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## International Pain Policy Fellows

The Pain & Policy Studies Group (PPSG) is pleased to announce the selection of eight Fellows for its new International Pain Policy Fellowship program. This two-year project is funded by a grant from the Open Society Institute's (OSI) International Palliative Care Initiative.

The purpose of the Fellowship is to assist low and middle income countries to improve patient access to pain medicines recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO) for pain of cancer, HIV/AIDS and other diseases. United Nations agencies, including the WHO and the International Narcotics Control Board, have expressed concern about the low consumption of controlled pain medicines in the world, especially in developing countries.

Fellows will train with the PPSG and other international experts in Madison, Wisconsin, USA during the week of 23-27 October 2006. They will develop action plans to improve opioid availability during the next two years with technical support from the PPSG and grant support from the OSI.

The eight selected Fellows are:

1. Dr. Simbo Daisy Amanor-Boadu, MBBS, FMCA **Nigeria**
2. Prof. Snežana Bošnjak, MD, PhD **Serbia**
3. Prof. Rosa Buitrago, BS, MCPH **Panama**
4. Mrs. Nguyen Thi Phuong Cham, Pharm **Vietnam**
5. Dr. Henry Ddungu, MB ChB, M.Med **Uganda**
6. Dr. Jorge Eisenclas, MD, MSc **Argentina**
7. Dr. Marta Ximena León, MD **Colombia**
8. Mr. Gabriel Madiye, DPH **Sierra Leone**