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Kevin DeCock, director of CDC's new Center for Global Health, said fundamental changes in public health have come about because of new technologies, such as cell phones and computers, as well as new public health networks that allow much quicker responses.

## NPHIS IN ACTION: NIMR Responds to Deadly Cholera Epidemic



of cholera, according to the federal Ministry of Health. Reported cases almost triple those of 2009.

NIMRERT collected samples of stool, water and vomitus for laboratory diagnosis at the NIMR outstation laboratory and the headquarters laboratory in Lagos to test for *Vibrio cholerae*, according to NIMR Director of Research Oni Idigbe. The institute now has the capabilities to help fight various infectious diseases ravaging the country, such as cholera, tuberculosis, and malaria. NIMR uses molecular techniques to identify the strains, the source, and mode of transmission by comparing the genotypic resemblance and, most important, drug resistance patterns to assist in effective management of the infection. "We thank IANPHI for its support in setting up these molecular techniques," Prof. Ujah says. [Read more about NIMR's response.](#)

**How is your institute responding to recent public health challenges?**  
[Share your experiences.](#)

## 2010 Annual Meeting Encourages NPHI Strengthening



U.S. CDC Director Tom Frieden emphasized the importance of a national focus on public health problems that links national efforts with local programs.

Countries can learn from the experiences of others to strengthen disease surveillance and outbreak investigation and control activities. That theme resounded throughout the 2010 IANPHI Annual Meeting in November, which drew national public health directors from some 50 countries to Atlanta to share their experiences linking science to action. Attendees addressed topics ranging from disaster preparedness and response to laboratory systems, injury control, and immunization policies.



*Scott Dowell, director of CDC global disease detection and emergency response, updated Annual Meeting attendees about CDC's activities in Haiti since the massive January earthquake and recent outbreak of cholera. Read his assessment on the IANPHI website, [www.ianphi.org](http://www.ianphi.org).*

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**72 countries,**  
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**world's**  
**population**

Speakers from the U.S. CDC coordinated the plenary and technical sessions, which included expertise from NPHI director panelists. Public health leaders from four countries—Nigeria, Guinea-Bissau, Tanzania, and Ethiopia—gave examples of IANPHI-funded projects to develop or strengthen national public health institutes in their countries. [Read more about the 2010 Annual Meeting and view presentations.](#)

## **IANPHI Welcomes 11 New Members during 2010 Annual Meeting**

### *New Institutional Members*

**Guinea** – [National Institute of Public Health](#) (Dr. Kovana Marcel Koua, director)

**Guinea-Bissau** – [National Institute of Public Health](#) (Dr. Amabelia Rodrigues, president)

**Israel** – [Israel Center for Disease Control](#) (Prof. Tamy Shohat, director)

**Sudan** – [National Public Health Institute](#) (Dr. El Muez El Tayeb Ahmed, director)

**Togo** – [National Institute of Hygiene](#) (Dr. Abiba Banla, director)

### *New Associate Members*

**El Salvador** – [Ministry of Public Health and Social Assistance](#) (Dr. Maria Isabel Rodriguez, minister)

**Ghana** – [Ghana Health Service](#) (Dr. Elias Sory, director)

**Malawi** – [Community Health Sciences Unit/MOH](#) (Dr. Storn Kabaluzi, director)

**Nepal** – [School of Public Health and Community Medicine B.P. Koirala Institute of Health Sciences](#) (Dr. Paras K. Pokharel, director)

**Papua New Guinea** – [National Department of Health](#) (Dr. Paison Dakulala, director)

**Saudi Arabia** – [Ministry of Health](#) (Dr. Ziad A. Memish, deputy minister)

In just four years, membership in IANPHI has almost doubled from its 39 founding members. Several additional membership applications are pending, notes IANPHI President Jeffrey Koplan. “We are gratified that these countries and many others are joining IANPHI’s efforts to strengthen public health systems everywhere.”

## **Membership Fees, Donations Will Help Sustain IANPHI’s Future**

To promote IANPHI’s long-term organizational sustainability, members in November approved new membership fees and voted to support an IANPHI Foundation to manage those fees as well as funds from other sources. Beginning in 2011, membership dues will be \$500, \$1,500, or \$3,000 USD per year for low-, middle-, and high-income countries, respectively. Associate members will pay half the fee of an institutional member. If the country has more than one member institute, each will pay 2/3 of the regular fee.

