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1. From the WHO Registry Platform

Welcome to the fourth issue of the WHO Registry Platform e-Note.

The main events of the past month are the launches of the WHO Search Portal and its related Registers Network. More on these events here below.

The next WHO Registry Platform e-Note is scheduled for circulation on Friday, 29th June 2007.

We hope that you find the information provided in each e-Note to be useful.

Best wishes,

The Secretariat of the WHO Registry Platform

2. The WHO Network of Collaborating Clinical Trial Registers

The WHO Network of Collaborating Registers was launched on 4th May 2007. As mentioned in our previous e-Note issue (see issue 4.), the Network is composed of 3 Primary Registers and 5 Partner Registers that contribute data to the WHO Repository via a Partner Register. Other potential Partner Registers are placed under screening to verify if they meet the necessary requirements to become a Contributing Register.

For more information, please see:

3. The WHO Search Portal

The WHO Search Portal was launched on 4th May 2007. Please visit the Search Portal at:

http://www.who.int/trialsearch

The WHO press release can be found here:
It is possible to search for text words in the scientific and public title of each recorded clinical trials. You can also enter the registration number from the source register if you know what that number is. We are going to implement new searching capabilities and further develop the Search Portal in the coming months.

So far, we have received very positive feedback. We welcome comments and suggestions, which will help us improve the Search Portal and better serve the global community. Here is a sample of the comments we received:

- "This is a great idea. Looking forward to ALL clinical trials be listed in the future. Seems this should be a worldwide requirement for any Phase of a clinical trial."
- "Dear WHO, your new WHO ICTRP search portal is a great service in avoiding having to look in many other places for a comprehensive search."
- "¡Muchas gracias! Again, a great resource."

In addition, the press also considerably covered the launch. Here are some links to online press releases:

- [http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2007-05/05/content_6060049.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2007-05/05/content_6060049.htm)
- [http://english.people.com.cn/200705/05/text20070505_372168.html](http://english.people.com.cn/200705/05/text20070505_372168.html)

It is important to reiterate in this *e-Note*, that the WHO Search Portal is not a clinical trials register, but a tool giving free access to clinical trials information that is registered in any of the collaborating clinical trials registers located anywhere across the world.

4. **60th World Health Assembly**

The 60th World Health Assembly took place on 14-23 May 2007 in Geneva, Switzerland.

Delegates from 182 countries (largest representation ever) had the opportunity to visit the WHO Registry Platform’s stand, which was located in the main hall at the United Nations’ *Palais des Nations*, and collect information relative to the Secretariat’s activities and clinical trials registration. According to the feedback and discussions at the stand, the establishment
of the Search Portal has been very well received and this encourages us to continue in that direction!

For more information on the 60th World Health Assembly, please see: http://www.who.int/mediacentre/events/2007/wha60/en/index.html

5. Presentations & Events

Presentations:

- Society for Clinical Trials, May 20-23, 2007; Montreal, Canada.
  Invited session: Global Clinical Trials Registration: Where we are and where we are heading

Chair/Discussant:
- Kay Dickersin, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Speakers:
- Davina Ghersi, World Health Organization
- Karmela Krleza-Jeric, Canadian Institutes of Health Research
- Bill Vaughan, Consumers Union
- Ambujam Nair Kapoor, Indian Council of Medical Research & WHO Network of Collaborating Clinical Trial Registers

Upcoming Events:

Invited session:
- Dr Davina Ghersi. ICTR Coordinat. Participation to the session "Política científica e tecnológica e Política de saúde: direcionando o desenvolvimento tecnológico e institucional para as prioridades em saúde" at the IV Brazilian Conference on Social and Human Science in Health; X Latin-American Congress of Social Medicine; XIV Congress of the International Association of Health Policy - Equity, Ethics and Right to Health: challenges in a Globalized World; from 13th to 18th of July, 2007, in Salvador, Bahia, Brazil.

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