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Dear newsletter recipient,

This newsletter incorporates a different time period, thereby covering more events worldwide taking place at a similar time of the year. In particular, this edition will inform about events taking place between May and mid-July. The second half of July and the rest of the summer will be covered in a special summer edition. We hope that this change will adequately inform you about the growing interest in global health. If you wish to share any upcoming events or other global health activities, please send an email to: globalhealth@graduateinstitute.ch.

The Global Health Programmes wishes you happy reading!

THE GLOBAL HEALTH PROGRAMME IN ACTION | VACANCY AT THE GLOBAL HEALTH PROGRAMME |

The GHP is offering a consultancy position to a proven training manual expert to support the development of a Global Health Diplomacy training manual providing guidance to global health diplomacy course trainers. The consultant should have at least 5 years working experience in the development of training materials. He/She shall provide specialized input on pedagogical methods and tools, and develop standardized case studies, and interactive group exercises. The work is carried out between June – August 2010. To apply, please send a motivation letter outlining previous experience, a detailed CV, and a sample of a previously elaborated training manual chapter to: globalhealthdiplomacy@graduateinstitute.ch

For further information, please go to:
http://www.graduateinstitute.ch/webdav/site/globalhealth/shared/1894/Announcement_Consultant_Training%20Manual.pdf

| SAVE THE DATE 6-9 OCTOBER EUROPEAN HEALTH FORUM GASTEIN; BAD HOFGASTEIN, AUSTRIA | "Health in Europe - Ready for the Future?"

Global Health Europe will host a parallel forum on 'Health is global: Is Europe ready?' Please see: www.ehfg.org

| SAVE THE DATE: 29 NOVEMBER FOURTH HIGH-LEVEL SYMPOSIUM ON GLOBAL HEALTH DIPLOMACY,; GENEVA, SWITZERLAND | "Negotiating Health in the 21st Century: Global Health Governance In Fragile States"

Further information will be provided in the next newsletter edition. Please see also:
<http://www.graduateinstitute.ch/globalhealth/home/page9072.html>

| RESEARCH PAPERS AT THE GLOBAL HEALTH PROGRAMME |**Global Health Programme in Partnership with UNAIDS**

The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria (GFATM) is currently examining criteria for eligibility and prioritization of resource allocation to ensure the continuity of its HIV programmes. There is considerable amount of debate as to which prioritization mechanism is used; part of the strategizing is done by an Interagency Working Group, comprised of key stakeholders including UNAIDS. Within the scope of this work, UNAIDS requested the GHP to produce an internal discussion paper on one of the proposed mechanisms, defined as 'continuity of services', to weigh its limitations and challenges, pros and cons and map out the way forward.

Global Health Europe to Conduct a Study for European Commission

In the wake of the fifth anniversary of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC), Global Health Europe is researching on the experience and role of the EU under the FCTC. The paper is commissioned by the Section on international health and law of the European Commission's Directorate-General for public health and consumer affairs. The work analyzes the dual role of the EU as a regional coordination body and a party to the FCTC. In addition, the research seeks to shed light on potential obstacles and competing interests that have arisen among EU member states and third countries in the light of the changing role of the EU.

ANNOUNCEMENT**| 17 MAY DEADLINE FOR 2010 ESSAY COMPETITION - CALLING YOUNG RESEARCHERS |**

"Health systems research: towards universal coverage"

The first Global Symposium on Health Systems Research, together with the Global Forum for Health Research and The Lancet, announced an essay competition for young researchers on the theme 'Health systems research: towards universal coverage'. Authors must be under 30 years of age and study or work in health or a health-related field. A selection of shortlisted essays will be published in an anthology as well as on the Global Forum and Lancet websites. The publication will be launched on the occasion of the First Global Symposium on Health Systems Research taking place 16-19 November in Montreux, Switzerland.

