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Dear newsletter recipient,

Already into the second month of 2011, the Global Health Programme (GHP) would still like to seize this opportunity to wish you all the best for this new year. We have started the 2011 with full energy and a number of exciting new projects. The focus for the year will be on a number of global health diplomacy publications, and capacity-building in global health diplomacy. On the latter, we are organising a first-ever executive course on intellectual property, diplomacy and global public goods which will be held soon (16-18 February). Registrations are now also open for our fifth executive summer course on Global Health Diplomacy. Happy reading!

THE GLOBAL HEALTH PROGRAMME IN ACTION

| GHP JOB VACANCY: PROJECT OFFICER CAPACITY BUILDING (100%)
Application deadline: 4 February 2011!

The GHP is looking for a full-time project officer for capacity building to start working as soon as possible. The project officer will work on the implementation of the GHP activities, related to training and capacity building. This includes the development of a training manual, the organisation and the coordination of executive courses in Geneva and worldwide, the conceptualisation of new training initiatives, as well as contributing to academic writing in this field. Applicants should have a master's degree or doctorate (PhD) in international relations or development studies with in-depth experiences in training and capacity building for professionals. Fluency in English is required with a good working knowledge of French. To apply, please send a cover letter, CV and samples by 4 February 2011 to: globalhealth@graduateinstitute.ch

The vacancy announcement can be found under:
www.graduateinstitute.ch/globalhealth/page6604.html

| 16-18 FEBRUARY GHP ORGANISES FIRST EXECUTIVE COURSE ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, DIPLOMACY AND GLOBAL PUBLIC HEALTH; GENEVA, SWITZERLAND |

In a joint collaboration with the Gibbons Institute of Law, Science & Technology, Seton Hall Law School, USA, the GHP offers this three-day course for the first time. The course is also offered as an advanced module to the annual executive course on Global Health Diplomacy. This new executive course has been set up in response to the increasing importance that the global community attaches to intellectual property and its implications for the state of national and global health. The course will explore current debates about health-related aspects of intellectual property from a global public health perspective. A key goal will be to develop concrete tools for implementing the World Health Organisation's Global Strategy and Plan of Action on Public Health, Innovation, and Intellectual Property.

For more information on the course, see:
http://graduateinstitute.ch/corporate/executive/trainingworkshop/s/intellectualproperty_en.html

| SAVE THE DATE: GHP ORGANISES FIFTH EXECUTIVE COURSE ON GLOBAL HEALTH DIPLOMACY; GENEVA, SWITZERLAND |

The GHP is organising its fifth summer executive course on Global Health Diplomacy. This course responds to the profound changes diplomacy is undergoing in the 21st century, with global health being one of the governance areas in which this is most manifested. The summer course will focus on health diplomacy as it relates to health issues that cross national boundaries and are global in nature, and will discuss the challenges it faces and how they have been addressed by different groups and at different levels of governance. The executive course targets applicants that include health and international relations professionals in departments of international health, health attachés, as well as staff in international organisations, NGOs, philanthropies, and the private sector. The deadline for applications is 1 April 2011.

More information on the course and the application form can be found at:

http://graduateinstitute.ch/corporate/executive/training-workshops/global-health-diplomacy_en.html

| GHP RELEASES PRESENTATIONS AND VIDEO FOOTAGE OF ITS RECENT FOURTH HIGH-LEVEL SYMPOSIUM ON GLOBAL HEALTH DIPLOMACY; GENEVA, SWITZERLAND |

"Fragile states – Analysing the interface of health and diplomacy"

The GHP has made available online text and video material of its recently organised fourth high-level symposium on Global Health Diplomacy. Guided by the theme "Fragile states – Analysing the interface of health and diplomacy", this event was organised jointly with the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. More than 200 international participants and guests from the public and private sector, as well as academia attended this conference. Excerpts from the different opening addresses, as well as the key note speeches and panel discussions of the event have now been uploaded to the GHP webpage. The power points presentations from the Symposium 2010 are also available online.

