

ANNOUNCEMENT AND INVITATION

8th Annual Scientific Conference of CVASU

Networking for Promoting Change Towards One World One Health

Following a successful 2009 conference, the Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (CVASU) is pleased to announce that the 2010 Annual Scientific Conference of CVASU will now take place at Hotel Agrabad in Chittagong during 23-25 September, 2010. The conference has been rescheduled after canceling of the previous announcement during 7-9 April, 2010 due to unavoidable circumstances. Like before the CVASU is also enduring to be partner with the National Coordination Committee of 'One World, One Health: Bangladesh Initiative' (One Health Bangladesh) with exciting 2010 conference theme **"Networking for promoting change towards One World One Health"**. This year the conference will highlight the practical importance of cross-professional network in relation to the concept of 'One Health', which many prominent veterinarians, physicians and ecosystem health scientists have recently endorsed as a sound basis for addressing human diseases, animal diseases, and environmental degradation worldwide.

The three day long program will include invited keynote presentations and research results from scholars, academicians, researchers, development practitioners and policy makers from home and abroad. We encourage all professionals and scholars to submit their research articles before specified deadline. The meeting is expected to be a stimulating and lively event bringing together a congregation of professionals from multiple disciplines and backgrounds, thereby offering ample networking opportunities.

Stay tuned for more information on the conference at the website (<http://www.cvasu.ac.bd/notice>). The conference organizing committee and CVASU are very much looking forward to welcoming you to Chittagong.



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Theme: Networking for promoting change towards One World One Health

Background

Now a days many issues in health concerns are becoming increasingly similar due to close interrelationship between humans and animals. Some global efforts are currently underway on health sciences in integration of multidisciplinary activities to facilitate interactions between human and veterinary medicine as well as in the field of environmental science and ecology.

The mission of the 'One Health' is to create a forum for communication between member organizations via different means of interactions. This innovative effort is the first international multidisciplinary initiative to unite all areas of expertise for better understanding of the challenges encountered within each specialty and to provide unique perspective on the issues.

This year we are discussing how networking to facilitate communications and interactions, exchange of ideas and pedagogical resources could be established; how cooperation and collaboration between national and international community could be promoted to prevent, control and mitigate the emerging, re-emerging and zoonotic diseases, along with issues like climate changes.

Finally the conference will formulate recommendations for future direction towards a common goal in which human, veterinary, environmental, social scientists and all participants collaborate and cooperate to effective implementation for a safer and better planet.

Pre-conference workshop

For the first time, we are organizing a two day long (21-22 September, 2010) pre-conference workshop to review progress towards the development of an integrated veterinary undergraduate curriculum with the participants from India, Pakistan, Nepal, Srilanka and Bangladesh. The workshop outputs and recommendations will be endorsed and disseminated to the wider community via the three days long conference.

Objective of the Conference

1. Highlight the “Global One Health Network” approach and initiate a “South Asian Regional One Health Forum” to foster the progress in implementing the ‘One Health’ agenda
2. Address the networking gaps of technical expertise and establish collaborative relationships to improve the national and international capacity building
3. Identify the opportunities to share information and resources and to discuss the significance of cross-professional collaboration in Bangladesh and its implementation in research, education and development
4. Discuss the strategies to overcome barriers of successful communication between animal, human and environmental health
5. Sharing national and international experience and expertise on wildlife and marine life health and their relationship with climate change and environmental degradation

Who should attend?

Physicians, veterinarians, animal scientists, agriculturists, environmentalists, marine and fisheries scientists, wildlife specialists, zoologists, biologists, social scientists, policy makers, development partners, development practitioners, public health experts

Important Dates

Deadline for Registration: 3rd September, 2010

Deadline for Abstract Submission: 3rd September, 2010

Date of Conference: 23-25 September, 2010

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Major Partners

Wildlife Trust, USA; Royal Veterinary College (RVC), London, UK; University of Copenhagen, Denmark; CDC (Atlanta, USA); Madras Veterinary College (MVC), India; PMAS-Arid Agricultural University, Rawalpindi, Pakistan; International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (ICDDR'B), Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control & Research (IEDCR); Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon (BAPA); Department of Livestock Services (DLS).

Conference sponsors

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About the venue

An ancient city, Chittagong passed from Tippera (Buddhist) dominance to Arakan (Hindu) and then Mogul (Muslim) rule, with periods of re-conquest and re-control. The Portuguese made inroads in the 16th century and the British gained control in 1760. Chittagong has a picturesque setting. Its green hills and forests, broad sandy beaches and fine cool climate always attract holiday makers. It combines the hum of a restless seaport with the pleasure of a charming hill-town with its undulating topography. It attracts tourists from around the world. Chittagong was described by the famous Chinese traveler Yuan Chuang (7th century A.D.) as a sleeping beauty emerging from the mist.

It is surrounded by the bay, the river, and hills high up to 1,200 m (4,000 ft) from sea level. Rainfall averages 2,870 mm annually. Average annual temperature is 26 deg C (78 deg F). Major places of interest in Chittagong includes Shrine of Bayazid Bostami, World war II Cemetery, Foy's Lake, Ethnological Museum, Court Building, Patenga and Fouzdarhat Sea Beaches, Sitakunda. Other places of interest include shrine of Shah Amanat, Shahi Jame

Mosque, Chandanpura Mosque, Portuguese Arsenal, Port Area, Marine Academy and Biponi Bitan.

For detail information, please visit following site:

http://www.virtualbangladesh.com/bd_cities_chittagong.html