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PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT:

**The 8th World Alliance for Risk Factor Surveillance (WARFS)
Global Conference**

October 29 - November 1, 2013, Beijing, China

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

We are pleased to announce that the 8th World Alliance for Risk Factor Surveillance Global Conference (WARFS 2013) will be held from October 29 to November 1, 2013 in Beijing, China. This conference follows a series of very interesting conferences beginning in USA (Atlanta), 1999; Finland (Tuusula), 2001; Australia (Noosaville), 2003; Uruguay (Montevideo), 2005; Italy (Rome), 2007; Italy (Venice), 2009, and Canada (Toronto), 2011. WARFS 2013 is co-hosted by the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention and the Chinese Preventive Medicine Association.

WARFS is the Global Working Group on Surveillance of the International Union for Health Promotion and Education (IUHPE). It supports the development of behavioural risk factor surveillance (BRFS) as a tool for evidence-based public health, acknowledging the importance of this information source to inform, monitor and evaluate disease prevention and health promotion policies, services and interventions. WARFS aims to (1) integrate surveillance as a tool into the mainstream of health promotion work, (2) finalise the definition and conceptual framework of BRFS that can be shared and discussed globally, (3) serve as a reference for researchers, BRFS practitioners, and countries that are developing BRFS, and (4) share findings, results and experiences with IUHPE community to facilitate the discussion regarding the role of BRFS. The IUHPE is a global non-profit organization whose mission is to promote global health and to contribute to the achievement of equity in health between and within countries of the world.

The WARFS 2013 will continue to pursue the above aims focusing on “Challenges in Developing Behaviour Risk Factors Surveillance Globally for Monitoring Non-Communicable Diseases and Social Determinants of Health”.

The conference venue is Beijing Landmark Hotel, 8 North Dongsanhuan Road, Chaoyang District, Beijing, China.

We are expecting 200 participants.

An International Scientific Committee has been set up to plan the scientific program, and the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) is taking care of the activities of the conference.

A Conference website will soon be available to provide information on the preliminary programme, registration and abstract submission. In the meantime, updates on the WARFS Global Conference can be found on the IUHPE website <http://www.iuhpe.org/index.html?page=497&lang=en>

A call for abstracts will be launched soon. Be prepared!

Please circulate this preliminary announcement to your friends and colleagues, and mark your calendar. We look forward to seeing you in Beijing in the colourful fall season.

Kind regards,

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