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**XXVIIIth Meeting of
the Advisory Council
on AIDS (ACA)**

2:30pm 19 March 1999

**XXXIInd Meeting of
the Committee on
Education and Publicity
on AIDS (CEPAIDS)**

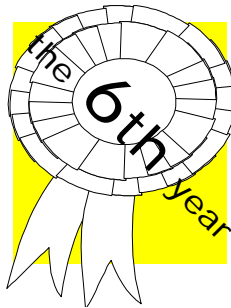
6pm 25 February 1999

**XVIth Meeting of
AIDS Services
Development
Committee (ASDC)**

2:30pm 28 January 1999

**XVth Scientific
Committee on AIDS
(SCA)**

9:30am 8 February 1999



The New Year

WHAT started as a little bulletin for members of the Advisory Council on AIDS has now become a regular monthly publication for information sharing and networking. This is the 61st issue of *ACA Newsfile*,

which is now distributed to over 200 readers by mail, and is accessible online at the [Virtual AIDS Office of Hong Kong Website](#). The latter is maintained by AIDS Unit of the Department of Health.

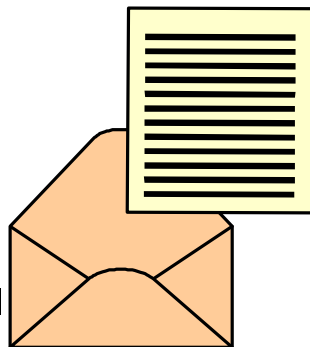
1999 will be another busy year for our local AIDS programme. Following the review conducted last year, the community planning process is now in progress. The third term of office of the Advisory Council on AIDS (1996-1999) shall expire towards the middle of the year. We shall be working to meet the targets set out in the strategy paper deliberated by the Council in September 1998.

The Council looks forward to your continued support in delivering its mission of providing policy advice on HIV/AIDS in Hong Kong. ❁



TIME FOR MEETINGS

The Council's three committees will have a busy time in January and February 1999 to deliberate issues ranging from prevention strategies, impacts of advocacy on HIV/AIDS locally as well as to followup on the preparation of technical guidelines. Members are asked to take note of the scheduled date and time of the meetings printed above. ❁



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Twenty-seventh Meeting

AT the 27th meeting of the Advisory council on AIDS, members evaluated the participation in the recent HOPE WORLDWIDE Conference, noted the progress of the community planning process, studied the report on the World AIDS Campaign 1998, and discussed about the future direction of the Council's operation.. ❁




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A Hong Kong Conference on AIDS ?

The following resolutions were made at the 27th Meeting of the Hong Kong Advisory Council on AIDS (ACA) held on 18 December 1998:

1. It is recommended that a Hong Kong AIDS Conference should be held once every three years. The next Conference shall be in 1999.
2. The objectives of the Hong Kong AIDS Conference are to facilitate networking, information sharing, and most important of all, to build up the capacity of the community in responding to HIV/AIDS in Hong Kong.
3. Whereas the understanding of HIV/AIDS has been founded on medical science, its social and behavioural contexts should be the main focus of

PSA ... 

A framework has been drawn up at the last CEPAIDS meeting in considering the prevention of HIV infection in the context of psychoactive substance abuse (PSA). The framework covered four areas - primary prevention of PSA , secondary prevention, its treatment and maintenance of drug-free state. Members agreed to the importance of framing HIV prevention in the overall PSA programme. The discussion was the first step towards the development of a strategy on this front❁

- the Conference in Hong Kong. One ultimate aim would be to promote behavioural modification for bringing about prevention.
4. The ACA would support initiatives from organisations and institutions to host the triennial Hong Kong AIDS Conference.
5. ACA would function as a co-organiser of the Conference. Specifically, the Council would develop

the theme with the co-organiser(s), provide advice on the content and format of the Conference.❁

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1999
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**Dr Sex Hotline
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Community Planning in progress

ON 18 December the ACA examined the progress of community planning as recommended in the external consultancy report, which was adopted as a key component in ACA's strategy for the coming three years. Members noted the initiation of the process, the drafting of the terms of reference of the Community Planning Committee, and the proposed membership structure of the Committee.

Prior to the meeting on 14 December, a workshop was organised to share with participants on the experience of the process. Dr Tim Brown, one of the external consultants for the review was a discussant at the workshop. He was joined by over 20 participants from the Advisory Council, its committees and NGOs.

A date with World Sexologists

THE 14th World Congress of Sexology will be held in Hong Kong on 23-27 August 1999. A session named "A Date with World Sexologists" will be conducted specifically for HIV/AIDS educators. Interested people

may contact Ms Sigourney Liu of the Congress Secretariat at 2527 0227 for details.

Cumulative HIV/AIDS Statistics in Hong Kong updated 30 September 1998

		total	(AIDS)
Gender	male	936	(322)
	female	162	(37)
Ethnicity	Chinese	755	(270)
	non-Chinese	343	(89)
Transmission	heterosexual	600	(209)
	homosexual	242	(82)
	bisexual	59	(24)
	Injecting drug use	17	(5)
	blood/bl products	67	(16)
	perinatal	6	(3)
	undetermined	107	(20)
TOTAL		1098	(359)

Department of Health, Hong Kong

UNAIDS Corner

IN an effort to forge closer collaboration with the international community, the Red Ribbon Centre has established an UNAIDS corner to display its collection of documents and other materials. A brief description of the functioning of UNAIDS is currently on display in the centre's exhibition area.

Focus

WORKSHOP IN MACAU

SOME 300 participants attended the Workshop on HIV Surveillance and Epidemiology in the Pearl River Delta Region on 11 and 12 December 1998 in Macau. The function was organised by the Macau Medical and Health Department, Macau Association of General Practitioners and the Department of Microbiology, University of Hong Kong.

The Workshop was officially opened by Dr Alarcao Troni, Secretary for Welfare and Budget of the Macau Government, followed by remarks by VIPs from Hong Kong, Guangdong, and Macau. The plenary sessions covered the subjects of HIV/AIDS epidemiology, behavioural surveillance, and the interface between public health and clinical practices in HIV/AIDS.

The core of the workshop featured four roundtable sessions

participated by frontline public health experts from 12 cities in the Pearl River Delta region. The themes of the four sessions were: (1) HIV surveillance mechanisms, (2) risk factors surveillance, (3) management of HIV infection, and (4) human mobility.

There was very active discussion among the forty delegates at the roundtables, and dialogue with others in the floor. Despite the differences in the health and political systems across the cities, participants were impressed by the commonality of problems faced by frontliners. The need for behavioural surveillance was stressed. The

importance of experience-sharing was echoed by all in the workshop. Participants were surprised at the different meanings delegates attached to seemingly identical terminology. Finally, the inter-relationship between public health, clinical and administrative roles of the authority was undoubtedly a delicate one requiring indepth analysis and thoughtful consideration.

The hospitality of the host and the chance of networking were appreciated by all who were at the one-and-a-half day workshop. ❁

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The Next Millennium: taking stock and moving forward

is the theme of the Fifth International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific. It would be held in Kuala Lumpur from 23 to 27 October 1999. The deadline for abstract submission is 15 May 1999. For enquiries: 5th ICAAP Secretariat, 48 Jalan Terasek Dua, Bangsar Baru, 59100 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Fax: 60 3-284 9062, Email: icaap99@pd.jaring.my ❁