Dear Dr Chan,

As requested, here is a copy of the email message sent by WHO to the medical correspondent of The Guardian in 2007. As you can see, the message states "the reports of both of these conferences were published". As I think we all realize now, this is not true.

You stated during our meeting (4 May 2011) that you would investigate this matter. We look forward to learning the results of your investigation and thank you for your interest and attention.

Best regards,

Alison Katz
For IndependentWHO

Chère Dr Chan,

Comme discuté, ci-jointe une copie du message courriel envoyé par l'OMS à la correspondante médical du journal The Guardian en 2007. Comme vous pouvez constater, le message courriel affirme que "les rapports de ces deux conférences ont été publiés". Je pense que nous savons tous maintenant, que ceci n'est pas vrai.

Vous aviez dit lors de notre réunion (le 4 mai 2011) que vous entreprendriez une investigation sur cette question. Nous nous réjouissons d'apprendre les résultats de votre investigation and nous vous remercions de votre intérêt et votre attention.

Cordialement,

Alison Katz
Pour IndependentWHO
Alison - this is the response from the radiation department at WHO, via the DG's office:

The reports of both of these conferences were published:

The 2001 Kiev Conference proceedings were published in the special issue of the International Journal of Radiation Medicine (2001, Vol 3, N1-2, ISSN 1562-1154). This journal was published at the time by WHO Collaborating Center in Kiev, the National Research Center for Radiation medicine of the National Academy of Medical Sciences of Ukraine (a few years later the Journal ceased its activity due to the lack of funding).

We have a copy of this publication in my office.

With regard to the 1995 Conference, twelve selected papers were published in the special issue of the WHO Health Statistics Quarterly journal (1996, Vol 49, N.1 - we also have a copy of this.

Any thoughts?

Sarah