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## Site Visit for the 53<sup>rd</sup> IPSF World Congress Audrey Clarissa, IPSF President



Grand Hotel, Taiwan

Are you already wondering about the biggest event in IPSF? In early February this year, I had the chance to visit Taiwan to see the preparations for the congress. The Reception Committee is working hard to organise an unforgettable congress with official events such as the General Assembly and many exciting social activities. Preparations are going very well. I also visited the hotel that will host congress. It is amazing with its cultural touch, I am sure you are going to love it. Rooms and equipment to be used during the General Assembly are also being prepared and the location will be perfect for having a wonderful time in August. We also discussed technical preparations to make sure the congress will run smoothly. During the site visit, I also met the representatives of PSA-Taiwan and had good discussions that will ensure a fruitful collaboration with IPSF. I hope you will not miss this great event! See you in Taiwan...

## WHO/NGO Advisory Group on Health Promotion

The NGO Advisory Group on Health Promotion is a partnership of international NGOs (Non-Governmental Organisations) which came together at the WHO 4th International Conference on Health Promotion in Jakarta, in July 1997. We work together and individually, and in close liaison with the WHO Department of Non-Communicable Diseases and Health Promotion. This group has commitment to health promotion, and to a common vision of building bridges between WHO, headquarter offices and our grass-roots around the globe.

IPSF is a member of this group and was represented by Audrey Clarissa at its workshop on 9th March 2007 in Geneva, Switzerland. This workshop was addressed by the new health promotion coordinator Dr. G. Galea who shared how NGOs can contribute to the framework document on global health promotion strategy.



In this workshop we had time to discuss the plan of action 2007-2009 based on five key actions:

- Advocacy for health based on human rights and solidarity
- Invest in sustainable policies, actions and infrastructure to address the determinants of health
- Build Capacity for policy development, leadership, health literacy
- Regulate and Legislate to ensure a high level of protection from harm and enable equal opportunity for health and well-being for all people
- Partner and Build Alliances with public, private, non-governmental and international organisations and civil society to create sustainable actions



During the workshop we also discussed the needs to develop a website to facilitate communication and improve the visibility of health promotion.

This workshop concluded how important it is to work together and make real actions to promote health. Therefore soon in the next coming months, we will prepare the term of reference for every NGOs which is interested in taking part further in this group to develop a formalized platform for networking and collaborative action in health promotion.

### Upcoming Events



Early registration is open for the World Healthcare Students' Symposium! Register now and pay 150 EUR only! Visit [www.whss2007.org](http://www.whss2007.org) for more information.



Register now for the 53<sup>rd</sup> IPSF Congress! Registration fee is 280 EUR until the end of April. Visit [www.ipsf2007.org](http://www.ipsf2007.org) for more information.



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