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CALL FOR ABSRTACTS

Dear **Health Professional**,

The 1st Pan-Asian Conference on Haemoglobinopathies will take place on **3–5 November 2011** in Bangkok, Thailand. The Conference is organised in collaboration with the Thalassaemia Foundation of Thailand, the Mahidol University-Thailand, and the Thai Ministry of Health.

Epidemiological data shows that in Asia (South East Asia and Western Pacific), the carrier rate for β -thalassaemia ranges between 2.2%-16% of the total population, out of which up to 30% are HbE-thalassaemia intermedia carriers, **with the estimation of 41,366 annual affected births**, excluding the significant numbers of HbH (α -thalassaemia) disease. The majority of carriers in both the South Asian and Asia Pacific region are from the indigenous population.

WHO-SEARO and -WPRO regional Offices have also been invited to participate in the proceedings of this grand regional educational event, which particularly aims to address common issues of concern regarding the prevention and management of haemoglobin disorders that specifically prominent in these countries.

We are delighted to invite scientists and medical specialists:

- (i) To participate in regional educational event that will focus, on the needs of the region, as a whole. (You will be given the opportunity to also discuss your country's situation and needs);
- (ii) To prepare a poster and/or an abstract of the status of thalassaemia in your country (**Deadline: 30 September 2011**). Those who decide to proceed with a poster, please note that the dimensions should be 72cm x 100cm and it should include:

- a) Introduction
- b) Methods
- c) Main theme
- d) Results
- e) Conclusion

You are kindly requested to proceed with obtaining study leave accordingly, in order to participate and contribute to the above significant regional educational event.

For accommodation and registration, please contact the following organising company:

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You are kindly requested to also send them your preferred flight itinerary in order to facilitate the hotel room confirmation procedure.

We look forward to welcoming you in Bangkok.

Yours sincerely



On behalf of the Conference Organising Committee

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