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Update on the activities of the International Union Against Venereal Diseases and Treponematoses (IUVDT) and the Philippine Society of Venereologists, Inc. (PSVI)

The International Union Against Venereal Diseases and Treponematoses (IUVDT) is a voluntary body without political, religious and social ties. The Union aims to bring together all forces devoted to the fight against the sexually transmitted diseases (STD) including HIV/AIDS and the endemic treponematoses and to promote and coordinate throughout the world activities aimed at research, prevention and control of these diseases and to encourage its members to contribute to public health programmes for the control of sexually transmitted diseases.

The Philippine Society of Venereologists, Inc. (PSVI), duly recognized by the Philippine Medical Association renewed its link with IUVDT. It aims to promote the practice of venereology through education and practice and eventually eradicate STD and HIV transmission.

The 36th IUVDT World General Assembly was held in Singapore, 19-23 March 1995, with the 9th IUVDT (SEAWPR) Regional Conference, organized by the Society of Infectious Disease, Singapore. At the same time, the 4th World STD/AIDS Congress was held.

The 5th IUVDT World STD/AIDS, 10th IUVDT (SEAWPR) Regional Conference and the 37th World IUVDT General Assembly will be held in Melbourne, Australia on 26-28 June 1997.

On the other hand, the PSVI will hold its First Biennial Convention on STD/AIDS on 5-6 October 1995 at the Westin Philippine Plaza Hotel. The theme of this convention is: "STD/AIDS in the Year 2000". PSVI held its first post graduate course in STD/AIDS at Shangri-la EDSA Plaza Hotel, Mandaluyong City, from 29 to 30 September 1994 with more than 600 participants.

Other activities undertaken by the society were:

1. Conducted two courses of training of trainers on the syndromic approach of STD Management in collaboration with National STD/AIDS prevention and control programme, Department of Health through the technical and financial support of WHO.

2. Participated in the recently concluded, National course on STD held at Harbor View Hotel, Cebu City from 4 to 8 September 1995, sponsored by SEAMIC of Japan.