Contributions above the fees are being solicited from higher-resource countries; institutes in Finland, Norway, and the United States have already pledged generous donations to help sustain IANPHI’s future and the participation of countries all over the world, whatever their resources. [Read more.](#)



## European NPHI Directors Ponder EU's Role in Global Public Health

Nearly 40 participants from European IANPHI member institutes, partner organizations, ECDC, and the European Commission gathered in Brussels in late November to discuss the European Union's role in global public health, with topics including NPHI experiences in managing public health crises such as last year's influenza pandemic, impact of the economic downturn on the work of national public health laboratories, communications using new media, and patient safety in the context of health care-acquired infections. [Read more about the Fourth European NPHI Director's Meeting.](#)

## IANPHI Executive Board Adds New Directors

During the 2010 IANPHI Annual Meeting in Atlanta, IANPHI members elected five new and returning members to the Executive Board (EB), which provides policy oversight from respected leaders of NPHIs from all over the world:

**Mahmudar Rahman**, director of the [Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research \(IEDCR\)](#) in Bangladesh

**Amabelia Rodrigues**, president of the new [National Institute of Public Health \(INASA\)](#) in Guinea-Bissau

**Mario Henry Rodriguez**, director general of the [National Institute of Public Health](#), Mexico

**Jane Wilde**, chief executive of the [Institute of Public Health in Ireland](#)

**Wang Yu**, director general of the [China CDC](#) (returning for a second full term on the EB)

Read more about the [Executive Board](#).

## Saving Lives through National Public Health Institutes

IANPHI has a short history, but those four years have been packed with more than 35 grants to 25 countries, 10 long-term, system-strengthening projects, impressive membership growth, and active partnerships. Those are all chronicled in IANPHI's new Progress Report: *Saving Lives through National Public Health Institutes*. [View it online.](#)



*Mahmudar Rahman, Amabelia Rodrigues, Mario Henry Rodriguez, Wang Yu, and Jane Wilde*

## Give Us Your Feedback

If you didn't have the opportunity to return your 2010 Annual Meeting evaluation, please complete a short survey by [clicking here](#). Your comments will help us plan for the 2011 Annual Meeting scheduled for September 25–28, 2011, in Helsinki, Finland.



## Member Update

Mohammed Hassar, director of the Pasteur Institute of Morocco, received the 2010 IANPHI Outstanding Service Award from IANPHI President Jeffrey Koplan. Professor Hassar has been active in global health for the past two decades and is a member of IANPHI's Executive Board. [Read more.](#)



For his leadership of [HDR-CUH2A's Design for Others](#), a group of architects and planners who volunteered hundreds of hours to plan and design the new Mozambique NIH, HDR-CUH2A's Senior Vice President Scott Butler was feted during the 2010 Annual Meeting. Ilesh Jani (left) NIH director, presented the award. Also pictured are IANPHI U.S. Secretariat Director Courtenay Dusenbury, Butler, and IANPHI President Jeffrey Koplan. Read a recent article about the Mozambique project in [Emory Magazine](#).

Oni Idigbe, research director of the Nigerian Institute for Medical Research, has been named to the [AFENET](#) Board of Directors. Dr. Idigbe, who was nominated by the IANPHI Secretariat, will foster linkages between the two organizations.



*Jeffrey Koplan with Mohammed Hassar; Ilesh Jani, Courtenay Dusenbury, Scott Butler, and Jeffrey Koplan; Oni Idigbe; and Pekka Puska*

Finland THL Director General and IANPHI Vice President Pekka Puska has donated half (€10,000) of his recent German SENECA prize to the new [IANPHI Foundation](#). He received the €20,000 award in November for research on healthy aging for the North Karelia Project, which showed the potential of cardiovascular prevention on sustained reduced mortality and subsequent healthy aging. He donated the other half of the prize to the North Karelia Project Foundation.

## Conference Roundup

[Environmental Health 2011—Resetting Our Priorities](#)

February 6–9, 2011, Salvador, Brazil

[2011 IANPHI Annual Meeting](#)

September 25–28, 2011, Helsinki, Finland

[Sixth European & Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership \(EDCTP\) Forum](#)

October 9–12, 2011, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

## Annual Meeting Highlights

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