All material can now be accessed under:

<http://www.graduateinstitute.ch/globalhealth/home/page9072.html>

| GLOBAL HEALTH EUROPE PUBLISHES TWO NEW PUBLICATIONS |

Global Health Europe (GHE) will soon release two new online publications. The first is an issue brief providing an in-depth background on "The European approach to Antimicrobial Resistance: Success Stories and Challenges". The brief is written by University of Geneva Hospitals clinical researchers, Dr. Didier Wernli, Dr. Thomas Haustein, and Dr. Stephan Harbarth. The second publication entitled "Governing Global Health: is Europe Ready?" contributes to the GHE research paper series. The paper is written by Professor Inge Kaul, Adjunct Professor, Hertie School of Governance, Germany and Mr. David Gleicher, GHE Project Officer. Their work provides a breakdown of the economic global public goods theory and investigates how this relates to the governance of collective health challenges in an interdependent world.

The papers will soon be available at:

www.globalhealth europe.org

| NEW VISITING FELLOW AT GHP |

Ms. Xu Jing recently joined the GHP as a visiting fellow for a three-month exchange programme, facilitated through the Sino-Swiss Science and Technology Cooperation (SSSTC) programme, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich. Xu is a master candidate majoring in health policy and management. She holds a B.A. from Peking University and has ever since then undertaken global health research under the guidance of Professor Guo Yan and Dr. Liu Peilong. During her stay at the GHP, Xu will analyse existing global health country strategies and will investigate how such existing policy frameworks can feed into a possible similar approach for the People's Republic of China. Ms. Xu can be reached at: bcsusan2003@163.com

RECENT GLOBAL HEALTH EVENTS – OUTCOME AND ANALYSIS**| 13 JANUARY NORWAY ORGANISED CONFERENCE IN HONOUR OF RETIREMENT OF DR. SIGRUN MØGEDAL**

"Why Bother? Global Health and AIDS: Fighting for justice and equity"

This one-day conference followed three objectives: to reflect on global health, particularly HIV/AIDS; to identify crisp objectives in order to successfully tackle health challenges in the future; and to honour the legacy of Dr. Sigrun Møgedal at the occasion of her retirement. Keynote speeches were given by the Norwegian Minister of Environment and International Development, Mr. Erik Solheim; and the UNAIDS Executive Director, Dr. Michel Sidibé. The two senior policy makers drew concise pictures of the challenges in global health, and in HIV/AIDS in particular. Their interventions were followed by three panels featuring prominent policy-makers, academics and religious representatives. Professor Ilona Kickbusch delivered a speech in which she called for a new political revolution in the fight for universal access to health and social determinants of health. Underlining the political character of health, she added that it was not the universal access to healthcare that has failed but that it is the countries that have politically failed in ensuring this access. Overall, conference reflections highlighted that (1) HIV/AIDS has changed everything; (2) the concept of universality (in health) has changed everything; (3) there is a trend towards universal coverage of health; and (4) the global community has a tendency to focus on acute crisis-management at the expense of disease prevention.

| 17-25 JANUARY THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION HELD ITS 128TH EXECUTIVE BOARD SESSION; GENEVA, SWITZERLAND |

The Executive Board (EB) of the World Health Organization (WHO) recently concluded its 128th session, which explored a diverse set of critical topics, including pandemic influenza preparedness; public health, innovation and intellectual property rights; the WHO HIV/AIDS strategy; substandard medicines; as well as the future financing of the WHO. WHO Director-General Margaret Chan emphasised the need of far-reaching reforms of the WHO at the administrative, budgetary and programmatic levels. During the course of the week, the core business of the WHO was discussed, with Member States and the WHO agreeing on the WHO's leadership role in global health, its importance for humanitarian action, its normative and standard-setting strength (such as through the convening of international health negotiations), as well as monitoring health trends. While these issues remained relatively uncontroversial,

member states' opinions were more divided on the WHO's role in health and development. In addition, the WHO has set out to propose a plan for strengthening the WHO's role in global health governance, including the proposal for a regular multi-stakeholder forum first to be held in 2012, which will be further discussed at the World Health Assembly in May 2011.

