

## BODHI NEWS archives April-June 2011

### June 2011

June 28. The Minutes from last Sunday's AGM are now available.

June 28. Our new hosting and domain services are now set up. Thanks, Charles Mason.

June 23. Will be changing our hosting and domain server tonight or tomorrow. We hope it will be okay.

June 22. Our hosting and domain server was hacked, so we will be changing to a new one. You shouldn't notice any changes. Let us know if there's a problem.

Reports 2011 from BODHI's AGM are now available.

BODHI Australia's AGM was particularly lively, with a representative selection of the BODHI community attending. Thanks Luiz, Emilia, Pennie, Piya, Shawon, Nitol and Kulottam for their physical presence and Michelle and Jane for their Skype attendance. Photos are up; reports and minutes will be posted as they are ready.

Hope to see you at BODHI Australia's Annual General Meeting, which will be held on the 19th of June from 2-5pm in the Seminar Room of the National Centre of Epidemiology & Population Health (NCEPH) at Australian National University (ANU). Email us for details.

The Gobi Bear Research Team were lucky to see a Gobi bear in the wild last month (May 2011). For photos and information, please see <http://www.bodhi.net.au/html/bearpage.html> and <http://ubbound.blogspot.com/>

Your Medical Director is on The Conversation, along with a link to his article, 'What will a four-degree climate rise mean for world health?'

Dr Manda Mune finally has received FCRA approval from the Indian government, so she can receive foreign funding for the Over 40 Women's Health Project in Pune, India. [Click here for update and new photos.](#)

Karunadeepa writes from Pune about plans for income generation among tribal people in a Pune slum: 'Last month I asked 2 girls and 2 boys who are doing their masters degree in social work to go house to house and do survey as to what the parents as well as other mothers who are at home would like to do.

'Unfortunately though we did survey of 70 families we realised that they want to work either in a restaurant to wash dishes or sell vegetables and fruits, something like this. I went there last week and talked to about 20 parents and told them that we are going to start a savings group, that is, a micro-credit scheme wherein we teach them to save a small amount every month, and if they have to borrow the money then they can do so but will have to pay 2 percent interest per month on the borrowed money. At the end of the year all the interest money is calculated and given to the 20 women who are the members of that savings group.

'This week I will be going there again and let you know the outcome of the meeting. All this takes time as the women are not literate so they cannot make their mind as to what to do.'

Karunadeepa is one of a group of women who have been doing social and educational work in the slums of Pune for the last 20 years. [Read her story in our latest newsletter.](#)

Please see [Undernourished Nomadic Tribes Children, Pune, India](#) for further information about what we are doing and how you can help.

## May 2011

May 26. Colin's UNDV presentation on living in harmony with the oceans

May 21. The latest BODHI Times newsletter is now online. So is the latest From Medical Director's Desk.

May 17. Colin has just returned from the United Nations Day of Vesak in Bangkok, Thailand, where he was the chief moderator of the environmental panel in this annual conference coinciding with and celebrating the Buddha's birth, death and enlightenment.

Conference delegates crafted the Bangkok Declaration which, among other things, acknowledges the interconnectedness of the planet and urges the international community and government to work towards eliminating poverty and economic injustice.

In his closing remarks, Colin noted some actions that are being expressed globally, such as the Earth Charter as an accessible set of principles for environmental preservation and restoration and the development and global use of new sources of alternative energy.

For photos and captions, please see Medical Director's Desk.

## **April 2011**

See Mailbag for the latest from Bio-Distributors.

Congratulations to Moanoghar School, Chittagong Hill Tracts, Bangladesh, for its USD5000 grant from Buddhist Global Relief for general education and a vegetable garden.

News and photos of 11-day training course for teachers and principals from Youth Buddhist Society-associated schools, India: see Teacher training and photos (PDF 816KB).