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Roger Bernier, PhD, MPH, Mailstop E-05, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, Georgia, 30333

Dear Mr. Bernier

On behalf of the Core Values Awards Committee, I am pleased to inform you that "The Public Engagement Project On Community Control Measures for Pandemic Influenza" has been selected as co-winner of the International Association for Public Participation's 2007 Project of the Year award. The other co-winner is the ACT Disability Advisory Council in Australia for its "Scorecard for Challenge 2014" project.

The entire Committee joins me in congratulating the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Disease, Association of State and Territorial Health Officials, the Keystone Center, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the other participating organizations for their excellent work involving both citizens-at-large and stakeholders in this national public engagement exercise. We especially applaud the CDC's leadership in showing how a federal agency can effectively include the public in its decision-making processes.

The awards will be presented at a lunchtime ceremony on Wednesday, November 14, 2007, during the IAP2 Skills Symposium in Scottsdale, Arizona. In addition to the formal presentation, Core Values Award winners will be given an opportunity to create a display about their project and discuss their work with the Symposium attendees. The plans for that event are still being worked out with the Skills Symposium committee. I will let you know the details as soon as they become available. Meanwhile, I hope that you and/or other representatives from your organization will be able to join us in Scottsdale to receive the Organization of the Year Award.

More information about the Skills Symposium can be found at www.iap2.org. Please contact me (bbriggs@iifac.org), Dina Alengi-Stortz at the IAP2's office (Dina@iap2.org, toll-free number 1-800-644-42730) or Sheri Wantland, Skills Symposium project manager, (iap2skills@msn.com, telephone 503-680-3471) if you have questions or need assistance in making arrangements to join us in Scottsdale.

Sincerely,

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Chair, 2007 Core Values awards Committee