

Smallpox Eradication Commemoration 2010 (SEC2010)

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RECENT DEVELOPMENTS.....

-Monument – status report

The final design for the bronze statue with it focus on the “vaccination act” is currently under review by the WHO Headquarters staff and the Regional Offices. This vetting is useful and welcomed to ensure there are no surprises once fabrication is underway. The base of the statue has undergone several changes. It will reflect the continents of the world along with the Declaratory and Donors Bronze plaques. A contract with the fabricators should be signed no later than mid-May in order to meet the casting target of late 2009. There are now sufficient funds to support fabrication. However we are still awaiting the Wyeth and Glaxo-Smith-Kline pledges. Recent donations include gifts from the Tianyuan Bio-pharmaceutical Co. Ltd, in China and the Vestergaard-Frandsen SA Public Disease Control Textiles, Switzerland. Additionally, smallpox veterans have been most supportive and we thank them all. We hope to be able to share the final approved design as soon as we received the WHO clearance.

-Illustrated History - status report

Sanofi-Pasteur is supporting the completion and printing of the illustrated history of smallpox disease and its eradication. A contract has been issued and completion is underway. D.A. Henderson continues to review the text and script for the 80 page commemorative album. The recent donation by Vestergaard-Frandsen SA provides funds to ensure printing in sufficient copies in 5 UN languages. SEC2010 is working with the South African publisher, the Umlando Wezithom African Comic Production House in Johannesburg.

-International symposium "Smallpox Eradication After 30 Years: Lessons and Legacies" will be held August 24-27, 2010 at the Fundacao Oswaldo Cruz (Fiocruz), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil with support from the Wellcome Trust. SEC2010 Secretariat has sent out invitation letters to speakers along with the latest draft agenda. This agenda will be posted on the SEC2010 website once speakers have confirmed their participation. For more info contact Joel Breman and/or Ciro de Quadros.

New DVD – « Once in Afghanistan » a documentary by Jill Vickers and Jody Bergedick on Peace Corps volunteers fighting smallpox.

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DONATIONS:

Anonymous (Secretariat Operations)	\$100,000
Sanofi-Pasteur	\$100,000
Wyeth (pledged)	\$100,000
CNBG	\$100,000
Glaxo-Smith-Kline (pledged)	\$130,000
The State Serum Institute of India	\$ 50,000
Tianyuan Bio-pharmaceutical Co. Ltd.	\$ 20,000
Vestergaard-Frandsen SA	\$ 20,000
Monica & Hermen Greenberg Foundation	5,000
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Dr. Richard Greenberg, MD	1,000
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ESTIMATED COST OF PRODUCTS (Revised estimates)

Monument	<300,000 USDs
Symposium	<300,000 USDs
Illustrated History	<175,000 USDs

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Smallpox archives : <http://gde.emory.edu/smallpox>

New Book : DA Henderson’s - "Smallpox - The Death of a Disease" with a foreword by Richard Preston and a preface by David M. Oshinsky is at the publishers and will be hitting bookshelves in mid-2009.