Further information can be found at: www.hsr-symposium.org

**RECENT GLOBAL HEALTH EVENTS -
OUTCOME AND ANALYSIS****| 10-12 MARCH FIFTH MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH; PARMA, ITALY |**

The Fifth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health, organized by WHO/Europe and hosted by Italy, focused on protecting children's health in a changing environment. Member states and partners endorsed the Parma Declaration on Environment and Health. Signatory countries are to implement national programmes to provide equal opportunities to each child by 2020, by ensuring safe water and sanitation, opportunities for physical activity and a healthy diet, as well as

vowing to tackle the adverse health impact of climate change and to reduce. The Declaration also calls for placing health at the centre of socioeconomic development through increased investment in new technologies and green jobs. WHO Regional Director for Europe, Zsuzsanna Jakab, announced that a European Environment and Health Task Force and a European Environment and Health Ministerial Board would be established to further strengthen the environment and health process.

For further information, see: www.euro.who.int/parma2010

**| 04-06 APRIL DUBAI INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN AID & DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION; DUBAI, UAE |
"Global Health Challenges of Tomorrow, Impact & Response"**

The Dubai International Humanitarian Aid and Development Conference and Exhibition (DIHAD) recently concluded its seventh edition on to health challenges during crisis and disasters. The event steered attention to the Haiti earthquake, the food crisis and global warming. Organizations and associations presented their latest humanitarian activities and future programmes. As the conference participants reviewed the main trends of contemporary global health challenges, it was reiterated that global health is one of the greatest challenges of our time, but a challenge that can be addressed through a more coordinated approach and sharing medical knowledge and innovations. In addition to the conference, more than 275 exhibitors worldwide participated in the attached exhibition.

Further information can be found at: www.dihad.org

**| 19-21 APRIL GENEVA HEALTH FORUM; GENEVA, SWITZERLAND |
"Globalization, Crisis, and Health Systems: Confronting Regional Perspectives"**

This year's bi-annual conference organized sessions around the theme 'Globalization, Crisis, and Health Systems: Confronting Regional Perspectives'. The three-day event sought to identify sustainable responses to crises, which ensure comprehensive primary healthcare, access to medicines, and prevention. It also addressed the power imbalances at the origin of most social inequalities in health. GHP Senior Fellow, Dr. Nick Drager, held a working session on 'Foreign Policy, Trade and Health: Finding the Right Balance', in which he discussed the changing policy environment of global health issues, actors, and pointed out the key emerging issues within health care systems, including trade in health services. The next Geneva Health Forum is scheduled to take place in spring 2012.

**FORTHCOMING GLOBAL HEALTH EVENTS
MAY – JULY 2010****| 17-21 MAY 63rd WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY; GENEVA, SWITZERLAND |**

This year's 63rd World Health Assembly (WHA) will discuss, among other, pandemic influenza preparedness, in particular the sharing of influenza viruses and access to vaccines and other benefits, a global strategy and action plan on public health, innovation and intellectual property, and the achievement of the health-related Millennium Development Goals. Other WHA agenda items include the implementation of the global strategy

on prevention and control of non-communicable diseases, the drafting of a global strategy to reduce the harmful of alcohol, as well as the reconsideration of the draft code for international recruitment of health personnel. The GHP is a co-organizer of a side event on 'The EU Policy in Global Health - Bringing greater coherence towards universal coverage of health services'. Another side event, organized by the GHP and World Vision International, will discuss stakeholder involvement in global health.

