



BIODATA OF PRESENTERS

J.P. Saulina Arnold

Mrs. J.P. SAULINA ARNOLD, MA., MSW., Executive Director, Tamil Nadu Voluntary Health Association. Saulina Arnold has been involved in Community and Organisational Development since 1974. Her interest is in communication for health promotion and action. She initiated various action for health through producing IEC materials and capacity building of organisations and their staff. As a counsellor and communication person she was also involved in Tsunami - creating linkages between needs and resources. She has translated many materials including Sphere Project Minimum Standard for Disaster Response. Now she has initiated a model coordination at one area of the district most affected by Tsunami. She also campaign and advocate issues for attention - human rights and rights of organisation working for people.

Robert R. Blackman Jr.

Lieutenant General Robert R. Blackman, Jr., currently serves as the Commanding General, III Marine Expeditionary Force; Commander, Marine Corps Bases, Japan; and Commander, Marine Forces Japan. Lieutenant General Blackman began this assignment in July 2003. Lieutenant General Blackman was commissioned upon graduation from Cornell University in June 1970. After completing The Basic School, he served as a platoon commander and company executive officer in 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. In March 1972, he reported to Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, where he served as a series commander and Director of the Sea School until July 1975. Following Amphibious Warfare School, Lieutenant General Blackman served as S-3A and a rifle company commander in 3d Battalion, 1st Marines. Assigned to the 3d Marine Division in January 1980, he served as the S-3 for 2d Battalion, 4th Marines. Upon return to the U.S., he served as the Plans Officer in the Officer Assignment Branch at Headquarters Marine Corps. After graduation from the Marine Corps Command and Staff College in June 1985, he was assigned to the Air-Ground Exchange Program with MAG-26 where he served as the S-3A and S-3. Lieutenant General Blackman reported to the 2d Marine Division in June 1987, and was assigned as the Executive Officer of the 8th Marines. In May 1988, he assumed command of 3d Battalion, 8th Marines. Following the return of BLT 3/8 from a Mediterranean deployment with the 22nd MEU, he was assigned to Top Level School as a Fellow in National Security Affairs at the Kennedy School of Government. In August 1990, Lieutenant General Blackman was assigned to the Operations Division at Headquarters Marine Corps. From there he was assigned as the G-3 Operations Officer for COMMARCEN (Forward) in Southwest Asia. Upon return to CONUS in March 1991, he was reassigned as Head, Current Operations Branch, Headquarters Marine Corps. In July 1991, Lieutenant General Blackman reported to U.S. Central Command for duty as the Commander in Chief's Executive Officer. In August 1993, he assumed command of the 15th MEU. Upon completion of his tour with the MEU, in March 1995, he assumed duties as the Military Assistant to the Secretary of the Navy. In August 1996, he was assigned as the President of the Marine Corps University. He was promoted to brigadier general on October 1, 1996. In July 1998, he was assigned as the Assistant Division Commander, 2d Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, N.C. He commanded the 2d Marine Division from June 1999 to July 2001. Upon arrival at USCENTCOM in August of 2001, he assumed duties as Director, Resources and Assessment, J8, United States Central Command MacDill Air Force Base, Florida. In October 2002, Lieutenant General was assigned as the Chief of Staff for Coalition Forces Land Component Command during OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM.

Patrick J. Brenny

Patrick has been part of the Thailand UN Country Team's response to the tsunami from the very first hour, working closely with UN System and national partners to promote an effective post-tsunami response to HIV and AIDS in Thailand. Patrick began his international development career twenty four years ago as a rural development volunteer with the Peace Corps and later USAID. He began his work in the field of

HIV/AIDS eighteen years ago with WHO's Special and then Global Programme on AIDS, at the WHO Regional Office for Africa and WR's Office in India before being appointed UNAIDS Country Programme Advisor in India. After serving with the International NGO Pact in Madagascar, as their Country Representative and Senior Regional Advisor for Programme Development and HIV/AIDS, Patrick re-joined the UN System last September with his appointment as the UNAIDS Country Coordinator for Thailand. Patrick speaks fluent English, French and Dutch and has a competence in a number of African and Asian languages. He holds a doktoraal degree in Public Administration and Development Economics from the Free University in Amsterdam. He and his wife Mei will celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary this June 2005, and they have two children (17 and 14 years old) studying at the French International Lycee here in Bangkok.

Sálvano Briceño

Sálvano Briceño, Venezuelan, lawyer by training is, since June 2001, the Director of the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction. Formerly, he was the Coordinator of the BIOTRADE and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Initiatives at UNCTAD Geneva, and has been involved since 1978 in senior management positions at the Ministry of Environment in Venezuela, the World Conservation Union (IUCN) and since 1986, at the United Nations. He was the first Coordinator of UNEP's Caribbean Environment Programme, based in Jamaica for 5 years, followed by 8 years in Geneva with the Climate Change Secretariat (UNFCCC) and the Desertification Secretariat (UNCCD). His professional career has focused on public policy and management of international programmes in various fields of sustainable development.

Tom Brondolo

Tom Brondolo started with the NYC Office of Chief Medical Examiner'1989, serving as Deputy Commissioner. In this position he is responsible for all administrative and operations functions of this 500+ person agency. He is responsible for management of a 60 million dollar expense budget and 350 million dollars of capital construction including a new state-of-the art Forensic Biology Building and two medical examiner facilities. In his operations capacity he is responsible for the management of five county mortuary, transportation and medical examiner offices that include multiple 24/7 operations. As senior executive of the agency's management team, he has worked four mass fatality incidents and the attack on the World Trade Center, and is a senior member of the agency Special Operations Team. Recently, Mr. Brondolo served on an expert assessment team for the government of Thailand and the World Health Organization to assess victim identification operations in Thailand related to the SE Asia tsunami disaster.

Dan Buriak

Dan Buriak is Director, Team Leader Global Supply Chain Management Pfizer Inc. Dan has worked for Pfizer for ten years in various technical and managerial positions responsible for plant operations support and regulatory strategies with focus on systems building. He is currently managing a global manufacturing initiative for developing the systems for the project management of pharmaceutical, consumer and animal health product changes. As a member and facilitator of Pfizer's global supply chain management leadership team, Dan's responsibilities include organizational effectiveness, communications and project management functions which enlisted him as a key member of the team managing Pfizer's collective response during the tsunami crisis, organizing Pfizer's manufacturing teams for deployment. Prior to his current role, Dan led Pfizer's Quality Operations Site Compliance Network, a group of quality professionals located at Pfizer's global manufacturing facilities responsible for assuring the effective functionality of quality change management systems. Dan's previous experience includes project management and regulatory positions with Sanofi-Winthrop Pharmaceuticals (the former Sterling Winthrop organization), Organon Pharmaceuticals, and the US Food and Drug Administration. Dan received his BA degree in Biology and Psychology from Lycoming College in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, USA. He lives in New Jersey and has been very involved revitalizing his local community, where he has been politically active as New Jersey Councilman, Planning Board Member, governmental liaison to public and private schools and historic preservation commissions.

Kate Burns

Kate Burns is the Senior Humanitarian Affairs Officer for Gender Issues with the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Assistance in New York. Her primary function is to guide the implementation of OCHA's policy and action plan on gender equality. Kate has worked for over 30 years in international development and humanitarian affairs primarily in Africa. She has worked more than 20 years with NGOs, academia and governments in public health, reproductive health, community development, gender-based violence, and HIV/AIDS. Most recently Kate worked with the Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and with UNHCR where she was the head of the public health unit and lead successful initiatives to bring reproductive health and prevention and response to gender-based violence programmes to refugees and others affected by conflict.

