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Agenda of Annual General Meeting for the year 2010 for SiRCHESI NGO #704m Salina Hotel, 25 May, 2011.

- The constitution of SiRCHESI requires an Annual Meeting of members.
- 1) Introduction of Meeting Chair, Dr. Kros Sarath (Director).
- 2) Introduction of SiRCHESI staff members
- 3) Welcome to all SiRCHESI peer educators, part-time interviewers, student graduates of the Hotel Apprenticeship Program and guests
- 4) Presentation of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 2009, held Mar 28, 2010 at Salina Hotel.
- 5) Voting to accept the minutes
- 6) Presentation of the Financial Report of 2010, prepared by Mr. Hav Houl, Financial Officer and Prof. Ian Lubek (International Advisor). (In previous years, financial reports were prepared by University of Guelph for all Grant Funds for SiRCHESI).
- 7) Vote to accept the Financial Report of 2010
- 8) Discussion by Dr. Kros Sarath and Prof. Ian Lubek of proposed public health internship program, starting August, 2011, to permit SiRCHESI to have funds for 2011-2012.
- 9) Review Slide show of work done, goals accomplished, conference presentations and publications by SiRCHESI members and students in 2010, and continuing into 2011.
- 10) Discussion with NGO members and guests about future ideas or programs for future
- 11) Vote to Adjourn meeting
- 12) Dinner
In 2000, the NGO “SiRCHESI” (Siem Reap Citizens for Health, Educational and Social Issues) brought together local stakeholders, health providers, etc.

Dr. Sarath Kros meets with SiRCHESI staff, 2003.

Beer sellers and hospital workers at annual meeting, May 2002.
Minutes of the SiRCHESI 2009 Annual Meeting, held Salina Hotel, 28 March., 2010.

The acting Director of the NGO, Dr. Sarath Kros and Prof. Ian Lubek, International Advisor, co-chaired the Annual meeting in English and Khmer.

Meeting attendees: Staff of SiRCHESI NGO, Staff of SiRCHESI Hotel Apprenticeship Program, SiRCHESI Outreach Peer Educators, PAO staff assisting SiRCHESI, interviewers.
1) The minutes of the previous Annual meeting of 2008 were displayed in a slide.

2) They were approved by the meeting.

3) The attached “Budget summary” was offered for 2009. Without an official audit statement available from University of Guelph, or SiRCHESI’ detailed spreadsheets:
   a) An estimate was made of expenses of $34,000 against income of $31,120. This included all health outreach programs, all staff salaries, and fellowship payments and costs in the SiRCHESI Hotel Apprenticeship program.
   b) Comparison: In 2008, about 95% of funding came from M.A.C. AIDS FUND, and 5% from the sale of Cambodian souvenirs and from donations from private individuals and SiRCHESI advisors and supporters.
   c) In 2009, 83% of income was from grants, and 17% from donations.

The original M.A.C. AIDS Fund Grant, October 2007:, ended in January, 2009 and was not renewed.

In 2009, approximately $34,000 was the annual cost (not audited by University of Guelph, as yet) of operating SiRCHESI programs, continuing with some fellowship payment to students, due to economic crisis.

Income came from (approximate figures in US dollars):

- International Fundraising: Sale of souvenirs ($2000),
- donations from private donors: $3000.00.
- Income from Siem Reap workshops: $150
- Small grants from SOMO, SPSSI, Canadian Embassy: $10,000
- University of New South Wales Research Grant: $10,000
- Remainder of MAC grant (JAN-FEB, 2009): $6000

**Total income: $31,120**

Budget was overspent by about $3000 in 2009; currency fluctuations

The SiRCHESI school closed in August, 2009, and much of our equipment is being shared for the moment with our health education partners at PAO.
3) An illustrated slide-show of accomplishments in 2009 was presented.

- Outreach activities were shown with peer educators,
- Workshops with young vendors at Angkor Wat
- Workshops with beersellers and hostesses
- Hotel work by Hotel program students
- Statistics showing that peer-education activity was going up, while HIV/AIDS prevalence was going down.
4) Several ideas were discussed for 2010 with the audience as our future directions:
   ▶ In 2010, we will have funding from SOMO, Netherlands, and from IDRC, CANADA from a program of Governance, Equity and Health
   ▶ We will continue breathalyzer testing and health workshops for men and women in Siem Reap and sample also in Phnom Penh
   ▶ We will see about road-accident and alcohol research
   ▶ We would like to target 2010 outreach by peer educators to almost reach 10,000
   ▶ More students will come from Canada, UK and Australia to work with us
5. Meeting was adjourned

minutes prepared by Ian Lubek, International Advisor
All staff and peer educators would guide the students during 2-week internships.
Announcing health internships from “SiRCHESI” NGO in Siem Reap, Cambodia. An intensive, 2-week researcher/practitioner “full-immersion” course for small groups of 2-4.