**|18 JANUARY WORLD VISION INTERNATIONAL ORGANISED SIDE EVENT AT THE 128TH WHO EB SESSION; GENEVA, SWITZERLAND |
"Improving Governance for Global Health"**

At the occasion of the 128th WHO-EB session, World Vision International (WVI) organised a discussion on "Improving Governance for Global Health", assembling high-level panellists from the WHO-EB, WVI, the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, and a former African Minister of Health. GHP Director Professor Ilona Kickbusch was invited to bring an academic insight into the discussion on global health governance. The event was held against the background of the current reform discussions of the WHO on its future financing and governance. The debate was informed by a comprehensive survey which WVI recently completed with its stakeholders. The outcome of that process underlined the existence of a strong shared voice of respondents that the WHO needs to continue its leadership role in coordinating health at the national and global level. Seminar participants discussed the apparent and urgent need of the WHO to reform itself to better fulfil its constitutional role in today's changing environment of global health governance.

**|25-29 JANUARY PRINCE MAHIDOL AWARD CONFERENCE - SECOND GLOBAL FORUM ON HUMAN RESOURCES FOR HEALTH; BANGKOK, THAILAND |
"Reviewing progress, renewing commitments to health workers towards MDGs and beyond"**

The Prince Mahidol Award Conference, the Global Health Workforce Alliance, the WHO and the Japan International Cooperation Agency jointly organised this event. The conference pursued four specific objectives: (1) to report on commitments and progress made since the Kampala Declaration and the Agenda for Global Action; (2) to share country, regional, and sectoral experiences and exemplify and accelerate evidence-based action; (3) to identify new challenges and opportunities in human resources for health, based on evidence and knowledge, including building linkages between health system components; as well as (4) to nurture and build capacities for networks and alliances. The overall objective of the conference was to accelerate the global movement on human resources for health towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and universal access to essential health care.

More information on the conference can be found at:
www.pmaconference.mahidol.ac.th

**FORTHCOMING GLOBAL HEALTH EVENTS
FEBRUARY – MARCH 2011**

**|7 FEBRUARY 'SPREESTADT FORUM'; BERLIN, GERMANY |
"Health Provision in Europe"**

Professor Ilona Kickbusch has been invited to give a presentation on foreign health policy to conclude an interdisciplinary lecture series on "Health care provision in Europe". This series has been regularly organised during the course of the German academic winter semester 2010/11 to discuss different related topics. The objective of this forum initiative – that has evolved out of its successor, the so-called "Dahlemer Forum" – is to regularly invite renowned health experts from the German and European health sector.

More information on the lecture series is available in German at:
<http://www.finance.tu-berlin.de/menue/spreestadt-forum/#53286>

**|14-16 MARCH GLOBAL HEALTH METRICS & EVALUATION CONFERENCE; SEATTLE, USA |
"Controversies, Innovation, Accountability"**

This three-day event will trigger debates on how to advance the field of health metrics and evaluation. The event takes an interdisciplinary approach, in assembling different stakeholders involved in global health measurement and evaluation with the objective to share tools and methods to get a better understanding of emerging new opportunities in approaching population health measurement. Researchers, academic leaders, students, policymakers, representatives of non-governmental organisations, foundations, or country offices of health statistics, as well as from national and multi-national health organisations are invited to register for this event. The conference is organised by the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, The Lancet, the Harvard School of Public Health, the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and the School of Population Health, University of Queensland.

**|17 MARCH 'ECONOMIST CONFERENCES' ORGANISES EUROPEAN HEALTHCARE SUMMIT; GENEVA, SWITZERLAND |
"Transforming policy, systems and funding"**

Economists Conferences, the conference branch of The Economist, organises this one-day event that will bring together influential healthcare stakeholders from government, providers, suppliers and patient groups to explore key issues around healthcare reform. Participants will investigate challenging questions, such as: How to improve healthcare quality while reducing cost? What will European healthcare systems look like in 2030? High-level speakers include, Ms. Paula Risikko, Minister for Health and Social Services, Government of Finland; Ms. Zsuzsanna Jakab, Regional Director, WHO/EURO; Axel Wehmeier, Senior Vice-president, Strategic Market Health Care, Deutsche Telekom AG; and Ms. Joanna Groves, Chief Executive Officer, International Alliance of Patients' Organisations. A special discount is offered to members of Global Health Europe. Please quote "GHE/DC" in your booking process to indicate your GHE membership.