Martin Catterall

Mr Martin Catterall is the Director, Information Technology and Telecommunications for the World Health Organization based at Headquarters in Switzerland. Martin has over twenty years of rich experience in managing and leading large and diverse ICT programmes, both within the Government and private sector. The majority of his experience comes from the Asia Pacific region where he has worked predominantly for multinational organizations. Martin is responsible for managing regional and global IT teams and supervising the programmes of work across both geographic and cultural boundaries. Martin now resides in Switzerland, but his career has allowed him to live and work in such countries as New Zealand, Hong Kong, Australia, Malaysia and Singapore. Martin's stewardship of resources, creative vision reflecting the core values of the organization and capacity to build networks has contributed immensely to the ICT support during the tsunami relief operations.

Jyotsna Chikersal

Mrs Jyotsna Chikersal is the Regional Head for Information Technology and Telecommunication with the World Health Organization in South-East Asia Region for the last eight years. She is responsible for managing and coordinating IT and Telecommunication for WHO Regional Office and eleven countries in the region. During the past 17 years of her career, she has worked with the Government, Corporate and International organizations. Under the effective leadership of Director / ITT, her team provided effective ICT systems and infrastructure support to Tsunami relief operations.

Rashid Chotani

Dr. Chotani is the Director of the Global Infectious Disease Surveillance & Alert System (GIDSAS) Program for Humanitarian Assistance. He is an assistant professor in the Department of International Health, Bloomberg School of Public Health & Emergency Medicine, School of Medicine at the Johns Hopkins University. His research and professional activities are directed towards the use of epidemiological and non-epidemiological methods for surveillance and prevention of infectious diseases in developing countries and disaster situations. Most recently he has served as the Medical Director of two NGOs working in Indonesia (CMRC) and Sri Lanka (Asia Relief) on tsunami relief.

John G.I. Clarke

John G.I. Clarke is a social worker, writer and consultant in organisational effectiveness. For the past three years, he has worked for WHO-AFRO as an advocacy and communications officer to promote effective Health Action to meet humanitarian needs in southern Africa due to HIV/AIDS and food insecurity. Following the Tsunami he was redeployed for a month to assist WHO's response to the Tsunami impact in Somalia. His research interest is in understanding how to make work systems better in situations of crisis and emergency, through the practical, eclectic application of systems thinking methodologies, from the premise that *in organisations problems don't exist, only people with problems*.

Scott D. Deitchman

Scott Deitchman, MD, MPH, is a career scientist in the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), where he is the Associate Director for Emergency Preparedness for CDC's National Center for Environmental Health and for the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registries. In this capacity he

leads CDC's preparations for, and responses to, chemical and radiological emergencies and natural disasters. Dr. Deitchman received his MD from Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine and an MPH from Johns Hopkins. He is residency trained and board certified in both Preventive Medicine and Occupational Medicine, and is a Captain in the US Public Health Service. Dr. Deitchman joined CDC in 1987 as an Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) officer. From 1987 to 2003 he held a variety of positions at CDC's National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health where he investigated occupational illness, injury and death in diverse workplaces including factories, forest fires, and hospitals. He led CDC's first program to ensure the safety of first responders and other workers responding to acts of terrorism and other disasters. He has collaborated with infection control specialists in CDC and elsewhere on guidelines to protect health care workers, including the use of safety needles, non-glass capillary tubes, and personal protective equipment strategies against TB, SARS, monkeypox, smallpox, and plague. In November, 2003, he assumed his current position, and has led CDC's responses to several ricin incidents, the 2004 hurricanes, and the 2004/5 Asian tsunami disaster. Dr. Deitchman has long been active in medical societies. He just completed an 8-year term on the Council for Scientific Affairs of the American Medical Association, including a term as Council Chairman. He has also served on several committees in the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine. He is married and in his spare time enjoys hiking, sea kayaking, astronomy, growing organic garlic, and "messaging around with computers."

Terrence De Silva

Dr Terrence De Silva brings his leadership, experience and philanthropy to contribute to humanitarian relief. During his challenging career, he has worked with various esteemed institutions at Deputy Director and Director level. Currently, Dr De Silva is serving as Deputy Director General, Medical Services in the Department of Health Services, Sri Lanka. He is a member of the National Disaster Management Committee and the focal point for emergency management in the Department of Health Services in Sri Lanka. Dr De Silva has participated in several programmes abroad, and authored various publications and articles on disaster management. He organized numerous courses on disaster management, productivity and quality assurance for health care workers.

Robert Dietz

Robert Dietz has worked in risk communications and media relations with the World Health Organization since May 2003, during the SARS outbreak in China. Since then, in addition to several more stints in China, he has worked with WHO in Viet Nam during the first avian influenza outbreak in early 2004 and in Geneva with the team redrafting the International Health Regulations. He was the first WHO media relations person in Aceh following the 26 December earthquake and tsunami. He has also worked for WHO in Cambodia and Delhi. Prior to his work at WHO, Mr. Dietz was a journalist for more than 25 years, working in East Africa, the Middle East and Asia and in the U.S. He currently lives with his family in Princeton, New Jersey, in the U.S.

Shannon Doocy

Dr. Shannon Doocy received her PhD in International Health from Johns Hopkins School of Public Health and is currently a Research Associate with the Johns Hopkins University Center for Refugee and Disaster Response. Her interests focus on populations affected by disasters and complex emergencies. Recent research includes coping capacity and vulnerability Ethiopia; a trial of a point-of-use water treatment product in camps for displaced populations in Liberia; the demographic and nutritional assessment of conflict-affected populations in Northeastern Sudan; tsunami-related research and program support in Aceh Indonesia; and technical assistance to projects in Sierra Leone, and North Korea.

Rodger Doran

After obtaining a degree in Medicine from the University of Sydney in 1979, Rodger worked in hospital medicine until 1984, when he obtained a Diploma in Tropical Medicine and Public Health at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. He then worked for an NGO in Afghanistan and Pakistan from 1985-1991, when he joined UNHCR in Quetta, Pakistan as Health Coordinator. In 1989, he attended a course in health emergency preparedness run by MSF Holland and in 1993 a course for UN humanitarian trainers run by the University of Wisconsin. In 1993, he joined the Emergency and Humanitarian Action programme of WHO working first in Geneva and then in the WHO South East Asia Regional Office Delhi.

He left WHO in 1996 and worked as a consultant, focussing on teaching in training courses run by the Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre and working with Ministries of Health in Asia to strengthen their emergency management capacities. Since 2001 he has been working for WHO/WPRO as Coordinator for the Emergency and Humanitarian Action programme for the Mekong countries and is also head of the WHO office in Ho Chi Minh City in Viet Nam.

Philippe Dubois

After a Thesis of Sciences at the Pasteur Institute in Paris on Surface antigens of mouse Embryonic cells, Dr Dubois switched to research areas of human concern, and engaged fundamental research for 20 years on human Plasmodium falciparum malaria, analyzing immune responses in humans living in hyper-endemic areas, and in experimentally infected monkeys. Characterization of the parasite antigens and detailed analysis of correlations with protective potential in exposed humans and in animal models was his contribution to research on malaria vaccine. Since 2001 Dr Dubois joined the WHO/CSR office in Lyon, France as a secondee from Pasteur Institute. He participated to the initial set-up of Laboratory capacity strengthening program. Now he coordinates the activities of the Laboratory capacity Strengthening team, with three main facets: a training/mentoring program for senior laboratory biologists from 28 countries, a EQA/QC program for communicable diseases, and an Internet-based long-term follow up and mentoring strategy for laboratory biologists engaged in the different programs.

Elisabeth Emerson

Since 2001, Elisabeth Emerson has worked for WHO in Thailand as the Thailand/Myanmar Border Health Program Officer. This program focuses on the vulnerable migrant populations, some of whom were affected by the tsunami. Elisabeth began working for WHO in Bosnia-Herzegovina where she was head of the field office in Mostar during 1996 and 1997. Work as a WHO EHA/HAC technical officer continued in Kuwait, Mozambique, New York, Indonesia and Thailand, with much of the work related to complex emergencies. Elisabeth has a public health and planning background, having worked in the Executive Office of the Minnesota Department of Health prior to her work with WHO. She received her education at the University of Minnesota.