Cambodian Registered NGO # 704

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Citoyen(ne)s de Siem Reap pour la Santé, de l’Education et les Questions Sociales

For whom were these internships designed?

SiRCHESI’s rigorous, hands-on curriculum is aimed at advanced students and interns from Schools of Medicine, Public Health, Health Sciences and Epidemiology, International Development, International/Global Health, Nursing/Midwifery, Human Resources for Health, Social Sciences and Health, Health policy/management, Social Work, Community/Social Health Psychology, Organizational/Occupational Health, Gender/Cultural studies, and those wishing to use inter-disciplinary methods, and a multi-sectoral approach to combat HIV/AIDS, STIs, alcoholism, and other health challenges which are interconnected with the gender inequity, poverty, and illiteracy found in many countries with limited resources.

SiRCHESI’s unique program of health promotion, outreach and systematic data collection, is conducted and supervised on the ground and in the field, in Siem Reap and rural villages, in collaboration with Cambodian public health providers/educators and international researchers. Students join SiRCHESI’s members in disseminating research/practice findings at conferences, in publications, research reports, theses and on SiRCHESI websites.
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EARLY INTERNS:
Jessica Cadesky (University of Guelph; recently working in Central African Republic and Liberia with programs to reduce women’s violence) and

Lakshmi Ganapathi (Faculty of Medicine, National University of Singapore—currently Harvard Medical School and Boston Children’s Hospital) first studied alcohol consumption in Siem Reap (April, May, 2004).

Jillian Schuster (2006) compared Canadian beer servers to Cambodian beer servers in terms of workplace health and safety differences.
Selling Cambodian Souvenirs around the world for SiRCHESI

At Kimarie shop Cabramatta, Australia, Apr. 2004

Trisha and Jillian, Toronto, 06/2006

Even a Conference Poster becomes a boutique.

Dr. Sarath Kros sells t-shirts at Auckland Buddhist Temple

Khmer New Year’s, Bonnyrigg Temple, April, 2009, and 2010.

SASP, 2009, Melbourne


2 happy NZ customers!
Some of what SiRCHESI does: We have 6 websites to send out information about HIV/AIDS, alcohol overuse, and Siem Reap health issues. Here are 4 websites:

www.angkorwatngo.com  
Download “newsletter”

www.ethicalbeer.com  
(get “Killer Beers?” stickers)

www.beergirls.org

www.fairtradebeer.com
Outreach peer educators in village communes

Ian counts from 1 to 4, to make a point.
SiRCHESI HIV/AIDS Educational Peer Educator Outreach

Outreach contacts by peer educators

- 2002 (Jun-Dec): 880
- 2003: 1848
- 2004: 2678
- 2005: 3460
- 2006: 4164
- 2007: 6485
- 2008: 7719
- 2009: 8570
SiRCHESI midwife Savun Touch with Dr. Mee Lian Wong at Mondol Moi Health Centre where annually 560 behavioural questionnaires are gathered in interviews conducted by Ms. Savun. The questionnaires are then taken to Singapore and to Australia for entry and analysis; now local staff help enter the data in Siem Reap into Excel and SPSS.
We have created health education workshops and outreach for men, married women, beer-sellers and young vendors at risk.
Working with Young Vendors

on avoidance of sexual tourists and trafficking-- “street proofing” at Angkor Wat
Tra Tim, ou Bory and Dr Sarath lead Vendors Workshop

Hotel Apprenticeship Program,
Cohort 1, 2006-2008 and Cohort 2, 2007-2009
SiRCHESI, M.A.C. AIDS Fund, AVI,
Siem Reap Provincial AIDS Office and 9 partner Hotels.

25 former beer-sellers; many still have careers in local hotels.
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The first 14 women in the SiRCHESI Primary Prevention Hotel Apprenticeship program began their 2 year career commitment in Nov, 2006.
Learning Hotel Skills
Graduation Day: Cohort 2

Graduation Ceremony 26th April, 2008
SiRCHESI and its hotel partners congratulate the second cohort of Hotel Apprenticeship Program trainees on their successful completion of eight months training September 2007 to April 2008

Cohorts 1 and 2 together
Neela with Cohort 2 students at SiRCHESI School
Serology HIV Prevalence: CDAG VCCT Mondul Moi Health Centre(2001-8)

- Beer Sellers and IDSWs
- Sex workers
- Married WOmen (ANC)
- Men