

SOPHE Corner

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SOPHE Comments On NIH Strategic Plan To Eliminate Health Disparities

In early January 2004, SOPHE's Research Agenda Committee provided comments to NIH's Strategic Plan to Eliminate Health Disparities. The final NIH strategic plan will serve as a roadmap for the newly established National Center for Minority Health and provide measurable objectives for the other Institutes and Centers to eliminate health disparities. In keeping with SOPHE's six resolutions to eliminate health disparities, SOPHE recommended that NIH increase its funding and approaches to public involvement for community based participatory research; increase its training of researchers and proposal reviewers in qualitative methods; and widen the target populations in the NIH plan to eliminate health disparities experienced by low-income, rural, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender populations, as well as those with physical disabilities. SOPHE's comments can be viewed at <http://www.sophe.org/>.

New SOPHE/ATSDR Student Fellowship In Environmental Health Promotion

Full-time master's or doctoral students in health education or a related field are eligible for a new one-year fellowship sponsored SOPHE and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR). The fellowship is designed to recognize, assist and train students working on research or practice-based projects in environmental health education/health promotion or environmental justice from the perspective of health education or the behavioral sciences. SOPHE Fellows in Environmental Health Education/Promotion will receive a \$1,500 stipend, one-year student membership in national SOPHE, and complimentary registration at the SOPHE 2005 Annual Meeting, where they will have an opportunity to display poster presentations on their projects. Students are not required to be national SOPHE members at the time they apply. For more information and review criteria, see www.sophe.org.

Save The Date

Orlando, FL

Make plans to attend "The Future of Health Promotion and Health Education: Transforming Vision into Reality" conference, May 5-7, 2004, in Orlando, Florida at the tropical Wyndham Resort Hotel. This conference, co-sponsored by SOPHE, the Directors of Health Promotion and Education (formerly known as the Association of State and Territorial Directors of Health Promotion and Education,) and CDC, will feature two and one-half days of plenary and concurrent sessions, workshops, roundtable discussions, lunch chats, poster sessions, exhibits, job resource center, and of course, the very popular SOPHE Silent Auction. The latter event is a chance to bring home fine art and other delicacies from all parts of the country, while contributing to SOPHE's "Campaign for the 21st Century: Building SOPHE's Future".

This year's social event includes the Sleuths Mystery Dinner Show, where you can be the detective and solve the crime. Take advantage of this mid-week conference and bring the entire family! Orlando makes a great, affordable vacation destination. For more information on the conference go to <http://www.sophe.org/> or <http://www.dhpe.org/nationalconference/>.

SOPHE 2004 Award Nominations 2004: A Time of Special Recognition

The 2004 SOPHE Awards Committee invites you to submit an application and nominate your colleagues for one or more of the growing categories on the SOPHE Awards program. This year, nominations are welcome for two new awards categories: the Chapter Innovation Award and the SOPHE/ATSDR Environmental Health Fellowship Award. Selected recipients will be recognized at the 55th Annual Meeting Awards Banquet on Saturday, November 6, 2004, in Washington, DC. For application forms and award descriptions, visit the SOPHE website at www.sophe.org. All nominations are due to the National SOPHE office by July 31, 2004.

Washington, DC

Mark your calendar now to attend SOPHE's 2004 Annual Meeting, "The Power and Influence of Health Education: Promoting Monumental Change" scheduled for November 5-7, in Washington, DC. In addition to legislative advocacy, the meeting will focus on influences on research and practice related to social determinants, social justice, public health protection, and marketing. Don't miss the excitement of being in our nation's capitol, only days after the national elections. Watch the SOPHE website for the preliminary program in May (www.sophe.org).

Australia

Start packing your bags for The International Union for Health Promotion and Education's (IUHPE) 18th World Conference on Health Promotion and Health Education, to be held April 26-30, 2004 in Melbourne, Australia. More than 200 plenary and concurrent sessions, including three one-day special sessions on HIV/AIDS, health promoting schools and cervical cancer screening, will be highlight this triennial event, featuring up to 30 continuing education contact hours for certified health education specialists. Interested in learning more about the Conference? Contact Sue Chaplin at schaplin@vichealth.vic.gov.au.

SOPHE's delegation will be led by President-Elect Collins Airhihenbuwa. If you are going to the Conference and would like to help solicit SOPHE membership, please contact Marilyn Rice, co-chair of SOPHE's International Health Special Interest Group at ricemari@paho.org. See you Down Under!

DON'T LEAVE YOUR MEMORIES IN SAN FRANCISCO: SOPHE ANNUAL MEETING PHOTOS - JUST A CLICK AWAY!

Get your copy of the SOPHE's CD-ROM with more than 250 photos from the 54th Annual Meeting and Banquet in San Francisco for only \$12 from National SOPHE, 750 First St, NE, #910, Washington, DC 20002. While supplies last!

SOPHE's Touch Two New Membership Campaign

Recruit two new or inactive professionals to SOPHE membership between now and December 31, 2004, and you will receive a free SOPHE alarm clock! For more information, to request membership brochures,

or to refer potential members to SOPHE, call (202) 408-9804, e-mail Eleanor Dixon-Terry in the SOPHE office (edixon-terry@sophe.org), or go to SOPHE website at <http://www.sophe.org/>.

Calendar of Events

March 31-April 4, 2004

Society for Applied Anthropology

Social Science & Advocacy

In partnership with SOPHE

Fairmont Hotel

Dallas, TX

<http://www.sfaa.net/>

April 29-30, 2004

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

2nd National Steps to a Healthier US Summit

Baltimore Marriott Waterfront

Baltimore, MD

<http://www.healthierus.gov/steps/>

May 5-7, 2004

SOPHE 2004 Midyear Scientific Conference

The Future of Health Promotion & Health Education: Transforming Vision into Reality

In partnership with the Directors of Health Promotion and Education and CDC

Wyndham Hotel

Orlando, FL

<http://www.sophe.org/>

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