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Dear newsletter recipient,

Our fourth high-level symposium on Global Health Diplomacy is approaching and we invite you to register online for this event (see detailed information below). The one-day conference is organised in collaboration with the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. The focus this year will be on 'Fragile States – Analysing the Interface of Health and Diplomacy'. The Global Health Programme has updated its online version of the Directory of Geneva Global Health Actors. Upcoming health conferences include the WHO Forum on Urbanization and Health (15-17 November), and the First Global Symposium on Health Systems Research (16-19 November). More information on all these events can be found in this newsletter. Happy reading!

THE GLOBAL HEALTH PROGRAMME IN ACTION

[REMINDER: 29 NOVEMBER FOURTH HIGH-LEVEL SYMPOSIUM ON GLOBAL HEALTH DIPLOMACY; GENEVA, SWITZERLAND]

"Fragile States: Analysing the Interface of Health and Diplomacy"

The Global Health Programme is organising this year's annual high-level symposium on Global Health Diplomacy in cooperation with the Global Fund on Aids, Tuberculosis and Malaria. The event will focus on the political determinants of health and fragile states, exploring whether health diplomacy can play a decisive role in peace-building and state-building. Dr. Leonard J. Marcus, the pioneer of a new approach to crisis management – 'meta-leadership' –, will be the keynote speaker at the symposium. He will be joined by other prominent speakers, such as Dr. Mary Amuyunzu-Nyamongo, Executive Director of the African Institute for Health and Development; Ambassador Philip Mwanza, Director, Foreign Service Institute, Nairobi, Kenya; and Professor Anthony Zwi, Convenor, Global Health, University of New South Wales, Australia. The speakers will reflect on the forces that are

shaping health in fragile states and how global health diplomacy has the potential to tackle such dynamics.

Free online registration is still open at:
<http://www.graduateinstitute.ch/globalhealth/page9073.html>

The preliminary programme can be downloaded at:
http://www.graduateinstitute.ch/webdav/site/globalhealth/shared/1894/Symposium%202010/Programme%20symposium%202010_v10.pdf

Speakers' biographies can be consulted at:
http://www.graduateinstitute.ch/webdav/site/globalhealth/shared/1894/Symposium%202010/All%20Bios%202010_Oct%2031.pdf

|REGISTER NOW! 2011 EXECUTIVE COURSE ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, DIPLOMACY AND GLOBAL PUBLIC HEALTH; GENEVA, SWITZERLAND|

The Global Health Programme and Seton Hall Law School in the U.S. are jointly organising a three-day "Executive Course on Intellectual Property, Diplomacy and Global Public Health" to be held February 16-18, 2011 in Geneva, Switzerland. The course explores current debates about health-related aspects of intellectual property from a global public health perspective. It aims to promote the development of systems that stimulate the production of affordable drugs, vaccines, diagnostics, and medical devices for populations in which traditional market forces do not create sufficient incentives. It brings together professionals working on issues related to pharmaceutical innovation and access to medicines from ministries of health and foreign affairs, the pharmaceutical industry, international organisations, NGOs and philanthropic organisations. The deadline for applications is 20 December 2010.

Information on the application procedure can be found at:
<http://graduateinstitute.ch/corporate/intellectualproperty.html>

|DIRECTORY OF GENEVA GLOBAL HEALTH ACTORS- UPDATED VERSION 2010 NOW ONLINE|

The 2010 version of the Directory has been updated online in order to assure that it remains a practical, relevant and unique guide to global health in Geneva. In addition, a Directory of Swiss Global Health Actors is currently being assembled and will profile important Swiss global health actors outside of Geneva. Should you have any questions or suggested entries please contact: globalhealth@graduateinstitute.ch

The updated Directory can be accessed at:
<http://www.graduateinstitute.ch/globalhealth/page4135.html>

|GHP CONDUCTS EXECUTIVE COURSE ON GLOBAL HEALTH DIPLOMACY FOR SOUTH EAST ASIA|

From 18–22 October, the GHP conducted an Executive Course on Global Health Diplomacy for ASEAN Countries in partnership with the Non-aligned Movement Centre for South-South Cooperation and with support from the Government of Indonesia. The 5-day course was held in Jakarta, Indonesia and included 25 participants from all 10 ASEAN countries, mostly government officials from Ministries of Health and Foreign Affairs, but also representatives from NGOs, academia and the media. Dr. Gaudenz Silberschmidt from the Swiss Federal Office of Public Health directed the programme which led participants through a variety of case studies on health negotiations and key concepts in global health. It also focused on cooperation for global health at national level and in particular on regional cooperation within ASEAN. The course was very well received and its importance for the region acknowledged. Hence, there has been a call for an annual course to be held for the region to strengthen a comprehensive and cohesive approach to global health.

|GHP HOSTED PUBLIC LECTURE ON THE HISTORICAL EPIDEMIOLOGY OF AFRICAN MALARIA|

On 18 October, Prof. James Webb, Colby College, gave a lecture on the Historical Epidemiology of African Malaria. Malaria constitutes one of the major lethal infectious diseases in tropical Africa. Webb highlighted the complex and multidisciplinary nature of the challenges that malaria continues to pose and

questioned how new eradication initiatives compare with previous efforts to control and eradicate malaria in tropical Africa. Professor Webb is the author of the recent book "Humanity's Burden: A Global History of Malaria".

