



**International Conference on
Actions to Strengthen Linkages between
Sexual and Reproductive Health and HIV/AIDS**

**4 - 8 February 2007
Mumbai, India**

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

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(Indian Council of Medical Research)

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Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction

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Dear Colleagues

The pace of achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) can be accelerated if the interfaces between sexual and reproductive health and HIV/AIDS are strengthened. With the majority of HIV infections being sexually transmitted or associated with childbirth and breastfeeding, many international, regional and national efforts have highlighted the inextricable links between HIV/AIDS and sexual and reproductive health.

The National Institute for Research in Reproductive Health, Indian Council of Medical Research, the UNDP/UNFPA/WHO/World Bank Special Programme of Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction and the Indian Society for the Study of Reproduction and Fertility, together with other partners, are organizing an international conference on **“Actions to Strengthen Linkages between Sexual and Reproductive Health and HIV/AIDS”**. The conference will be held at the Renaissance Hotel and Convention Centre in Mumbai, India from 4th - 8th February 2007.

The objectives of the conference are to: review global and region-specific research that has contributed to understanding the synergies between sexual and reproductive health and HIV/AIDS; identify successful approaches and challenges from case studies; highlight outstanding research gaps; and recommend specific policy and programmatic actions that could strengthen the linkages in order to better respond to the needs and realities of people living with HIV.

The conference will provide an international forum for researchers, programme managers, policy-makers, networks of people living with HIV/AIDS, women’s, men’s and youth health groups, and non-governmental organizations to share experiences and challenges in strengthening the linkages between sexual and reproductive health and HIV/AIDS. On behalf of the organizers, it is our privilege to invite you to participate in the conference.

We look forward to your valuable contribution to making this event a success.

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Scientific Programme

The scientific programme will include plenary lectures and symposia sessions, panel discussions, debates, short communications and poster presentations. It will address a broad range of key areas with contributions from various disciplines including basic, clinical, psycho-social and behavioral research, and programmatic and service delivery issues related to improving interface between sexual and reproductive health and HIV/AIDS. The Scientific Programme Committee will identify the topics for plenary lectures and symposia sessions, and the invited speakers to deliver lectures in these sessions. Other participants will be requested to present their work either in the form of a poster or brief presentation (about 10 minutes) as part of the related symposia session.

1. Family planning programmes and prevention of STIs/HIV/AIDS
2. Methods of dual protection including microbicides
3. STI prevention and treatment services
4. HIV status, stigma and access to services
5. Detection and management of STIs/HIV/AIDS in pregnancy
6. Prevention of unintended pregnancy in HIV positive women
7. Prevention of HIV transmission from mother to child
8. Addressing the SRH needs and rights of PLWHA
9. Service delivery issues of integrating SRH and HIV/AIDS
10. Prevention of unintended pregnancies and STI/HIV/AIDS
11. Role of men in prevention of STI/HIV/AIDS
12. Monitoring and evaluation of programmes: challenges and future directions
13. IEC and media approaches in promoting linkages between SRH and HIV/AIDS
14. Achieving MDGs: Learning from programmes linking SRH and STI/HIV/AIDS
15. Policy initiatives to strengthen linkages between SRH and HIV/AIDS programmes

Submission of Abstracts

The abstract (about 300 words) typed on plain paper, using Microsoft Word (12 pt. Times New Roman) be sent by e-mail to (dirirr@vsnl.com, balaiah1954@yahoo.com) the organizing secretary. The abstracts should include: title of the paper, author(s), name of the institute, objectives of the study, methods, results, conclusions and recommendations. **The final date to receive abstracts is 15 December 2006.**

Language

The language of the Conference will be English. Simultaneous translation will not be available.

Inauguration

The Conference will be inaugurated at 5.00 p.m. on 4 February 2007. All registered delegates will be invited to attend the inaugural function.

Exhibition

An international exhibition of scientific equipment, supplies and services will be organized at the venue of the meeting.

Weather

Mumbai is usually pleasant in February, with an average temperature of 27°C and humidity 55%. The conference hall and all major hotels are air-conditioned.

VISA Requirements

All foreign delegates are requested to check with their local Indian Embassy or Consulate.

Payment Procedure

Registration fee is payable through Bank Draft to “**Conference on Sexual and Reproductive Health, Mumbai**”. Accommodation charges to be paid directly to the hotel.

Venue

The conference will be held at **Renaissance Mumbai Hotel and Convention Centre**, 2 & 3 B, Near Chinmayanand Ashram, Near Larsen & Toubro Gate No. 1, Powai, Mumbai 400087.

Phone: (+91 22) 6692 8888; Fax: (+91 22) 6692 8899.

Email : hema.hariramani@renaissancehotels.com

Accommodation

Accommodation can be arranged in various categories of hotels of international standards and at other places to suit your budget. In the event you need any assistance for booking accommodation, please let us know. Special conference rates have been worked out at various hotels including “Renaissance Mumbai Hotel and Convention Centre”.

Slide Presentations

LCD Projector, 5x5 cm Slide Projector and Overhead Projector will be available. If any other special equipment is required, please specify at the time of submitting the abstract.

Poster Presentations

Poster stands to accommodate a poster of 4' (height) x 3' (width) will be made available at the venue.

Registration Fee

Status	Before 15 December 2006	After 15 December 2006
Delegates from outside India	US \$ 350	US \$ 400
Indian delegates	Rs 5,000	Rs 6,000
ISSRF members	Rs 4,000	Rs 5,000
Students (Indian)	Rs 3,000	Rs 4,000
One-day registration for Indian delegates	Rs 2,500	Rs 3,000