Further information can be found on the WHA documentation page: http://apps.who.int/gb/e/e_wha63.html

| 10-11 JUNE EUROPEAN COMMISSION STAKEHOLDER EVENT; BRUSSELS, BELGIUM |

On 10-11 June, the European Commission will hold a major conference on global health, hosted by the Directorates-General responsible for Health and Consumers, Research and Development, as well as Europe-Aid. The Conference will bring together about 300 participants, among them EU Commissioners, Ministers of Health, of Research and of Development, WHO High Level Officials, as well as representatives from non-governmental organizations and other global health leaders. The High-Level conference will offer a framework for discussion on the Commission's Communication on global health, as well as a debate with key global actors on the way forward. Professor Ilona Kickbusch will present an 'Analysis of Global Health Governance – What Changes are needed to Help Save Lives'.

| 14-18 JUNE ANNUAL GLOBAL HEALTH COUNCIL CONFERENCE; WASHINGTON DC, USA |

"Deadline 2010: Global Health & Metrics"

The Global Health Council is hosting its 37th Annual International Conference to discuss global health's goals and metrics. The conference theme reflects the significance of 2010 being a landmark year for many previously established goals within the global health community. These include the 15th anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development, which had established an international agreement on universal education, reduction of infant and child mortality, reduction of maternal maternity, and access to reproductive and sexual health services, including family planning, as well as the international framework for universal access to HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and care by 2010. Professor Kickbusch is a keynote speaker at a roundtable on 'Global Health Diplomacy'.

To register and obtain more information on the conference, please go to: www.globalhealth.org/conference_2010/

| 22-24 JUNE PACIFIC HEALTH SUMMIT; LONDON, UK |

The 2010 Pacific Health Summit, co-presented by the National Bureau of Asian Research, the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the Wellcome Trust will address maternal and newborn health. The attendees are invited to discuss how to realize a healthier future through the effective utilization of scientific advances combined with appropriate politics for prevention, early detection, and early treatment of disease. The goals of the conference include,

amongst other, the reinforcement of high-level commitments to maternal and newborn health, the fostering of new collaboration and investment by engaging industry. Please note that the conference is by invitation only:

www.pacifichealthsummit.org/

| 11-14 JULY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES; ATLANTA, USA |

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is hosting the seventh International Conference on Emerging Infectious Diseases 2010 (ICEID 2010). The event seeks to highlight global partnerships in emerging infectious disease surveillance and response, global prevention, initiatives and preparedness and is co-organized by CDC, the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE), Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL), the World Health Organization (WHO), and the American Society for Microbiology (ASM). Conference sessions will address current work on surveillance, epidemiology, research, communication and training, bioterrorism and preventions and control of emerging infectious diseases, both in the United States and abroad.

Please find further information here: www.iceid.org

| 11-15 JULY 20th IUHPE WORLD CONFERENCE ON HEALTH PROMOTION; GENEVA, SWITZERLAND |

"Health Promotion: Health, Equity and Sustainable Development"

Switzerland is hosting the 20th World Conference of the International Union for Health Promotion and Education (IUHPE), one of the most important triennial events of the world's leading organizations in the field of health promotion. Attendees will discuss the state-of-the-art of knowledge and cross-cutting issues in health promotion in health and sustainable development, showcase best practice in health promotion, and initiate strong health alliances and partnerships. The GHP organizes a workshop on 'Health Diplomacy meets Environmental Diplomacy: Opportunities for Mutual Learning'. As a key speaker on 14 July, Professor Kickbusch will introduce a White Paper on 'The Food System: a prism of present and future challenges for health promotion and sustainable development'.

For further information and registration details, please see: www.iuhpeconference.net

| 12-16 JULY BROCHER SUMMER ACADEMY IN GLOBAL POPULATION HEALTH; GENEVA, SWITZERLAND |

"Measurement and Ethical Evaluation of Health Inequalities"

The Brocher Summer Academy in Global Population Health has opened registrations for graduate students and researchers in population-level bioethics. The registration deadline is 7 May. Application forms are available at: <http://www.brocher.ch>

| 18-23 JULY 18th INTERNATIONAL AIDS CONFERENCE; VIENNA, AUSTRIA |

"Right Here, Right Now"

Given the 2010 deadline for universal access set by world leaders, AIDS 2010 will coincide with a major push for expanded access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support. For further information, go to: www.aids2010.org