PUBLICATIONS

|GHP ADDS TWO PUBLICATIONS ON GLOBAL HEALTH DIPLOMACY|

The GHP is currently assembling a textbook on global health diplomacy. It can be considered as a pioneer initiative in the field, encompassing contributions of 20 authors that will address all key aspects of global health diplomacy and governance. Furthermore, the GHP is developing a training manual on global health diplomacy, which will be primarily used for the training of trainers of global health diplomacy courses. The content is based on the compilation of experiences from several courses on global health diplomacy around the world. Both publications are funded by the Rockefeller Foundation and will be published in 2011.

|GLOBAL HEALTH EUROPE PUBLISHES SECOND RESEARCH PAPER| "The Impact of Global Processes on Health Systems in Europe"

This study looks at the impact of global processes on European health systems, and the primary ways in which the ever-adapting forces of globalisation influence health worker migration, patient mobility and innovation. The paper describes how interdependence and responsibility are influenced by global factors and calls for national policy-makers to consider global processes in the design of national health systems. The author Göran Tomson is Professor in International Health Systems and Policy Research at the Karolinska Institutet (KI), Stockholm, Sweden. He is also a member of the Global Health Europe Taskforce.

Download the study at: http://www.globalhealthurope.org/images/stories/researchpaper_02_v3_web.pdf

|WHO REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR EUROPE PUBLISHES GHP ANALYSIS ON GLOBAL HEALTH GOVERNANCE IN EUROPE| "Challenges for health governance in Europe: the role of the WHO Regional office for Europe"

The European Office of WHO has published the executive summary of the informal consultation on "Strengthening the WHO Regional Committee for Europe: The Way Forward". The informal consultation took place 13-15 January 2010 in Glion, Switzerland. It formed part of the process of facilitating the transition process for the new Regional Director-Nominee, Ms. Zsuzsanna Jakab. Participants were invited in their individual capacity to provide different country and institutional perspectives relevant to the European region. The consultation was organized by the Global Health Programme with the support of the Swiss Federal Office of Public Health.

Read the summary here: http://www.euro.who.int/__data/assets/pdf_file/0010/124795/RC60_ebd_strengthening_execsum.pdf

RECENT GLOBAL HEALTH EVENTS – OUTCOME AND ANALYSIS

| 20-22 SEPTEMBER HIGH-LEVEL PLENARY MEETING OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY; NEW YORK, USA |

"Keeping the Promise: United to Achieve the Millennium Development Goals"

Following a proposal by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, the UN General Assembly convened for a Millennium Development Goal (MDG) Summit in September 2010 to accelerate progress towards the MDGs by 2015. UN member states agreed on the adoption of a global "Action Agenda for Achieving the Millennium Development Goals by 2015". Critics have already expressed concern that the action plan is more aspirational than action-oriented and lacks concrete steps for implementation. The UN Secretary-General also launched a 40 billion USD plan aimed at saving lives of 16 million women and children over the next five years. The launch coincided with the inauguration of an international alliance of several national development agencies and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation that aims at supporting reproductive, maternal and newborn health.

| 6-9 OCTOBER 13th EUROPEAN HEALTH FORUM GASTEIN; BAD HOFGASTEIN, AUSTRIA |

"Health in Europe - Ready for the Future"

About 580 decision-makers from more than 58 countries discussed themes, including health aging and investment in tomorrow's health workforce at the 13th European Health Forum Gastein. Global Health Europe held a forum to discuss whether Europe is ready to face new global dynamics in health. The discussion included three sessions: (1) Are European health systems ready for global forces? (2) What role does the EU play in the global health arena? and (3) European health governance. Inge Kaul, Adjunct Professor at the Hertie School of Governance, Berlin, delivered a keynote speech on "global public goods" during the closing session on European health governance. She advocated that domestic public goods can no longer be achieved through national governance alone, but only through the pursuit of public goods on the global level. Thereby, previously lost national sovereignty can possibly be regained. Other panellists included the EU Presidency, the World Bank. The global health discussions provided interdisciplinary perspectives that complemented the Forum's traditional focus on technical regional health policy issues from a medical and public health perspective.

| 10-13 OCTOBER SECOND WORLD HEALTH SUMMIT; BERLIN, GERMANY |

"Improving Medical Research and Individual Healthcare Worldwide"

Alongside this year's three themes, "Transition, Translation, Transformation", the World Health Summit conceded that medical challenges and the provision of health are undergoing unprecedented global changes. More than 1200 people from approximately 70 nations gathered in Berlin to listen to key speakers, such as Dr. Jorge Sampaio, former President of Portugal and UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy to Stop Tuberculosis (TB). The conference served as a platform for the Stop TB Partnership to release its Global Plan to Stop TB 2011-2015. The Plan identifies what needs to be done to bring rapid tuberculosis tests, faster treatment solutions, better medicines and a fully effective vaccine to the market. Ms. Zsuzsanna Jakab, WHO Regional Director for Europe, called on governments and partners to provide funding to carry out the Global Plan.

