

SEAMO FUNDING AGREEMENT EXTENDED

SEAMO received written confirmation of the extension of the SEAMO Funding Agreement. The Agreement was extended for six months, terminating on 2010 March 31. The extension was approved by the five SEAMO Signatories, following a vote of the Clinical Teachers Association in which 98% of the voters supported the extension.

Funds will continue to be provided on the basis of the original agreement. During the period of the extension, the Ministry will consider all AFP agreements and their structure, accountability requirements, and the Ministry's wish to align the various AFPs and APPs.

INNOVATION FUND REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS EXPECTED SOON

The Ministry and OMA established an Innovation Fund Provincial Oversight Committee (IFPOC). IFPOC is now preparing the guidelines for the next round of funding under this program. Details regarding the objectives of these studies and the process for submission and review are expected within the next few days.

As was the case last year, all SEAMO Physicians are eligible. SEAMO will issue its own call for proposals once the details for this competition are known. Last year, SEAMO awarded \$704,000. A similar amount is expected to be available this year.

All SEAMO physicians are asked to consider innovation projects that they may wish to submit for consideration. It is expected that the timeline imposed on SEAMO will be fairly short.