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To all WPC Full and Affiliate Member Organisations and Past Officers

World Health Organisation,
Meeting of Experts on SARS, Rome, Italy, 23-25 September, 2003

Please find attached two documents relating to the above at which WPC Executive Board member, Russ Chaney, represented WPC: -

- 1) Russ's report entitled ***WHO Informal Consultation on Risk Assessment and Management of Droplet Transmission of Microbial Pathogens with Special Reference to the Sanitation Connection of SARS CoV Transmission.***
- 2) The WHO Press Release relating to the Rome meeting entitled ***Inadequate Plumbing Systems Likely Contributed To SARS Transmission*** which can also be viewed on the WHO website at <http://tinyurl.com/sann>

These and other extensive documents relating to the Rome meeting will be uploaded to the WPC website. Russ Chaney also says: -

I am sure you will agree that WPC derived significant benefit by being represented at this meeting. I should also like to thank and recognise WPC Vice Chairman, Henry Hung, for the effort he extended on our behalf in advance of the WHO meeting by participating in the Hong Kong Government Committee that initiated a thorough review of the Amoy Gardens outbreak. Ms. Marigold Lai, Project Director, Hong Kong Architectural Services Department, referred to Henry (and by connection, the WPC) numerous times throughout the three-day meeting.

My report is self-explanatory though I would be pleased to respond to any questions you may have. Please email me direct at gpchaney@iapmo.org

I am sure all of us associated with WPC will extend our thanks to Russ and The IAPMO Group for his participation at this important meeting which has helped reinforce the link between safe plumbing and public health.

Yours sincerely,

Andy Galt

Secretary

PS: In due course we will be circulating a Provisional Agenda and an Intention of Attendance form for the WPC Executive Board meeting in Edinburgh, Scotland, on 15 and 16 April 2004.