

08. 03.10 Meeting with Ms.Mahima Datla, Secretary, DCVMN.

Attendees:

Ms. Mahima Datla

Ms. Girija

Dr. Harshavardhan

Ms. Mahima Datla, Secretary DCVMN observed that 2008 DCVMN helped in the preparations for 2009 DCVMN and is of the opinion that 2009 DCVMN would also extend their help to 2010 DCVMN for its success.

Ms. Mahima Datla came forward to arrange for an additional page for 11th DCVMN in the website of www.dcvmn.com

Ms. Girija, DCVMN, Hyderabad has kindly consented to provide stationery and artwork of dcvmn logo. Dcvmn office, Hyderabad will extend all the cooperation.

It was decided to organize a telecon asap to discuss the following topics with members of the Steering Committee and one member each from the Organizing Committees of 2008 DCVMN and 2009 DCVMN:

- i. Fix dates for the 11th DCVMN at Hyderabad.
- ii. DCVMN Secretariat to issue Invitation and visa letters to the Resource Members.
- iii. Select a Theme for the 11th DCVMN.
- iv. Freeze the Program details as follows:
 - First Day** – Arrivals and Registration- Cocktails – Dinner by DCVMN ?
 - Second Day** – AGM to discuss official business, approval and adoption of new byelaws, job description of a Laisson official for DCVMN – Dinner and Cultural Program
Arrival of Resource Members.
 - Third Day** – Conference, Dinner and cultural program.
 - Fourth Day** – Conference for half day. Wrap up. Departures.
- To weave in field visit for the delegates on the **Second Day**.
- To arrange for site seeing on the **Third Day**.
- Shopping on the **Fourth Day**.
- v. Selection of Key Note Speaker: Dr. M.K.Bhan, Dr. Katoch or others.
- vi. To strategize to articulate the aspirations, intentions and future goals of DCVMN.
- vii. Non-members to be charged a registration fee. How much and how accounted for?
- viii. To encourage some start up biotech firms from the US, Europe and other countries to participate at their own expense.

Other matters discussed:

WHO Resource Members may be given more time to present their topics.

All expenses on Resource Members are taken care of by USAID.

Engage Event Management Agency for the event.

Reception of delegates at Airport and Conference Premises.

Agenda of 2008 & 2009 DCVMNs.

Exhibition Stall for Sponsors.

Sponsorship banners etcetera may be allowed on the Second Day at the conference hall but not on the Third and Fourth Days.

Request the Government of Andhra Pradesh to extend its support to the event.

25 members along with the official 7 Resource Members will attend the DCVMN. We can expect another 20 non-members. Resource persons cover all their expenses. WHO is funded by PATH to attend DCVMN. Conference Hall should accommodate atleast 50 persons comfortably.

WHO sends 3 staff members.

PATH sends 2 staff members.

DCVMN should try to invite speakers of the caliber of Dr. Stanley Plotkin and pay for their travel and accommodation.

Gates Foundation may be amenable to fund the functioning of DCVMN Secretariat.