Sheri Fink

Sheri Fink, M.D., Ph.D. is a visiting fellow at the Francois-Xavier Bagnoud Center for Health and Human Rights at Harvard University School of Public Health. She has worked with medical NGOs in Europe, Asia, Africa and the Middle East. In January 2005, Fink reported on the tsunami response as a correspondent for the BBC/PRI radio program, "The World." She later served as an Emergency Health Coordinator with the International Rescue Committee in Aceh, Indonesia. Fink is author of the award-winning book, War Hospital: A True Story of Surgery and Survival (PublicAffairs) about national and international health responses in Srebrenica, Bosnia.

Richard Garfield

Richard Garfield is a Professor of Nursing, Coordinator of a WHO/PAHO Nursing Collaborating Center at Columbia University, and Visiting Professor at London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. He has assessed the impact of economic embargoes in many countries and worked in particular in Iraq in recent years. He mainly works with national authorities to improve their ability to manage crisis, improving data collection and its use to make better use of scarce resources. He coauthored the 'Watching Brief' on Health of the World Bank in the summer of 2003, designed a child survival strategy for USAID in Iraq in early 2004, and coauthored a study comparing mortality rates and causes in the year prior to and since the 2003 invasion in 2004. In 2005 he was a member of the Independent Inquiry Committee humanitarian assessment group to study the impact and effectiveness of the Oil for Food Program.

Tony German

Tony German is a partner in Development Initiatives, an independent consultancy specialising in poverty and development cooperation. Before setting up DI in 1992, Tony German was a director of Public Affairs at ActionAid. DI published Global Humanitarian Assistance reports in 2000 and 2003 and is currently working on a three year programme on humanitarian aid flows, supported by five donors, with the Good

Humanitarian Donorship initiative. DI's work humanitarian analysis has included work on assistance to Afghanistan since 2001. The next GHA report will be published in late 2005. From 1993 to 2004 DI edited "The Reality of Aid".

Chérif Ghaly

Dr Chérif Ghaly, an Egyptian national, is the chair of the Working Group on Emergency Telecommunications (WGET) and Chief of the ICT Section in UN OCHA Geneva. He is responsible for the overall coordination of Inter-Agency Telecommunications networks and related services during emergencies, such as the Tsunami; including stand-by resources and arrangements with private sectors, surge capacities. He is also the United Nations focal point for the Tampere Convention. Before joining the United Nations, Chérif worked with the ITU in the area of ICT and coordinated pilot projects to provide satellite services for developing countries. Prior to ITU, Chérif was the IT manager of the WHO Global Programme on Aids. He started his career teaching ICT subjects in the Faculty of Engineering at the University of Alexandria.

Marc Gordon

Marc Gordon has worked in the field of humanitarian intervention in conflicts, complex emergencies and chronic crises, and more recently natural disaster risk reduction, for just under ten years. He now works for the European Commission General Directorate for Humanitarian Aid (ECHO), and was previously with UNICEF and Action contre la Faim. Having spent many years developing multi-disciplinary intervention strategies to appropriately meet the needs of vulnerable populations in different humanitarian contexts, his recent work with DIPECHO (the natural disaster preparedness programme of ECHO), sees him playing an increasing role in the development of national, regional and global disaster reduction strategies.

Yuri Gorokhovich

Yuri Gorokhovich, Ph.D., specialist in coastal studies, modeling and environmental applications using Geographic Information System (GIS). In 1992 established and managed first GIS for the Division of Water Quality and Control, New York City Department of Environmental Protection and served there as GIS manager for nine years. Since 1999 is an adjunct faculty member of the Department of Earth and Environmental Engineering at Columbia University. From 2000 – 2004 worked as Assistant Professor of Environmental Sciences at Purchase College, State University of New York (SUNY). In 2004 joined the research team at the Center for International Earth Science Information Network (CIESIN) within the Earth Institute at Columbia University.

François Grunewald

Engineer in agriculture science and specialised in rural economy and Associate Professor at Paris XII University, François Grunewald spent 25 years in development, emergency and post disaster rehabilitation projects in Africa, Central Europe, Central America and Asia, as well as at HQ levels. He worked with NGO, UN agencies and ICRC. He ran for five years the Agricultural rehabilitation Unit of ICRC. In 1997, he became chairman of a French research, evaluation and training institute, Groupe URD (Urgence-Rehabilitation- Développement) for which he carried out several research and evaluation work for the European Union, the UN and NGO. Professor Grünewald wrote several books and articles on complex emergency and the management of socio-natural disasters.

Rukhsana Haider

Rukhsana Haider has a MBBS from Fatima Jinnah Medical College Lahore, Pakistan. She obtained her MSc in Human Nutrition and PHD in Public Health Nutrition at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, University of London, UK. She is presently employed as Regional Adviser, Nutrition for Health and Development, for WHO South-East Asia Regional Office, in New Delhi, India. Previously, she was Team Leader, Special Initiatives (Including Nutrition, HIV/AIDS, IMCI, TB, Adolescent Reproductive Health Programme, Safe Motherhood, Long Term Family Planning) and then was Associate Chief of Party - Urban Family Health Partnership and John Snow Inc. Prior to that, Ms Haider was Associate Scientist at the International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (ICDDR,B) including being the Acting Coordinator for the Bangladesh Integrated Nutrition Project-Operations Research Project. Within this

period, she was deputed to UNICEF for helping to start up and later monitor the Baby-friendly Hospital Initiative in Bangladesh.

Steven Hansch

Steven Hansch, an epidemiologist, is adjunct faculty at Johns Hopkins School of Public Health (the Center for Refugee and Disaster Response) and with the Institute for the Study of International Migration at Georgetown University. He is currently evaluating the performance of the United Nations system of agencies in disaster mitigation and relief for the United States Congress, toward recommendations which Congress will consider this summer for U.N. reform. Mr. Hansch has spent most of his career working with NGOs.

Philip Hedger

Philip Hedger is Executive Managing Director, International Affairs Pfizer Inc. Philip initially worked as an accountant with a British held company. In 1981 Philip joined the Medical Devices division of Pfizer as Controller in the UK, and was subsequently appointed General Manager. He then served as Director of Licensing and Acquisitions in the European centre before being appointed Vice President and then President of Shiley Inc – a wholly owned subsidiary of Pfizer Inc. – and based in Irvine California. Philip transferred to the corporate operation in 1994 as Executive Director, Corporate Affairs, Europe based in Brussels. He was subsequently appointed Executive Managing Director International Affairs based in the New York headquarters. Philip's experience includes finance, marketing, general management, medical technology and pharmaceutical issues, risk management, health, regulatory and industrial policy. From June 2001 to December 2003 Philip served as the global pharmaceutical and vaccine industry (IFPMA) Fellow at the World Bank. Philip received a masters degree in management from the University of London and a masters degree in Law from the University of Leicester. Philip is also a qualified accountant (UK) and a Member of the Chartered Institute of Management. Philip has served on the board of several trade associations and chaired committees in the two major pharmaceutical industry associations PhRMA and the IFPMA. He resides in New York with his wife Geraldine and has three children who live in the UK.

Han Heijnen

Han Heijnen completed his environmental health engineering studies in 1975 at the Delft University of Technology. After his army service, he joined international efforts in capacity building for water supply and sanitation through the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs as research coordinator of a global slow sand filtration project. In the 80s Han was working in Nepal and Sri Lanka leading large scale community water supply programmes, in HMG Nepal and the Sarvodaya Shramadana Sanghamaya respectively. At the end of the Decade he joined IRC Water and Sanitation Centre as Senior Programme Officer for Information Management and Training. Since 1995 he has worked again in Sri Lanka as teamleader of the consultancy component of a large World Bank sponsored community based water and sanitation project, after which he joined WHO as Environmental Health Advisor in Bangladesh in 1998. Currently he assists WHO member countries in the area of water, sanitation and health through the WHO South East Asia Regional Office in New Delhi.

