



DEVELOPMENT, INNOVATION AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY PROGRAMME (DIIP)

Monthly Update

March 2018

HIGHLIGHTS

- Congress on Hepatitis C titled: *Congreso Políticas y Estrategias para Facilitar el Acceso a Tratamientos para la Hepatitis C*, organized by the South Centre in collaboration with Coalition Plus, UNTAID and the Ministry of Health of Colombia on 8-9 March in Bogota, Colombia.



- *Regional Workshop on Antimicrobial Resistance in South-East Asia*, organized by South Centre, Third World Network and the Consumer Association of Penang on 26-28 March 2018, in Penang, Malaysia. This was a three-day meeting on antimicrobial resistance (AMR) with the



presence of representatives and AMR focal points from the ministries of health, agriculture and civil society organizations from Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, Vietnam, Cambodia, China, Myanmar, Philippines, Laos and India. The meeting also had representatives of the regional offices of the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). The workshop aimed to provide a space for sharing experiences on tackling AMR in the region as well as analyzing challenges for the implementation of national action plans on AMR and thinking of future actions that will be needed in order to address this public health crisis.

PUBLICATIONS

Policy Briefs

- Nirmalya Syam and Mirza Alas, **Outcomes of the 142nd session of the WHO Executive Board**, *Policy Brief* 46, March 2018. Available from: <https://www.southcentre.int/policy-brief-46-march-2018/>.

Background Notes

- Background Note on Ways to Address the Sustainable Development Goals in WIPO.

EVENTS/MEETINGS

- 9 March, South Centre Working Lunch Meeting on *Addressing SDGs and IP and Development in the WIPO CDIP*.
- 16 March, South Centre Working Lunch Meeting in preparation for the *35th Session of the WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (IGC)*.
- 23 March, South Centre Working Lunch Meeting on *Access to Biological Products*.

PARTICIPATION IN EXTERNAL EVENTS

- 12 March 12, *Launch of UAEM Universities Allied for Essential Medicines of Colombia (UAEM)*, held in Bogota, Colombia. Dr Germán Velásquez participated and gave a presentation on the history of the concept of essential medicines.
- 21-23 March, *IP Smart for Latin America. Nuevos desafíos, oportunidades y necesidad de estrategias inclusivas* organized by the Max Planck Institute on Intellectual Property and Competition and INAPI (patent and trademark office of Chile) in Santiago de Chile. Prof. Carlos Correa participated.
- 26-29 March, International Colloquium on regulations, markets, health titled: *Régulations, Marchés, Santé (interroger les enjeux actuels du médicament en Afrique)* held in Ouidah, Benin, organized by the international research programme “Globalmed” and funded by the European Research Council (ERC). Researchers from many disciplines

were present: from social sciences (anthropology, sociology, law, history, economics, political science) and from biomedical and pharmaceutical sciences. Dr Germán Velásquez participated and gave a presentation on “Access to Medicines and Intellectual Property Rights: Global Problem, International Context, Challenges and Solutions”.

- 27 March, Mr. Nirmalya Syam gave a presentation to *visiting scholars from the London School of Economics Health Society on South Centre's work on Access to Medicines* at the Campus Biotech of the University of Geneva.

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