



The IAAH is a multidisciplinary, non-government organization with a broad focus on youth health. IAAH was established in 1987 and is committed to the principles of youth empowerment in all aspects of its affairs and supports the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (1989). Our goal at present is to become an organization which encourages and fosters National Youth Health organizations.

A quadrennial international scientific congress

Co-sponsorship of meetings and projects

A registry of member interests and expertise

An international mailing list

Regional professional education events

Guidance and support for the development of national associations for adolescent/youth health



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- I would like to send my warm congratulations to the organizers of this important meeting, the First Integrated Congress on Adolescence in the Latin American Region.
- It is an inspiration for us all, symbolizing as it does two of the most important opportunities and challenges that we face in the field of adolescent health.
- First, it is a shining example of the progress that has been made in adolescent medicine and health and of the importance of creating fora through which the progress can be shared, so that we are able to learn from each other and develop consensus and solidarity.
- Secondly, we know that many different actors and perspectives are essential for improving the health and development of young people, and this meeting reminds us how important it is to bring together and integrate a range of different partners – even if we know that this is time consuming and not always easy, it is essential for the future of the field.
- I wish you a very successful and enjoyable Congress – and I am sure that the young people among you will ensure that you have some fun as well as developing your technical capacities to improve the health of adolescents in the region.





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**8th International Association
Adolescent Health
(IAAH) World Congress**



May 11th – 14th 2005
Centro Cultural de Belem, Lisbon, Portugal
“Positive Youth Development”



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IAAH 2015 Update

- A survey completed of IAAH members and adolescent experts who are not members of IAAH, to better define future developments:
 - advocacy for adolescent health policies and programmes
 - a platform for national/regional adolescent health associations,
 - support for education and training
- Input for the development of the *UN Secretary General's Global Strategy on Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health*
- Support for Regional IAAH meetings (e.g. Europe, Latin America)
- Planning for the XIth IAAH World Congress



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IAAH 2017: Mark Your Diaries!

- The XIth IAAH World Congress will take place in **New Delhi, India, 26-28th October 2017**
- Theme for the Congress: ***Investing in Adolescent Health: the Future is NOW!***
- The organizations hosting the Congress include NGOs, academic institutions and the government of India to ensure that we cover the spectrum: adolescent medicine and adolescent public health
- There will be a day of Skills Building Workshops prior to the Congress and a day of field-visits after
- The Congress will cover a wide range of interests: from recent research and emerging issues to implementation science focusing on adolescent health policies and programmes
- Young people are involved in the planning and running of the Congress



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- **Founder's Award**

The Founder's Award is given to an individual in recognition of his/her outstanding lifetime achievement in advancing the health of adolescents - locally, regionally, and globally. The Founder's Awards are given out every four years at the IAAH's World Congress in Adolescent Health.

Award Recipients:

2013

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Jean-Yves Frappier

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