Rear Admiral Hufstader

Rear Admiral Hufstader enlisted in the U. S. Navy in 1962, serving as a Hospital Corpsman in San Diego and Japan during the early years of the Vietnam conflict. He attended the University of California, Irvine, and completed medical school at University of California, San Francisco in 1974. He has also received the Master of Medical Management degree from Tulane University. He commanded Naval Hospital, Pensacola, when he was selected for promotion to Rear Admiral. He served as Medical Officer of the Marine Corps from 12 September 2001 to September 2004, when he was assigned as Surgeon, U.S. Pacific Command.

Caroline Hyde-Price

Having obtained an honours degree in International Politics from Aberystwyth University in Wales, Caroline Hyde-Price trained as a registered general nurse at St Bartholomew's hospital in London and also obtained the certificate in tropical medicine for nurses from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

After experience in primary and community services, Mrs Hyde-Price was accepted onto the National Health Service Graduate Management Training Scheme (the only nurse in her intake) and subsequently was appointed to senior health services positions in management and commissioning of health services. In 1997, Mrs Hyde-Price was appointed Head of International Affairs at the Royal College of Nursing (the largest professional nursing union in the world) and in November 2004, she joined the Health Protection Agency to establish the International Office of the Health Protection Agency. The Health Protection Agency was set up in April 2004 as the responsible body for co-ordinating health protection against communicable diseases, chemical, radiological and environmental hazards for the populations of England and Wales, including emergency planning and response and also bioterrorism.

Anne Hyre

Joining us today from Jakarta, Indonesia is Anne Hyre. Anne has worked with JHPIEGO programs throughout Indonesia for over five years. She has more than 12 years experience in women's reproductive health, including in depth knowledge and skills in the programmatic and technical aspects of reproductive, maternal and neonatal health programs. A skilled and highly regarded nurse-midwife, Anne has been instrumental in the advancement of national reproductive health training programs in numerous countries, including Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Nepal, Russia, Tajikistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan. She brings her extensive experience to the development of innovative training methodologies, the strengthening of preservice and inservice education systems, the development of national standards and guidelines, and the training of health care providers. Anne holds a BA from the University of California at Davis, an MPH from the Emory School of Public Health, a BSN from Johns Hopkins School of Nursing and an MSN from Georgetown University. She speaks French, Russian, and Indonesian.

Mark Jones

For the past three years, Mark Jones has been Editor of Reuters AlertNet -- the humanitarian news portal run by Reuters Foundation. He has been working in online media for five years including a spell as Content Director for a London-based investment website. Mark began his journalism career at Euromoney magazine and trained as a financial markets correspondent with Reuters. He is a former Global Editor of Reuters Television and has worked as a reporter, producer and presenter for BBC Radio and Television. Mark has a degree in economics from Bristol University and has worked as a consultant for Oxford Economic Forecasting.

Karl Kent

Federal Agent Karl Kent has been a member of the Australian Federal Police for the last seventeen years, with over fifteen years experience in forensic investigations. Karl has worked within a diverse range of areas within Forensic Services in support of AFP Operations in NSW, SA and the ACT, and in training, quality management, and policy areas. Karl has a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of New South Wales and an Associate Diploma of Applied Science in Forensic Investigation from the Canberra Institute of Technology. From early 2001 to October 2003 Karl performed the role of Coordinator, Field Services ACT. In this role he coordinated the operations of specialist forensic investigation teams including crime scenes, fingerprints and firearms and ballistics primarily in support of ACT Community Policing Operations. Federal Agent Kent performed the role of Co-ordinator, Forensic & Disaster Victim Identification, for the investigation into the Bali bombings in 2002 and established and coordinated the Forensic Major Incident Room. He was subsequently awarded an Order of Australia Medal for his contribution to this operation. For twelve months in 2004, Karl was seconded to the Science Engineering and Technology Unit, National Security Division, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. On December 28 2004 Karl was deployed to Thailand as the Australian DVI Commander, in response to the Asian Tsunami crisis. He was selected to perform the role of Joint Chief of Staff for the Thai Tsunami Victim Identification (TTVI) operations. In this role he was responsible for co-ordination of over 400 DVI specialists from 30 countries in undertaking DVI operations in Thailand. Karl is due to return to Australia and resume his duties as Co-ordinator, Field Services - National, Forensic and Technical Service within the AFP from 11 May 2005.

Asheena Khalakdina

Dr Asheena Khalakdina is a communicable disease epidemiologist working with WHO's Regional Office for South-East Asia. She was technical liaison in the SEARO operations room during the first few weeks after the disaster and was later deployed to Banda Aceh as part of the epidemic alert and response team during January and February 2005. Prior to working for WHO Dr Khalakdina was a research scientist at the University of California Berkeley's School of Public Health, where she conducted epidemiologic research studies on interventions for respiratory diseases in Guatemala and in India. During her doctoral work in epidemiology, she studied diarrhoeal diseases and also worked at the San Francisco Department of Public Health for their communicable diseases and immunization program. Dr Khalakdina was project officer for DfID in India in the mid-90s working on HIV/AIDS and TB.

Ann Kolokathis

Ann Kolokathis, M.D. is Vice President , Medical Affairs, Pfizer Pharmaceuticals Group where she is responsible for the overall management of five therapeutic groups for the strategic direction, design, implementation, and medical interpretation of clinical trials involving infectious diseases, HIV, Women's Health, Neurology and Rheumatology. Dr. Kolokathis joined Pfizer in 1991, prior to her current role she has held various positions with Pfizer Global Research and Development anti-infective group and conducted multiple global clinical trials in infectious diseases including trials in community acquired pneumonia, fungal infections, Tuberculosis, Malaria and HIV. She has collaborated with academic and governmental organizations in the development of HIV, Malaria and Trachoma programs in resource poor and developing countries and the development of HIV policy, treatment and management guidelines. After completion of her training at Mount Sinai in New York, she joined the Infectious Diseases faculty at Beth Israel Medical Center in New York. Her roles and responsibilities included HIV research with the National Institute of Health (NIH) as well as managing the inpatient and outpatient HIV research facility. Dr. Kolokathis is board certified in Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases and is member of numerous organizations including the Infectious Disease Society of America and the American Society of Microbiology. She is a member of the Institute of Medicine (IOM) forum on Drug Discovery, Development and Translation. She recently completed an assignment for WHO as a consultant for the Tsunami Relief and Recovery Operations in Sri Lanka.

Supachai Kuranatanapruk

Dr Supachai, is currently the Deputy Permanent Secretary for International Relations under the Office of the Permanent Secretary for Public Health of the Ministry of Public Health of the Government of Thailand. He has been actively involved in the Tsunami response and recovery activities in various capacities such as: 1) as the Chief of Public Health Manager for Tsunami victims in Phang-nga; 2) Chair of the Sub-committee on Tsunami Victim Identification; 3) Secretary of the Body Identification Committee and Disaster Management; and 4) Committee Member of the Body Identification Center. Dr Supachai, has degrees in law, medicine and postgraduate training in Public Health and Hospital Management from Universities in Thailand, Belgium and the UK.

Itzhak Levav

Dr Itzhak Levav is consultant to WHO and adviser to the Israel Ministry of Health on research. He was Regional Adviser for Mental Health at PAHO (1987-1999), where he facilitated the development of community mental health services and organized responses to disaster in a range of countries. He has published widely and holds academic appointments at Columbia University, John Hopkins University, and Queen's University. Dr Levav completed his psychiatry training at McGill University and holds a Master's of Public Health from Columbia University.

Pisake Lumbiganon

Pisake Lumbiganon is Director of Clinical Epidemiology Unit and Convenor of Thai Cochrane Network based at Faculty of Medicine, Khon Kaen University, Khon Kaen, Thailand. He got his Ob & Gyn residency training at Ramathibodi Hospital, Mahidol University in Thailand and his Master of Science in Clinical Epidemiology from the University of Pennsylvania in the US. He has been involved with various WHO

Reproductive Health Research projects. He has been trying to disseminate the concept of research synthesis in Southeast Asian region by working closely with The Cochrane Collaboration.

