

## **Report of WHO To IUIS – year 2012**

The WHO Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical diseases well known as TDR is moving its strategy towards capacity building in implementation/operational research which is quite far from basic sciences and particularly immunology. This can be shown by the few (although none) activities developed between TDR and IUIS during the last years. Link with another technical department within WHO will be, on my opinion, more useful.

Thus it seems that due to the change of TDR priorities, I am no longer the most appropriate responsible WHO officer for IUIS and I have to withdraw my responsibility on that.

Following a discussion with Dr Seppio Meri, the union wishes to maintain a formal relationship with WHO.

Thus, we have together to explore the possibility of an agreement on a collaboration with another WHO technical department. I think that WHO departments dealing with vaccines, nomenclature and reagents might possibly be interested working with IUIS. Thus, the present meeting is an opportunity to discuss and develop some criteria to identify the most WHO appropriate person/unit to collaborate with IUIS.