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Genomics & Health

Genomics has already a big impact on life sciences: scale, speed, and possibilities. IPSF for the first time was represented at Genomics Momentum, the meeting that brings together entrepreneurs, scientists, policy makers, investors, social organisations, politicians and industry managers from The Netherlands and other countries. The meeting was held in Rotterdam, on 9th November 2006. As future pharmacists, we need to know how health-related science develops.



Audrey Clarissa, IPSF President at the meeting

One of the issues discussed there was how genomics is maximizing the impact of biomedical research and how its approach promises to tackle many diseases. There was also a workshop to discuss how metabolomics become biomarkers for health and disease from normality to dysfunction to disease workflow. Hopefully it will help us to have better intervention and prevention strategies especially for multifactorial chronic diseases.

Prepare for World AIDS Day!



This is a short reminder that World AIDS Day is on 1st December. You are still on time to prepare some activities so we can contribute to stopping the spread of this disease. For help and information please contact Anna Watson, Chairperson of Public Health (publichealth@ipsf.org) or Leanna Pugliese, HIV/AIDS Coordinator (pugliese@pharmacy.arizona.edu).

WHO Director General election

IPSF was represented in Geneva, Switzerland on 9th November when the World Health Organization elected its new Director General. After days of preparation, Dr Margaret Chan of China was nominated as Director-General on Wednesday by the WHO Executive Board and her appointment was confirmed on Thursday by the World Health Assembly. The Director-General is WHO's chief technical and administrative officer. She was previously WHO Assistant Director-General for Communicable Diseases and Representative of the Director-General for Pandemic Influenza.

In a very touching speech Dr Chan told the Assembly that as Director-General she would focus on six key issues for WHO: health development, security, capacity, information and knowledge, partnership, and performance. Ending her address, Dr Chan pledged to work hard to improve the health of people around the world. "The work we do together saves lives and relieves suffering. I will work with you tirelessly to make this world a healthier place."

For more information on the election please visit

<http://www.who.int/mediacentre/news/releases/2006/pr66/en/index.html>



Georgina Gál, IPSF Secretary General at the WHA