

## **CHSJ at the Third Global Symposium on Health Systems Research, Cape Town Sept 29 –Oct 4, 2014**

The third Global Symposium on Health Systems Research (GSHSR) was held in Cape Town (South Africa) from Sept 29 –Oct 4, 2014 (<http://hsr2014.healthsystemsresearch.org/>). CHSJ was represented in the symposium through presentation of the research work of CHSJ on health systems. Totally three papers were selected for presentation - one for oral presentation and two for poster presentation. The research expertise of CHSJ were shared in different capacities by sharing experiences with other researchers and practitioners, participating in the deliberations and discussions and by anchoring COPASAH's organized sessions and by anchoring market place table of COPASAH (Community of Practitioners on Accountability and Social Action for Health – [www.copasah.net](http://www.copasah.net)).

**Paper presentation - Oral presentation:** CHSJ director, Dr Abhijit Das presented an oral paper titled 'Community based monitoring improves informed choice and quality of care of family planning services,' in the symposium **under** the theme of **Measuring and improving the accountability of health-care systems** on October 2, 2014. This session was aimed at presenting experiences of community monitoring of quality and access as a way to improve the responsiveness of health systems and their governance. The session moderator was Alayne Adams, Senior Social Scientist, International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (ICDDR, B) Bangladesh

**Poster presentation: Two posters were selected for presentation**

- Poster titled, '**Human Rights Education for Monitoring Capacity Building of Community Based Organisations (CBOs) for Accelerating State Responsiveness to Human Rights Issues of Health Care Madhya Pradesh (MP), India**' was presented by E. Premdas Pinto (Director – Research and Advocacy) from CHSJ, co-authored with Dr Abhijit Das
- The second poster titled '**Open Learning Spirals: Pedagogical Innovations for Peer Learning to Facilitate Knowledge Translation and Capacity Building towards People**

*Oriented Health Systems in South Asia'* was presented by Dr Abhijit Das, co-authored with E. Premdas Pinto.

**Anchoring COPASAH at third Global Symposium on Health Systems Research, Cape Town:**

CHSJ representing the Information – Communication of global COPASAH, anchored the activities and presence of COPASAH at the GSHSR. Some of the key activities included the following:

- **Satellite Session:** Dr Abhijit Das, director of CHSJ (India), representing COPASAH along with D. Walter Flores (CEGGS, Guatemala) made presentations on behalf of COPASAH, in association with Rene Loewenson, EQUINET, East and Southern Africa (COPASAH global steering committee members) in the satellite session held on September 30, 2014 at the GSHSR symposium. Dr Abhijit Das was one of the main speakers in the satellite session titled: 'New resources and opportunities for participatory research in health systems: Areas of focus for Health Systems Global.'
- **COPASAH organized session:** E. Premdas Pinto from CHSJ chaired a COPASAH organised session on October 1, 2014 titled: 'Building people-centred health systems through the social empowerment of marginalized populations: Moving from theory to practice.'
- **Dissemination and Solidarity:** CHSJ on behalf of COPASAH had also set up a table in the market place showcasing the knowledge products and publications of COPASAH in the GSHSR symposium at Cape Town. The dissemination materials included COPASAH Knowledge Key(a USB with all the compiled knowledge products of COPASAH, COPASAH Communiqué (Newsletter), pamphlet on COPASAH vision and mission, the exhibition of the issue papers and case-studies of COPASAH. The COPASAH table was frequented by number of researchers who took away the research materials.