We are delighted to announce that the International Association for Adolescent Health (IAAH) 11th World Congress on Adolescent Health: Investing in Adolescent Health - the Future is Now will be held in New Delhi, India from 27-29 October, 2017, hosted by MAMTA-Health Institute for Mother and Child and the Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI), and with the support of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.

India has the world’s largest population of adolescents and will provide the perfect backdrop to the 11th World Congress, which promises to be a milestone event. The Congress will combine clinical and public health perspectives, and present new approaches and best practices that can contribute to accelerated action for adolescent health and rights, both globally and with specific reference to India and the sub-region.

We have a prestigious International Scientific Committee, supported by a National Scientific Committee, that will ensure the focus of the Congress is diverse and substantive, and appeals to a wide range of interests. Renowned experts from around the world will share cutting-edge research and experiences of providing clinical services and developing and implementing effective adolescent health interventions.

We look forward to hosting 1000-plus international and national delegates, and envisage that the Congress will provide a unique opportunity for cross-fertilization between different professional groups; and a platform to foster innovative strategies for promoting the health and development of adolescents, and improving public health now and in the future.

Delhi, the capital of India, is well suited to host this IAAH World Congress. The city’s culture and heritage is an amalgam of diverse traditions and communities. Equipped with a new world class airport and an ever expanding modern metro network, delegates will be able to experience the exciting and enchanting sight-seeing options, excursions to world famous historical sites like the Taj Mahal, shopping and multiple options for dining.

We look forward to welcoming you to the 11th World Congress on Adolescent Health in 2017!
INvolving young people
Recognizing the key roles that young people play in their own health, and in their families, communities, and countries, special attention is being paid to involving adolescents, youth and young professionals in the planning of the World Congress and the implementation of the programme.

MANY PROBLEMS, MANY YOUNG PEOPLE, MANY PLACES, MANY PARTNERS
The Congress will include a focus on:

- Adolescents’ positive development and the many problems that undermine their health, including: intentional and unintentional injuries, mental health problems, sexual and reproductive health, STIs and HIV, and health-related behaviours and conditions, such as tobacco and alcohol use and obesity.
- Different groups of adolescents, including a focus on age and gender, and on adolescents who are vulnerable and marginalized.
- A range of settings and strategies for implementing interventions, including health facilities, schools, communities, interactive media and policies.
- Engaging multiple stakeholders, such as government officials, the staff of non-governmental organizations, young people, clinicians, public health practitioners, social scientists, researchers, and the media.

DOn’T MISS OUT
In addition to the main Congress that will take place from the 27-29 October, 2017, there will be:

- Pre-Congress Skills-building Workshops on the 26 October, 2017, to take full advantage of the many experts who will be present and to provide opportunities to build capacity for improving adolescent health around the world.
- Post-Congress Field Visits on the 30 October, 2017, to provide participants with the chance to see some of the innovative developments taking place in India, including India’s new national adolescent health programme (Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram).

MARK YOUR DIARIES
The Congress website is www.IAAH2017Congress.org, where you will be able to find increasingly detailed information, about the scientific programme, key note speakers, dates for abstract submissions, early-bird registration, sight-seeing tours and much more!

ABOUT THE ORGANIZERS:
The International Association for Adolescent Health (IAAH) is a multidisciplinary international non-governmental organisation, with a broad focus on the health of young people. Its membership is composed of individuals and organizational members. The IAAH’s mission is to improve the health of adolescents and youth worldwide through advocacy, support for national and regional adolescent health associations, and capacity development.

MAMTA Health Institute for Mother and Child (MAMTA) is an Indian non-governmental organization, founded in 1990. It began working with underprivileged communities in an urban slum in New Delhi, and today works in 19 states of India on child and maternal health, HIV, adolescent sexual and reproductive health and rights and non-communicable diseases (NCDs), with growing involvement in adolescent health policies and programmes regionally and internationally.

Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) is a public-private initiative that has evolved through consultations with multiple constituencies, including Indian and international academia, state and central governments, multi- and bi-lateral agencies and civil society groups. PHFI aims to strengthen institutional capacity in the area of public health through training, research and policy development.

Conference Managers