Rohit Malpani

Rohit Malpani is a lawyer and human rights advocate. Until recently he worked as a human rights, law and gender consultant for the World Health Organization. Previously, he worked with poverty alleviation and food security NGOs in Argentina and as an asylum rights attorney in the United States. He is currently working as a short-term consultant for FORUM ASIA, a regional non-governmental organization, on human rights issues in the aftermath of the tsunami.

Arindom Mookerjee

An economist educated in Presidency College, Calcutta and Delhi School of Economics, Arindom started his career as founder Coordinator for the Cell for Environmental Economics at the Center for Science and Environment, New Delhi. As coordinator, he was in charge of the overall functioning of the Cell including team-building, fund-raising, research and knowledge networking. His main areas of work were trade and environment, fiscal policies for environment - proposals for greening of government budgets and a developing a system of green rating of corporates. From the NGO sector, he moved on to the private corporate sector as Economist in Oxus Research and Investments, principally doing research on macroeconomics of emerging countries. Research brought together top-down economic views and bottom-up views of corporate analysis taking into account the technical nature of the markets and economic and political fundamentals which go into modeling and forecasting of medium-term trends and impact analysis of macro policies. During his tenure with Oxus, he worked chiefly on determinants of poverty, inequality and growth with a special emphasis on economic freedom, political and civil liberties; the economics of health care financing and globalization and capital flows. While in Oxus, he developed Oxus' proprietary economic model of voting that had been used to predict the results of General elections in India in 1996 and 1998. Arindom joined WHO in 2001 and served the India Country Office in his capacity as National Professional Officer, Tobacco Free Initiative. The primary role was advisory and technical support to Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India and to various state governments in framing comprehensive anti-tobacco legislation and negotiations leading to signing and ratification of the Framework Convention for Tobacco Control, the first internationally negotiated global public health treaty. He subsequently moved to the WHO Regional Office for South-East Asia to assist the Regional TFI programme in development and monitoring of comprehensive national action plans of Member States and national capacity building activities including strengthening the donor base and forging strategic alliances with partners. At present Arindom works with the External Coordination Unit in WHO/SEARO. Under the overall supervision of the Deputy Regional Director, he has been involved in shaping the Regional Strategy for Resource Mobilization and finalization of the Business Plan; assisting Member States and Technical Units with resource planning and coordination; development of IT-based systems for coordination and management of extra budgetary (EB) funds and proposal tracking systems; and advocacy and liaison with traditional and non-traditional donors. Since the tsunami disaster struck, he has been part of the Operations Room, serving as the focal point for donor relations for tsunami-related activities in WHO/SEARO.

Maria Nenet Motus

Dr. MARIA NENETTE MOTUS is currently the Medical Coordinator and Head of Office of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in post-tsunami Banda Aceh, Indonesia from January 2005. As the senior Migration Health Physician, she also provides oversight for clinical and migrant travel health assessments and the development, implementation and management of migration health programmes, including counter-trafficking/health/components and HIV/AIDS and migration in Vietnam, and Indonesia. She has worked in various complex emergency and conflict/post conflict settings (eg former Yugoslavia countries, and Iraq) as well as in Cambodia, Philippines, Kenya, Ukraine, Moldova and Belarus since 1989.

Muharso, SKM

Dr Muharso is currently designated as the Head of National Institute for Empowerment and Development of Health Man power in the Ministry of Health (MOH). He was specially assigned as the Health Coordinator for the MOH in the Aceh and North Sumatra Tsunami disaster. Since the first week of disaster, he has been

leading the overall health sector coordination, emergency relief operation and reconstruction activities. He serves as a key coordinator between the MOH, province, and districts and with other government ministries and partner agencies including private sectors and media. He also has a special attachment to the tsunami affected areas, because he has worked as the Head of the Provincial Health Office in Aceh from 1989 to 1993. He has obtained a Medical Degree (MD), Master's in Public Health, and Master's in Business Administration degree. During his career development, he has published many papers and trained many health staff professionals especially on health system management. Before the present assignment, he served as a Senior Advisor to the Minister for Health from the year 2000 to 2004, and as Head of Department for Information and Data, MOH from 1998 to 2000.

David W. Muriuki

Did medical training in Kenya and then worked with the Ministry of health for 2 years at district and provincial level. Then worked with International Rescue Committee at Kakuma Refugee Camp in Kenya. Was involved in both clinical and public health aspects of the health program in Kakuma. Worked at the refugee camp for two and a half years and then went and did a masters in Public Health in Developing Countries at London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. After the masters program I was involved as a polio consultant for the polio eradication program in Pakistan. The polio eradication program was a combined effort of among others Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), WHO and UNICEF. Currently I am working as medical coordinator for Malaria Emergency Technical and Operational Response (MENTOR) in Banda Aceh, Indonesia.

David Nabarro

Dr David Nabarro is Representative of the WHO Director General, Health Action in Crises. David Nabarro (age 55) was appointed Representative of the Director General for Health Action in Crises in July 2003. Since then he has been responsible for taking forward efforts to improve WHO's performance in crisis settings, with an emphasis on preparedness, response and recovery. He coordinated support for health aspects of crises response operations in Darfur, Sudan, and in countries affected by the December 2004 Tsunami in South Asia. Dr Nabarro joined WHO in January 1999, as Project Manager, Roll Back Malaria, then moved to the Office of the Director-General, as Executive Director, from March 2000. He transferred to the Sustainable Development and Healthy Environments cluster in 2003. David Nabarro qualified as a physician in 1973, and then worked in the UK National Health Service. In 1976 he worked for two years as District Child Health Officer in Dhankuta District, East Nepal. He then moved to the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and was seconded back to Save the Children Fund in 1982 as Regional Manager for the Fund's work in South Asia, based in the region. In 1985 he joined the Liverpool School of Medicine as a Senior Lecturer in International Community Health. He moved to the British Overseas Development Organization as a Strategic Adviser for Health and Population in East Africa, based in Nairobi in 1989. He then took up the post of Chief Health and Population Adviser, at the ODA London Office, in 1990 and moved on to become Director, Human Development (as well as Chief Health Adviser) as ODA was transformed to the Department for International Development in 1997. He stayed with DFID till joining WHO.

Amal Naj

Amal Naj is the Country Manager of Pfizer Thailand & Indochina, which is an affiliate of the New York-based Pfizer Inc., the world's largest pharmaceutical company. Mr. Naj came to Thailand over four years ago in 2000 to head Pfizer's operations, and has overseen the growth of the business. During his tenure has shepherded a five-fold growth for the Thai company to its current No.1 position in Thailand. Prior to being assigned to Thailand, Mr. Naj was based in Pfizer's headquarters in New York and was Director of Business Planning, Administration and Strategic Development for markets in the Asia-Africa-Latin region. He joined Pfizer Inc. in 1996 after a 17-year career as a journalist in the U.S. at the Wall Street Journal. He wrote about the steel industry from Pittsburgh, and then auto industry from Detroit, and on his last assignment, he covered economics, science and technology from New York. He is the author of a novel and a non-fiction book. At present, he is Vice President of Pharmaceutical Research & Manufactures Association (PReMA) of Thailand and a member of the Board of the Foreign Correspondents Club of Thailand (FCCT).

Edward J. O'Rourke

Dr. O'Rourke graduated from Harvard College and received an MD from Boston University School of Medicine. He trained in pediatrics and infectious diseases at Children's Hospital, Boston and is a member of the Harvard Medical School faculty. Dr. O'Rourke directs Harvard Medical School student international programs and has experience internationally in hospital infection control and community health systems. Dr. O'Rourke has served as service chief of the infant and toddler medical service and directed the hospital infection control department at Children's Hospital, Boston. He continues to serve as an attending physician and consultant in infectious diseases at Children's Hospital and consults in international medical education and community health services development. He has worked extensively in the former Soviet Union where he led a program to develop training centers for hospital infection control and evidence based medicine. He is currently serving as a community health and public health specialist for the Tsunami Emergency Relief Program of the International Organization for Migration based in Banda Aceh, Indonesia.

