria’s decision is final.
6th International Training Course on Management of Malaria September 1-5, 2008

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17th International Congress for Tropical Medicine and Malaria

Date: September 29-October 3, 2008
Venue: International Convention Center Jeju (ICC Jeju), Korea
Website: http://www.ictm17.org/content/invitation.asp

Joint International Tropical Medicine Meeting (JITMM 2008)

Date: 13-14 October 2008
Venue: Imperial Queen's Park Hotel 199 Sukhumvit 22, Bangkok 10110, Thailand
Website: http://www.jitmm.com/jitmm/index.php
Email: jitmm@mahidol.ac.th

MMFO 2009

To be conducted in January 19-March 13, 2009.

Brochures can be downloaded from: http://actmalaria.net/index.php?page=trainings

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Asian Collaborative Training Network for Malaria

ACTMalaria (Asian Collaborative Training Network for Malaria) is a training network to which the National Malaria Control Programmes of Bangladesh, Cambodia, PR China, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Vietnam are members. The network aims at 2 major activities:

- Provide collaborative training for member countries to meet the needs of malaria control in Southeast Asia and the Mekong Sub-region;
- Improve information and communication exchange among member countries, partners and other stakeholders on malaria problems affecting the region.

Philippines: World Malaria Day Celebration in Provinces
[Photo courtesy by Pilipinas Shell Foundation, Inc.]

Obituary

Our Condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of Dr. Tin Win Maung. The Director General, Department of Health, Ministry of Health, Union of Myanmar passed away last March 9, 2008 at the age of 59. [from Dr. Leonard Ortega, Medical Officer, WR Myanmar]