

## **Annual Report 2008/2009**

### **LANKAPHEIN**

Following activities were undertaken by the LANKAPHEIN during the period 2008/2009.

#### **Revisions to MSc in Community Medicine curriculum**

MSc (Community Medicine/ Community Dentistry) curricula were revised through a series of workshops by the members of the public health education institutes and the revised curriculum was implemented for the batch of 2009.

#### **Exchange of information on existing training programmes in public health by the partner institutions/ current public health issues**

Details of the community based learning programme for the undergraduates in Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo, curriculum of the certificate course on Field epidemiology course conducted by the Epidemiology Unit and the curriculum of the course leading to Diploma in Community Health conducted by Dept. of Public Health in University of Kelaniya were presented and discussed at the meetings of LANKAPHEIN.

#### **Training programmes for field public health staff**

A two week training programme on building up of teaching competency was successfully conducted by LANKAPHEIN. Management, Development and Planning Unit of the Ministry of Healthcare and Nutrition provided the funds.

Development of curricula, teaching learning techniques, assessment techniques, obtaining feedback and education research were the areas covered in this course. Thirty public health personnel involved in training activities in the field of public health participated. Academics of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo who are trained in medical education conducted the training. The training course received a very positive feedback from the trainees. Many had requested further training on specific subject areas.

At the request of LANKAPHEIN, Epidemiology Unit offered placements to departments of Community Medicine/ public health of universities, in the Field Epidemiology course in 2009.

#### **Collection of information on public health training programmes conducted by various organizations**

LANKAPHEIN compiled and published a report on details of training conducted in the field of public health by various institutes in Sri Lanka. This activity was sponsored by the Public Health Forum of the College of Community Physicians of Sri Lanka. The report will be disseminated to public health training institutes of the country.

### **SEAPHEIN regional meeting 2009 in Sri Lanka**

Preliminary arrangement to hold the SEAPHEING annual meeting in Sri Lanka was carried out in collaboration with the President and the Secretary General of SAPHEIN. However, this activity had to be abandoned due to logistical and financial difficulties (as informed by SEPHEIN President)

### **Request from SEAPHEIN- Accreditation of Public health Institutions**

At the request of the SEAPHEIN, a sub committee of LANKAPHEIN drafted a document suggesting a process of accreditation of member institutes of the SEAPHEIN at a regional level and this document was presented to the SEAPHEIN at its regional meeting in October 2009.

### **Website**

A web page for LANKAPHEIN is hosted in the website of the College of Community Physicians of Sri Lanka.

### **Request to DDG (Planning)**

LANKAPHEIN requested the DDG (Planning) to provide copies of government circulars related to public health issues to Universities and NIHS.