CURRENT GLOBAL HEALTH DEVELOPMENTS IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

| NEW GLOBAL HEALTH INITIATIVE BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN KNOWLEDGE AND ACTION |

A new international partnership that seeks to improve global health by helping to turn scientific evidence into policy and action has been established. Co-founders are the Global Health Group of UCSF Global Health Sciences and SEEK Development, a German consulting firm that provides specialized support to leading institutions in global development in the fields of strategy and policy, organizational evaluation and development. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation are providing a \$3.2 million grant for the initiative's first three years.

| BRIC MINISTERS SIGN GLOBAL FOOD SECURITY PACT |

The Agricultural Ministers of Brazil, Russia, India and China (BRIC) met for the first time in Moscow on 26 May where they adopted a global food security declaration. The four quadripartite cooperation areas include the creation of an agricultural information base system, the development of a general strategy for ensuring access to food for the most vulnerable population, reduction of negative impact of climate change on food security, and adaptation of agriculture to climate changes, as well as the enhancement of agricultural technological cooperation and innovation. To realize these common goals, the Ministers agreed to set up an expert-level working group.

The Food Security Declaration addresses the stalemate between developed and developing countries in the World Trade Organization's Doha round of global trade discussions. 'In order to promote food security, it is necessary to have a well-functioning, worldwide food market and a trade system on the principles of justice and freedom from discrimination', the Declaration says. 'Therefore speeding up the accomplishment of the WTO Doha round of talks is a primary task'. The four BRIC Ministers of Agriculture agreed to meet again in 2011.

| BILL CLINTON AND BILL GATES SUPPORT US GLOBAL HEALTH INVESTMENT AT SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE HEARING |

On 10 March Former President Bill Clinton and Bill Gates of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation testified at a Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing to discuss U.S. investments in global health. Addressing the bipartisan Senators, the two philanthropists informed about the effectiveness of global health initiatives and called for continuous governmental support for global health programmes. 'U.S. investments in fighting AIDS, malaria and other infectious and preventable diseases in underdeveloped countries save lives and play a vital role in improving America's image abroad', they said. With regards to the U.S. Global Health Initiative, Clinton urged the Senators to pass the bill. The U.S. Global Health Initiative is a \$63 billion project that seeks to develop an unprecedented government-wide U.S. global health strategy, focusing on the health challenges and needs for those in low- and middle-income countries.

| NEW GLOBAL HEALTH GOVERNANCE MECHANISM: HEALTH IMPACT FUND |

The Health Impact Fund (HIF) is a new proposal to stimulate research and development of life-saving pharmaceuticals. This new mechanism, financed mainly by governments, seeks to offer pharmaceutical companies a supplementary reward based on the health impact of their products, if they agree to sell their products at low costs. The HIF recently held a public seminar at the Global Health Programme to discuss its potential role in the global health architecture.

For further information, please see: www.healthimpactfund.org

| RECENT APPOINTMENTS |

Former Global Health Council President Dr. Nils Daulaire Appointed to Lead HHS Office of Global Health Affairs

For further information, please see:
www.globalhealth.gov/office/nilsbio.html

Dr Kevin de Cock Appointed to Head New CDC Global Health Center

For further information, please see:
www.cdc.gov/about/leadership/leaders/decock.htm

GLOBAL HEALTH GOVERNANCE 'MUST READS'

| HEALTH AND SOCIAL JUSTICE |

Prah Ruger, Jennifer, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010.

About the book:

The book elucidates the current set of ethical principles which should inform policy-making in building equitable and efficient health systems worldwide. In addition, her work discusses an alternative account, what Prah Ruger calls a health capability paradigm. According to her theory, the current set of ethical frameworks shows the limitations of existing approaches and calls for shared health governance, thereby emphasizing responsibility and choice. In this respect, Prah Ruger argues that shared values are needed to achieve social agreement for political and legal decision-making and has pragmatic advances in forging consensus and coalitions.

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