You can access the conference agenda at:
<http://eu.economistconferences.com/event/european-healthcare-summit>

CURRENT GLOBAL HEALTH DEVELOPMENTS IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

|NORWAY LAUNCHES RESEARCH COLLABORATION ON FOREIGN POLICY AND GLOBAL HEALTH|

In December 2010, Mr. Jonas Gahr Støre, Foreign Minister of Norway, participated in a panel discussion on global health diplomacy that was held at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. At this occasion, Gahr Støre officially launched a new international research collaboration that will explore the links between foreign policy and global health. The collaboration includes research institutions in five countries. The Norwegian research team includes researchers from the Fridtjof Nansen Institute; the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs; and the Centre for Development and Environment, University of Oslo. The US will be represented through its Harvard School of Public Health, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard Humanitarian Initiative and Harvard Institute for Global Health. Brazil is represented by the Center for Global Health, Fiocruz. Further representatives of the Global South include the Gadjah Mada University in Indonesia; as well as the South Africa Institute of International Affairs.

|USA AND CHINA ANNOUNCE PUBLIC-PRIVATE HEALTHCARE PARTNERSHIP|

On the occasion of the recent US state visit of the Chinese President Hu Jintao, the U.S. Trade and Development Agency, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and the U.S. Department of Commerce agreed with China's Ministries of Health and Commerce to establish a new public-private healthcare partnership. The partnership will be organised around U.S. healthcare industry strengths and government capabilities with the objective of fostering long-term cooperation with China in the areas of research, training, regulation and the adoption of an environment that will increase accessibility to healthcare services in China. Through programmes supported by the initiative, Chinese participants will gain greater access to U.S. private sector expertise and ingenuity and better awareness of new technologies and results-oriented regulatory processes. The cooperation is planned to be expanded to other areas in the future, including rural healthcare, emergency response, personnel training, medical information technology, and management systems, while also exploring ways to support other fields such as integrative and traditional Chinese medicine.

GLOBAL HEALTH GOVERNANCE 'MUST READS'

|IMPROVING GLOBAL HEALTH|

Barry B. Hughes et al.; Denver: Pardee Center for International Futures; 2010

About the volume:

Using the International Futures simulation model - a large-scale, long-term, integrated global modelling system to explore prospects for human development - this volume examines the future of local and global development prospects. The work explores questions such as: What health outcomes might we expect given current patterns of human development? What opportunities exist for intervention and the achievement of alternate health futures? How might improved health futures affect broader economic, social, and political prospects on the national, regional, and global level?

About the authors:

The volume has been released by the Pardee Center for International Futures, Josef Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver. Authors include Barry B. Hughes, Johns Evans Professor, Josef Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver and Director of the Frederick S. Pardee Center for International Futures; Randall Kuhn, Assistant Professor and Director, Global Health Affairs Program, Josef Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver; and Dale S. Rothman, Associate Professor, Josef Korbel School of International Studies and Associate Director of the Frederick S. Pardee Center for International Futures.

The volume can be downloaded under:

<http://www.ifs.du.edu/documents/p.php3download.aspx>

|AIDS AND AID. A PUBLIC GOOD APPROACH|

Diana Sonntag; Heidelberg: Physica Verlag Heidelberg; 2010

About the book:

This book takes a public good approach to provide new insights into the effectiveness of international policies with the objective to pave the way for new policy recommendations. In doing so, the work reveals the weaknesses of current anti-HIV policies, and the need for a more effective allocation of international assistance. The insights are particularly refreshing as they explicitly focus on the supply side of AIDS and therefore stand in contrast to the standard academic approach on AIDS, which derives policy recommendations from the demand side.

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