

## Minutes of the Meeting

**Date:** 1<sup>st</sup> July'11

**Attendees:** Kamlesh uncle, Mr Bhattacharya (Indranils dad), Indranil, Kirti, Megha, Sujit, Nandan, Poonam, Shyam, Arnav, Shreya, Vatsal and Divya.

**Akshardeep:** The funds for Akshardeep will be sent this month. This is for the period of April 2011- Sept 2011. The new MoU sent by Mrs Bapat was reviewed. Indranil and Shreya will sign this and send a copy to Mrs Bapat.

**VMS:** The people from VMS contacted Kirti regarding the utilization of funds. They had sent a proposal with the increased budget this year. After much discussion we approved the new budget and meanwhile they continued paying the teachers salaries as per the old budget. So they have funds left over from what we sent them. They asked us about the manner in which this has to be utilised. Instead of carrying it over to the next term it was decided that the money could be given to the teachers as bonus (which is anyway due to them).

In addition Kirti is talking to them regarding scholarships for deserving students. She is awaiting a proposal from them in this regard.

The field visit for this project will finally take place as we got a volunteer to do this. Mr Sachin Mehta has agreed to do this sometime after July.

**Collaborations with artists:** Poonam has volunteered to speak to her contacts in the ICCR and get information on the artists who will be visiting Switzerland and try to organize collaborations with them.

**Asha Bollywood Party:** Sujit has again taken up the responsibility of organizing the party this year. The most likely dates are 2/3 Sept'11. More information will be sent by Sujit.

Indian event Basel: We have been promised a free publicity stall for Asha at the Indian event that is to take place in August in Basel. Mr. Kakkar has to be contacted for this.

**Stall at Cricket event:** At the meeting it was discussed that we will have an Asha food stall at the cricket event. But at the Weltmarkt we realised there won't be enough volunteers for that day. So if someone is able to volunteer for the organizing of this stall, please contact Kirti. In case there are enough people we might re-consider cancelling it. The date is 23<sup>rd</sup> July.

**WAH:** It was discussed that we will have the WAH link on our website and in case someone wants to make a donation to any of the worldwide Asha projects, they can do this via our website (the link will re-direct them to the WAH page, so that the donations will not be made to Asha Zurich)

**Feedback from Students:** After we transfer the funds to the respective projects, we get yearly reports for the projects which mostly give statistics about how many students enrolled, how many dropped out etc, but we do not get any individual success stories about students who have finished school, enrolled at

universities, got jobs etc. So it was decided that the project co-ordinators will contact the on site co-ordinators and get any such information in order to help us visualise the impact Asha Zurich has not only on the project as a whole but on individuals as well.

**Swiss International School:** The students of the international school are expected to do some volunteer work as part of their curriculum. Arnav (a student) has joined us. He will work with Kirti on the VMS project (he is going to collect some statistical data for this project). In addition he will help with improvising the Asha information presentation. He will also make an effort to get more students from his school involved. He was also present at the July weltmarkt, where he helped at the stall.