Kayode Oyegbite

Kayode Oyegbite is Senior Programme Coordinator for UNICEF in New York. He is responsible for planning and coordination of the Health Section's work plan and compliance monitoring; development of engagement strategies for successful partnerships and alliances; managing UNICEF's acquisition and dissemination of information, knowledge; promoting active exchange and support between HQ divisions, regions, and country offices; health in emergencies; and childhood injury prevention. Mr Oyegbite has a Doctorate in Public Health from Columbia University, New York and an MPH from the Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland. He has been Chief, Health and Nutrition, UNICEF in Bangladesh (2000 to 2004); Ethiopia (1996 to 2000); and Vietnam (1992 to 1996). From 1986 to 1992 he was Special Assistant to The Honourable Minister of Health, Federal Republic of Nigeria. From 1976 to 1986, he was Lecturer / Research Fellow, College of Medicine, University of Lagos, and from 1972 to 1976 he was Programme Assistant for The Ford Foundation. Mr Oyegbite is Nigerian.

Harsaran Bir Kuar Pandey

Mrs Pandey is the Public Information and Advocacy Officer with WHO South-East Regional Office in New Delhi. She has been with WHO since late 1997. During the past decade, WHO globally and in the Region has increased its interaction with and through the media. Harsaran was one of the pioneers in Indian television journalism, during her 14 years with India's National television channel, Doordarshan. Her career as an Information Officer, with the United Nations began with UNICEF before she moved to WHO.

James B. Peake

Doctor James B. Peake has retired as Lieutenant General, United States Army (Ret) and is currently Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Project HOPE. Doctor James B. Peake joined Project HOPE, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing quality healthcare opportunities, as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer effective 1 January 2005. The organization provides approximately \$100 million worth of healthcare resources to more than thirty countries each year. Most recently, Project HOPE, under the leadership of LTG Peake, embarked on a unique private-public partnership with the United States Navy. The partnership culminated in over 200 volunteer doctors and nurses boarding the hospital ship Mercy to sail to Banda Aceh, Indonesia where they provided much needed medical relief to those most affected by the recent earthquake and tsunami which devastated the area. LTG Peake retired from the United States Army on 1 September 2004 where he had most recently served as the Army's 40th Surgeon General and Commander, U.S. Army Medical Command. He received his bachelor of science degree from the United States Military Academy and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Infantry. LTG Peake graduated from Cornell University Medical School, New York, N.Y. He is also a graduate of the United States Army War College. LTG Peake has held a wide variety of important positions culminating in his appointment 22 September 2000 as Army Surgeon General and Commander, U.S. Army Medical Command, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Previous key assignments include Commander, U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School and Installation Commander, Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Deputy Commander, U.S. Army Medical Command, Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Commanding General, Madigan Army Medical Center/Northwest Health Service Support Activity, Tacoma, Washington; Commanding General, 44th Medical Brigade/Corps Surgeon, XVIII Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Deputy Director, Professional Services/Chief, Consultant, Office of the Surgeon

General, Falls Church, Virginia; Commander, 18th Medical Command and 121st Evacuation Hospital / Command Surgeon, Seoul, Korea; Deputy Commander for Clinical Services, Tripler Army Medical Center, Honolulu, Hawaii; Assistant Chief, Cardiothoracic Surgery, Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Staff General Surgeon/Chief, General Surgery Clinic, DeWitt Army Hospital, Fort Belvoir, Virginia; and General Surgery Resident, Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. LTG Peake is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, Fellow of the Society of Thoracic Surgeons, Fellow of American College of Cardiology, Honorary Member, Korean Medical Association, Member, Association of Military Surgeons of the United States, Member, Society of Medical Consultants to the Armed Forces, and Member, American College of Surgeons. He has been honored with the Order of Military Medical Merit; the "A" Professional Designator; and the Medallion, Surgeon General of the United States. LTG Peake has authored a number of publications, presentations, exhibits and motion pictures.

Arturo Pesigan

DR ARTURO PESIGAN is presently the Technical Officer for Emergency and Humanitarian Action of the Western Pacific Regional Office (WPRO) of the World Health Organization. Prior to his assignment in WPRO, he was the Public Health Officer of the WHO office in Timor Leste. He was a former Professor of Public Health and Vice Chancellor of the University of the Philippines Manila. He initiated the training programmes on health emergency management for post graduate studies and distance education courses for health professionals in the Philippines. He has published books and conducted research in the areas of disasters/emergencies, environmental/occupational health, primary health care, and community medicine. He has received the prestigious national award--Ten Outstanding Young Men of the Philippines in 1995 and an international award as one of The Outstanding Young Persons of the World in 1998.

Augusto Pinto

In 2001 I joined WHO/CSR/LYO office as WHO medical epidemiologist to strengthen communicable diseases surveillance, Early warning system and response at country level. I was working in International Public Health since 1979 in Mozambique, Mali, Ethiopia, Burundi, Brazil, Albania, Europe and many others for short missions. In Mozambique and Mali I worked at district level as district health officer. In Ethiopia I was in charge for WHO for essential drug national programme. In Burundi I was in charge for UNICEF with the national Primary Health Care program. In Italy I was, at the national Public health Institute, as teaching professor for epidemiology. From 1990 to 2000, I had a close collaboration with the public health school of Ceara state, in Brazil, as visiting professor in epidemiology. Since 1999 I was involved in several countries to develop Early warning system in crisis situation, in Albania, Darfur Sudan, Chad, Sri Lanka and conduct retrospective mortality surveys.

Maria Cristina Profili

MARIA CRISTINA PROFILI is an Italian medical doctor specializing in Infectious Diseases, with Masters Degrees in Health Services Management and in Health Economics who has, since 1992, gained extensive experience within international health. In 1999 joined WHO in different complex emergency operations in the Balkans Region, supporting recovery of health systems. Currently, she is working in WHO/EURO as Medical Officer in Disaster Preparedness and in the Country Support global initiative. Immediately after the Tsunami of 26 December 2004, as part of the global WHO/HAC Team, she was deployed to Thailand, Sri Lanka and Indonesia to support the WHO emergency health programmes including civil military activities. She feels that a common understanding and true vision of "country needs" combined with global action at all levels, is the fuel for a more efficient organization.

Tim Randall

Tim Randall has a strategic and operational background in disaster management and good governance, academic analysis, research and teaching. His field assignments validate his teaching and research, ensuring practical applications of knowledge. He has worked as a member of the British Military, been seconded to ODA, DfID and the UN. He has a MSt in International Human Rights Law, a BSc in Civil Engineering and strong links with academic institutions. He leads Cranfield University's Disaster Management modules of the MDA Courses and contributes to the Global Security and Defence Logistics masters programmes. He is responsible for establishing and developing programmes in partnership with

governments and leading institutions in developing countries. He has recently returned from a UN secondment to the Tsunami stricken Region of Sumatra, Indonesia.

P. Ravindran

Dr.P.Ravindran, a graduate of Delhi University, did his post graduation in Community Health Administration from the National Institute of Health and Family Welfare, New Delhi. He Joined the Directorate General of Health Services, Government of India in 1997 and held various technical posts. He was inducted into the Emergency Medical Relief in 2002 in the Emergency Medical Relief Division of Directorate General of Health Services. He had formal training in Disaster Management in the said division, other internal agencies and from ADPC, Bangkok. He is also a WHO Fellow in Risk Management. From July, 2004 he is holding the post of Director, Emergency Medical Relief, the focal point in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India for all disaster related activities pertaining to Health Sector.

