

## PHAA International Health Special Interest Group

Report back to IH SIG following the very generous contribution of \$1,000 in late 2007.

This was actually the second time the IH SIG has contributed to the work of the International People's Health University (IPHU); your support is hugely appreciated.

From the [IPHU website](#):

*The International People's Health University aims to contribute to 'health for all' by strengthening people's health movements around the globe, by organising and resourcing learning, sharing and planning opportunities for people's health activists, particularly from Third World countries.*

### *The IPHU*

- *organises short course opportunities for health activists from around the world but particularly from Third World countries;*
- *presents a range of learning opportunities; a growing collection of resource materials; and a wider network of resource people to progressively enhance its programs;*
- *sponsors research into the barriers to Health for All and strategies to support the people's struggle for health.*

*IPHU is a project of the International People's Health Council and is part of the People's Health Movement, globally.*

There is considerably more material on the IPHU website including [curriculum material](#) and more about the [courses](#) we have run and plan to run.

In 2005 the IHSIG supported the participation of young doctor from the Philippines in the first IPHU course which was held in conjunction with the Second People's Health Assembly in Cuenca in Ecuador. A wrap up following the 2nd People's Health Assembly can be found at <http://phmovement.org/pha2/>. A copy of the Evaluation Report from the IPHU can be accessed at [http://phmovement.org/iphu/files/IPHU\\_Cuenca0507\\_EvaluationReport.pdf](http://phmovement.org/iphu/files/IPHU_Cuenca0507_EvaluationReport.pdf).

The participant who was sponsored by IH SIG in 2005 remains active in the People's Health Movement in the Philippines.

In September 2007 the IH SIG resolved to contribute \$1,000 to support the participation of two young health activists from Brazil in a two week IPHU course which was planned for November 2007 in Gonosthaya Kendra (GK), in Savar, Bangladesh.

The IPHU at GK went ahead in November 2007 and was very successful. The '[IPHU@Savar Follow Up page](#)' on the IPHU website provides further links to the day by day program for the course, the evaluation report and the photos from the course.

The two young women from Brazil whose participation at the IPHU course in Savar was supported by the IH SIG went on to organise another very successful IPHU course in Porto Alegre in September 2008. The [IPHU @ Porto Alegre page](#) on the IPHU website provides further links to the day by day program (including notes from each day) and the photos from the course. The final evaluation of this course is not yet posted.

Many of the participants from both the 2005 Ecuador course and the 2008 course in Brazil (both supported by IH SIG) are presently gathered in Belem in Northern Brazil for an [International Health Forum](#) being co-sponsored by PHM as part of the [World Social Forum in Belem](#). In particular the black women's groups from Belem who participated in the IPHU in Porto Alegre in September are very active in the organisation of the International Health Forum.

I believe that IH SIG can be assured that the two donations, in 2005 and in 2007, have contributed materially to the more informed and more forceful expression of a people's perspective in the struggle for health, in Philippines, Ecuador, Bangladesh, Brazil and beyond.

I extend to IH SIG my deepest appreciation of your support of the IPHU and the assure you of the personal gratitude of the three individuals whose participation in IPHU's you have made possible. They have not wasted the opportunity which was extended to them.

Warmest greetings

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global coordinator, iphu