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Announcement of New Partnership with the Connecting Health Organizations on Regional Diseases Surveillance (CHORDS)

APEIR is pleased to announce our partnership with the CHORDS, Connecting Health Organizations On Regional Diseases Surveillance.

Both APEIR and CHORDS are excited to be entering the new partnership and are committed to collaborate in the 5 proposed activities:

- 1. Co-organize and or co-fund workshops with other networks to share experience in partnership development, including successful case studies, fundraising experiences and policy advocacy.
- 2. Interact with regional diseases surveillance networks by sharing experiences in designing and implementing multi-country, multidisciplinary and multi-sectoral research projects on animal-human interface.
- 3. Consider being member of a CHORDS sub committee or Steering Committee.
- 4. Facilitate the development of regional-specific research that responds to regional needs in the context of one world, one health. For example, in collaboration with MBDS to assemble best available team of researchers to address topical issues for research on emerging infectious diseases.
- 5. Attend CHORDS meetings and invite CHORDS to APEIR meetings.

APEIR is honored to nominate Dr. Amin Soebandrio, APEIR immediate past chair, to represent APEIR on the CHORDS Steering Committee. Dr. Amin is currently the Senior Advisor on Health & Medicine, Ministry of Research and Technology, Indonesia.

We, the APEIR, look forward to a growing and productive partnership to strengthen capacity to fight Emerging Infectious Disease in Asia and worldwide.