Gerald Rockenschaub

Gerald Rockenschaub is WHO EURO Regional Adviser, Disaster Preparedness and Response Programme. He is an Austrian national and is currently working with the WHO Regional Office for Europe in Copenhagen as the Regional Adviser for the Disaster Preparedness and Response Programme. After finishing University training at the medical schools of the University in Graz and Vienna he completed clinical training in general medicine and later on specialized in surgery, working as a consultant in surgery and emergency medicine in a tertiary care hospital in Austria for several years. He was involved in the planning and implementation of several medical relief and development projects in various crisis situations for both NGOs and government organizations, initially as project manager in Ethiopia, Eritrea, in Kosovo and more recently as a medical consultant for the Austrian development cooperation in the Middle East, in the West Bank and Jerusalem. He received academic training in public health and health services management and holds certificates and a master's degree from Boston University.

Marie-Andrée Romisch-Diouf

Dr Marie-Andrée ROMISCH-DIOUF was born in 1951 with a dual Senegalese and French citizenship. Medical Doctor from the University of Aix-Marseilles, France, she holds postgraduate diplomas in epidemiology, tropical medicine, preventive pediatrics and aeronautic medicine. She was Deputy of the Mother and Child Welfare Department then Coordinator of the Public Health Department of French Guyana. She joined WHO in 1990 as epidemiologist in Haiti where in 1993 she became WHO Representative. She was in charge of carrying out the Humanitarian Assistance program in health then chaired the Emergency Economic Recovery program for the Health sector. From 1998 to 2003 she was the WHO/PAHO Representative to Peru. In this capacity she was coordinating the WHO's response to the 2003 South of Peru earthquake and tsunami. Since August 2003 she is the Director of the Country Focus Department at WHO Headquarters in Geneva. In January 2005 she represented WHO at the World Bank assessment mission in Sri Lanka and then was temporarily seconded in support to the coordination of the post tsunami rehabilitation effort at SEARO.

Michel Roulet

After his MD, Michel Roulet was trained as a pediatrician in Switzerland. Then he went to Canada to be trained as a pediatric gastroenterologist at the University of Montreal (2 years) and as a nutritionist at the University of Toronto (1 year). He is presently working as pediatric gastroenterologist in the Department of Pediatrics of the University of Lausanne. Since 1997 he is Head of the Unit of Clinical Nutrition, taking care of adults and children with nutritional problems. He has worked as a medical advisor with the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation and WHO in Mauritania, Armenia, Romania, Bulgaria, Albania, Bangladesh, Turkey, Rwanda, Togo, Zambia, Viet Nam, Ukraine, Djibouti, and Indonesia. He has practice in diarrhoea management, nutritional assessment and rehabilitation, food security, water sanitation. He has been involved in large human catastrophes (earthquakes, floods, refugees, dryness) as a medical specialist for "the first 30 days".

Collette Roure

ROURE Colette, received a Medical Doctor degree (M.D.) and a Master of Public Health (MPH) degree from Paris Medicine University. She also graduated in epidemiology and microbiology from the Paris Pasteur Institute. In January 2005 having joined the Tsunami Relief Coordination Task Force, as Senior Health Adviser to the Prime minister's office, in Paris, she is involved in establishing and sustaining coordination mechanisms in order to provide an effective response to the countries affected by the Tsunami. She began her career as volunteer in Amazonia, then she has worked for 30 years in technical, managerial and policy positions in the field of communicable and vaccine preventable diseases, either at international level at WHO, International Children Centre, French development agency in south America and Africa, or at national level Ministry of Health in Paris. Dr Roure speaks French, English, Spanish and Portuguese.

Lita Sarana

Lita Sarana graduated from a medical faculty in 1978. She firstly worked for a private clinic in Jakarta, and starting from 1982, has worked for IRC. She has represented IRC National Office in Task Force/ Commission as such: 1993 – 1996 as IRC representative at Task Force of National Coordinating Body for Disaster Management; and 2000 – up to now as IRC representative at National AIDS Commission. She has attended some international activities within RCRC movement such as a youth & health workshop, CBFA workshop, Disaster Management workshop, home based care workshop, some workshop related with HIV/AIDS, as the member of Evaluation Team for Regional Health Unit (Federation), Evaluation Team for ART network. Lita Sarana is a representative of IRC to ART network (1999 – up to now) and also acts as a responsible for some IRC national activities, as one of the National IRC Trainers.

Jane G. Schaller

Dr. Schaller received a BA from Hiram College, and MD with honors from Harvard Medical School. She trained in pediatrics, immunology, and rheumatology, and was a member of the faculty of Paediatrics at the University of Washington from 1965 to 1983, with one year as a visiting rheumatologist in the MRC Rheumatism Unit at Taplow, UK. In 1983 she joined the Department of Pediatrics at Tufts University School of Medicine in Boston as the David and Leona Karp Professor of Pediatrics and Chairman of the Department of Pediatrics. From 1997–1999 she was an Adjunct Professor of International Diplomacy at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. Dr. Schaller is currently the Karp Professor of Pediatrics Emerita at Tufts University School of Medicine, Head of the Division of Pediatric Rheumatology at Tufts-New England Medical Center, and Executive Director of the International Pediatric Association (IPA). Dr. Schaller was President-Elect of the IPA from 1998-2001, President from 2001-2004, and was elected to the Executive Directorship in 2004. She was the Founding President of Physicians for Human Rights and has served as the Chair of the Advisory Committee of the Children's Division of Human Rights Watch, as a member of the executive committees of the Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children and the American Academy of Pediatrics International Child Health Section, and as a Technical Advisor to the United Nations Study on Children and Armed Conflict. She is a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Science.

Manouri P Senanayake

Manouri Senanayake, an Honorary Consultant Paediatrician at the Lady Ridgeway Children's Hospital Colombo is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of London, a Fellow of the Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians and a member of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health UK. She holds a full professorship in Paediatrics in the Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo and is the current President of the Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians. Among her numerous publications and research papers is a book titled Children Affected by Disaster – Post-tsunami Paediatric Perspectives, launched recently by the Sri Lanka Medical Association.

Norimasa Seo

Norimasa Seo is Professor & Chairman, Department of Anesthesiology and Intensive Care Medicine, Jichi Medical School. He has been involved in Disaster Medicine, from 2000 to date as Core Member, Committee of Advanced Training Program for Japan Medical Team for Disaster Relief (JMTDR). Since 2001 to date he has been a Member of the Advisory Committee of JMTDR. From 30 December 2004 to 7 January 2005, he was Medical Leader of JMTDR dispatched to the Maldives for the Tsunami in Asia. He

was also a Member of the Evaluation of the Activity of JMTDR for Flood Relief in Mozambique in 2000. In January 1999, Dr Seo was Medical Leader of JMTDR dispatched to Colombia for Earthquake Relief. In January 1995, he was Co-Leader of the Medical Team of Jichi Medical School dispatched to Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake Relief in Japan.

Della Sherratt

A Registered Nurse, Midwife and Midwife Teacher, with 30 years work experience, most of which as been in the field of gender and development, women's health and midwifery, and includes work in the community, as well as hospital and latterly in education and national policy development. Since 1993 Ms Sherratt has been working in the international field in a variety of positions in resource poor & transitional economy countries such as, Bangladesh, India, Romania, Central Asia and north-east Brazil, Myanmar (Burma), Armenia and Nagorno Karabagh and Timor Leste. The majority of this work has been related to Safe Motherhood/ reproductive health/women's health/gender and health. Ms Sherratt is currently working with the Family and Community Health Department of WHO's Regional Office for South-East Asia on a number of assignments related to nursing and midwifery, reproductive health, making pregnancy safe, and gender and women's health. Ms Sherratt conducted one of the early post-tsunami health assessments in Sri Lanka focused on women's health, and is working closely with the WHO Indonesia office to develop a large project to reestablish training of women's health providers.

