

INTERACADEMY MEDICAL PANEL

The InterAcademy Medical Panel (IAMP) is a global network of scientific and medical academies committed to improving health worldwide. Panel activities focus on:

- Institutional collaboration to strengthen the role of all academies in alleviating the health burdens of the world's poorest people
- Building scientific capacity for health
- Providing independent scientific advice on promoting health science and health-care policy to national governments and global organisations

The IAMP General Assembly was held in Beijing from 3–6 April 2006 and attended by representatives from 35 national societies including the Academy, represented by Professor Bob Williamson. The General Assembly was held in tandem with the launch of the new 'Disease control priorities project two'. Some of the priorities agreed include:

- Projects on perinatal mortality, rheumatic fever and scientific writing for young scientists
- Network for emerging infections
- Global perspective on health care quality
- Global health seminar, held in Mexico in September 2006

The Academy's Council endorsed Professor Williamson's recommendation that the Academy should be involved in the rheumatic fever project as this is a major health problem for Aboriginal Australians and others in our region.