



PROJECT SNAPSHOT

Launch Date

- March 2004

Target Region

- Eastern Europe and Central Asia

Key Objective

- Provide up-to-date, evidence-based HIV/AIDS information and networking opportunities to Russian-speaking healthcare and allied professionals

Key Accomplishments to Date

- More than 580 documents related to HIV/AIDS pathology, treatment, and support available electronically
- More than 3,700 downloads of EAKN resources each year
- Many texts and other materials from EAKN's resource library are available on CD-ROM free of charge
- Internet mailing list for regional HIV/AIDS specialists established in December 2005 (<http://groups.google.ru/group/EAKN>)
- Quarterly newsletter with recent or planned translations and updates launched in December 2005

Partnering to Build HIV/AIDS Capacity in Eurasia: EurasiaHealth AIDS Knowledge Network

AIHA's EurasiaHealth AIDS Knowledge Network (EAKN) is a central clearinghouse of evidence-based Russian language guidelines and other resources for health professionals working in HIV/AIDS care in Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

EAKN's expansive online catalog includes hundreds of documents and resources that have been translated into Russian and other regional languages, including many HIV/AIDS treatment guidelines from WHO and US agencies such as the Department of Health and Human Services, CDC, and the National Institutes of Health, as well as other leading international organizations.

To facilitate knowledge exchange, cooperation, and networking among HIV/AIDS experts, organizations, and patients, EAKN's Web site offers information on regional projects, funding opportunities, and conferences. Interactive discussion forums and an HIV/AIDS Community Network link scientists, community activists, government officials, and other experts working on HIV-related projects in Eurasia.

AIHA partners with the Internet project MedMir.com to provide Russian-speaking medical professionals with timely, comprehensive Russian language summaries of clinical study reports published in top international medical journals.

AIHA also works closely with other organizations active in the region to identify new resources for translation and dissemination, as well as to avoid duplication of effort. Many national, regional, and international leaders in HIV/AIDS medicine collaborate to ensure rational use of limited funds.

These efforts have led to the creation of a core document library that includes textbooks, guidelines, and other research widely recognized as the preeminent evidence-based reference material on HIV/AIDS treatment, care, and prevention currently available. Key examples include: Textbook of Pediatric HIV Care; The Pocket Guide to Adult HIV/AIDS Treatment 2007; and 2007 Medical Management of HIV Infection as well as the WHO/HHS/CDC PMTCT Generic Training Package.

EAKN epitomizes AIHA's ongoing commitment to helping improve the quality of healthcare services available to people in Eurasia by expanding practitioner access to the latest evidence-based clinical research and materials.