Poonam Khetrpal Singh

Dr Poonam Khetrpal Singh from India is presently the Deputy Regional Director of the South-East Asia Regional Office of the World Health Organization, New Delhi, India. She is spearheading WHO's Tsunami Task Force set up for relief and post-Tsunami rehabilitation and reconstruction activities under the Emergency Preparedness & Response programme. Being Regional Director's closest collaborator and his principal adviser for the Region, Dr Poonam Singh is responsible for core management functions. She shapes and guides all activities relating to the critical area of resource mobilization and has overall responsibility of Sustainable Development and Healthy Environment department. She looks after the development of partnerships with public, private, non-profit organizations and other international and UN agencies as well as ASEAN, SAARC and diplomatic communities. She is responsible for developing information and advocacy programmes for the Region.

Dr Poonam Singh began her career with WHO as the Executive Director, Sustainable Development and Healthy Environments at WHO Headquarters in Geneva, from June 1998. As a member of the WHO Director-General's Global Cabinet, and in charge of the SDE cluster, she had the unique responsibility of mainstreaming health in development and poverty reduction programmes, addressing environment and health, occupational safety, nutrition, emergency preparedness and response, food safety and chemical safety. Prior to her WHO career, Dr Poonam Singh served as a career member of the Indian Administrative Service from 1975. In that capacity she held several important assignments with the Government of Punjab, including Secretary, Health, Family Welfare and Medical Education; Managing Director, Punjab Financial Corporation; Chairperson, Health Systems Development Corporation; Secretary Finance (Budget and Accounts); and Secretary, Personnel and General Administration. She also worked as Project Officer - Population, Health and Nutrition in the World Bank. Dr Poonam Singh has done Ph.D in Public Health; has four Masters degrees to her credit - Health Management, Population Studies, English and Political Science. She is also a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians Edinburgh (FRCP).

Jack W. Smith

Dr. Jack Smith is the Director of Clinical and Program Policy Integration in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, providing medical information, policy formulation, program oversight and consultation to senior Pentagon leaders, Congress and other government agencies. Dr. Smith is a graduate of the University of Virginia School of Medicine and holds a Master of Medical Management degree from Tulane University. He is a Family Physician with more than twelve years of experience in executive medicine, and recently retired from the U.S. Navy. During his Navy career, he held positions of increasing responsibility in the delivery of healthcare to Service members and their families, and has participated in a number of humanitarian relief and medical sector reconstruction missions around the world. He is certified by the American Board of Family Practice, a Certified Physician Executive of the American College of Physician Executives and a Certified Healthcare Executive of the American College of Healthcare Executives. Professional affiliations include the American Academy of Family Physicians, the

American College of Physician Executives, the American College of Healthcare Executives, the American Medical Association and the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States. He and his wife, Sharon, are both natives of Staunton, Virginia. They have two adult sons, David and Jonathan, a daughter-in-law, Kristi, and three grandsons.

Ines Smyth

Dr Ines Smyth currently occupies the post of Oxfam GB Global Gender Advisor. Before joining the organization she spent over 15 years as a researcher and lecturer in several academic institutions, including the Department of Applied Social Studies at the University of Oxford, and the Development Studies Institute at the London School of Economics. Her areas of expertise and interest are theoretical and practical approaches to gender and development, industrialisation, women's reproductive health, violence against women and girl's education, on which she has published extensively. Dr Smyth is an active member of several women's networks.

Nigel Snoad

Mr Nigel Snoad is the Chief Information Officer of the United Nations Joint Logistics Center (UNJLC). Nigel is a UNICEF staff member on loan to UNJLC and is based in Rome supporting their missions worldwide. He also worked for UNJLC, Iraq, UNICEF's Strategic Information, Monitoring and Evaluation units, Search and Rescue missions in the US and Australia, and commercial software development. During the response to the Tsunami operations, he was in Indonesia with the UN Disaster Assessment and Coordination (UNDAC) team. After the formal activation of UNJLC, he became the operations coordinator for UNJLC, Aceh in the first phase of the response to the Tsunami.

Paul B. Spiegel

Dr. Spiegel is currently detailed to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Geneva as the Senior HIV/AIDS Technical Officer and the HIV Global Coordinator from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta. He has over 14 years of experience in complex humanitarian emergencies, participating in more than 30 field missions in 20 countries. He is currently adjunct faculty at Johns Hopkins, Tulane and Emory Schools of Public Health. Before the current detail to UNHCR, Dr. Spiegel worked for 4 years as a Medical Epidemiologist in the International Emergency and Refugee Health Branch at CDC. Previously he worked as a medical coordinator with Médecins Sans Frontières and Médecins du Monde in refugee camps in Kenya, Congo, and Burundi, and as a consultant for numerous organizations including the Canadian Red Cross, PAHO, UNHCR, and UNICEF. Dr. Spiegel has published extensively in the field of complex humanitarian emergencies and HIV/AIDS.

Deepthi Upul Sumanasekera

I am a chartered civil Engineer attached to National Water Supply & Drainage Board (NWSDB) of Sri Lanka. I obtained my MSc qualification in Sanitary Engineering from IHE Delft and presently serve the Board as the Assistant General Manager of the RWS Section. Also hold the post of Deputy Project Director of the ADB Assisted Third Water Supply & Sanitation (Sector) Project. I represented the NWSDB at the Center for National Operations (CNO) established at the Presidential Secretariat to coordinate water and sanitation activities during the TSUNAMI relief works.

Naveen Surapaneni

Centre for Media (CMS) is a pioneer in media, communication & development research in India. The CMS Media Lab was specially set up to track, monitor and analyse trends in the media. Naveen has diverse experience in media research, communication strategies and conducting large scale surveys. At the CMS Media Lab, Naveen has been engaged in tracking shifts in the news media priorities in India over the years and has conducted number of studies to understand the agenda setting role of the news media. Naveen is also well known for his field based public opinion surveys on policy issues, elections, governance, etc. He also works for Government and International agencies in developing communication strategies for development issues and reforms programs.

Michael J. Rosati

Michael Rosati currently serves as a technical expert at the Thailand Ministry of Public Health and as a senior scientist at Education Development Center. His work focuses on a number of areas including the promotion of mental health among young people; addressing issues of substance abuse and HIV/AIDS; the use of media for instructional purposes; and the development of social marketing campaigns on health and social issues. In addition to his work in Thailand with the Ministry of Public Health and a number of UN agencies, he is currently working in support of a school reform initiative in Pakistan and as part of a national drug and HIV/AIDS prevention program in Indonesia.

Rachmi Untoro

Rachmi Untoro is Director of Community Nutrition, Ministry of Health, Republic of Indonesia. She graduated from Faculty of Medicine, University of Indonesia, Jakarta in 1975 and had Master of Public Health from School of Hygiene and Public Health, Johns Hopkins University, USA in 1984. Dr. Untoro is responsible for developing technical policies on health and nutrition and a member of inter-agencies collaboration dealing with food and nutrition. For tsunami emergency response, she coordinates international and national agencies to integrate food security and nutrition intervention related with health aspects. Her past position was Director of Health Center Development and Director of Family Health.

Dana van Alphen

Dana van Alphen graduated as a medical doctor from the University of Amsterdam (Netherlands) and received a Masters degree in clinical tropical medicine, from the London School of Tropical Medicine. For ten years, Dr. van Alphen was a medical coordinator for "Medecins sans Frontieres" (Doctors without Borders) in operations for Afghanistan, Somalia, Bosnia, Nicaragua, Peru, Guyana, and Brazil. Since 1994, she has been with PAHO/WHO in the Program on Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Relief beginning as an adviser for the Caribbean for seven years; later in Central America for one year and since February 2003, she has been a Regional Advisor in PAHO/WHO Headquarters in Washington, D. C. She has been leading disaster response teams in Haiti, El Salvador and Banda Aceh –Indonesia tsunami.

Vivien Margaret Walden

Vivien Margaret Walden has a Masters in community and primary care and a PhD in evaluation of behaviour change. She has published in several journals. She has many years experience both in development and emergency health programmes, both in Asia and Africa. She is currently employed as a health adviser with Oxfam based in Oxford and was recently one of the emergency team in Aceh at the start-up of the programme.

Ronald J. Waldman

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John Watson

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