| 15 OCTOBER GENEVA MISSIONS OF BRAZIL, INDIA AND SOUTH AFRICA HOSTED PUBLIC HEALTH SEMINAR; GENEVA, SWITZERLAND |
"Falsified and Substandard Medicines: Current Challenges and Long-Term Solutions – A Public Health Perspective"

For the first time, three Permanent Missions to the United Nations and other international organisations, India, Brazil, and South Africa (IBSA), held a seminar to explore the current challenges and long-term solutions to the issue of falsified and substandard medicines. Such counterfeit drugs present an increasing set of global challenges, including medicines that are mislabelled, poorly packaged, or transported and stored with disregard for safety standards. The symposium included several high-level speakers, among them the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Health, Mr. Anand Grover, who delivered a thought-provoking speech about trafficking of counterfeit and substandard medicines. Two objectives were identified as crucial in tackling the counterfeit threat, which is particularly challenging developing countries: (1) an intensive focus on finally defining the terms counterfeit and substandard drugs in the interest of public health concerns, and (2) to bolster national regulatory capacity.

| 8-10 NOVEMBER mHEALTH SUMMIT; WASHINGTON DC, USA |

"Mobile Technologies as a Platform for Health Research and Healthcare Delivery"

The 2010 mHealth Summit emphasized cross-sector dialogues at the intersection of mobile technology, health research and policy. The conference highlighted cutting-edge biomedical, behavioural and public health research, showcased innovative hands-on mHealth technology, and explored key opportunities and challenges in mHealth research and programmes. Keynote speakers included Mr. Aneesh Chopra, U.S. Chief Technology Officer, The White House; Dr. Julio Frenk, Dean of Faculty, Harvard School of Public Health; and Mr. Bill Gates, Co-chair and Trustee, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The event was organised in partnership by the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health; the mHealth Alliance; and the National Institutes of Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

FORTHCOMING GLOBAL HEALTH EVENTS NOVEMBER – DECEMBER 2010

| 15-17 NOVEMBER GLOBAL FORUM ON URBANIZATION AND HEALTH; KOBE, JAPAN |

In the context of the WHO's 2010 campaign on urban health, the WHO Global Forum on Urbanization and Health aims to commit policy-makers and stakeholders to reduce health inequities in cities. Since 2007, more than half of the world's population lives in cities triggering new challenges of health protection. The Forum is structured around three streams: urban health challenges, intersectoral actions for urban health, and political commitment to urban health. A declaration for action is foreseen to be endorsed at conference closure. Keynote speakers include Dr. Margaret Chan, Director-General, WHO; Mr. Rai Babatunde Fashola, Governor, Lagos State, Nigeria; as well as Mr. Xiaoming Shen, Vice-Mayor, Shanghai City, China.

| 16-19 NOVEMBER FIRST GLOBAL SYMPOSIUM ON HEALTH SYSTEMS RESEARCH; MONTREUX, SWITZERLAND |

"Science to Accelerate Universal Health Coverage"

The WHO and its partners will assemble for this first symposium to improve the scientific evidence that is needed by health policy-makers and practitioners to inform their decisions related to accelerating universal health coverage. Topics that will be discussed include the sharing of research on universal health coverage, developing a global agenda of priority research on accelerating progress towards universal health coverage, facilitating greater interdisciplinary research collaboration, strengthening the scientific rigor of the field of health systems research, and identifying mechanisms for strengthening capacities. A keynote speech on "Health Systems Research for the 21st Century: The Power of Knowledge in an Interdependent World" will be delivered by Dr. Julio Frenk, Dean, Harvard School of Public Health.

More information is available at: <http://www.hsr-symposium.org>

| 22 NOVEMBER CREATING SHARED VALUE FORUM IN FOCUS; GENEVA, SWITZERLAND |

"Ensuring Food Security: What Role for Business?"

Building on the FAO World Summit on Food Security held in November 2009, this event will address critical issues pertaining to business's engagement in enhancing agriculture productivity while considering environmental impact. Business leaders, NGOs and IO representatives, as well as diplomats and academics will participate in this event. The conference is organized by Nestlé and with the participation of the Centre for International Governance, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva.

More information can be found here: http://image.exct.net/lib/fec71578746d007c/m/1/CSV_Forum_GE_Invitation_15.pdf

| 22-23 NOVEMBER INTERNATIONAL MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON HEALTH SYSTEMS FINANCING; BERLIN, GERMANY |

"Health Systems Financing - Key to Universal Coverage"

On 22 November 2010, Dr Margaret Chan, WHO Director-General, will launch the World Health Report 2010 in Berlin. On this occasion, the German Federal Government, together with the WHO Director-General and Ministers from all six WHO regions, organises the International Conference "Health Systems Financing – Key to Universal Coverage". The event will focus on the themes addressed in this year's World Health Report, including fair and sustainable health systems financing and social health protection as a means to achieve universal coverage.

Please see: www.health2010.de

CURRENT GLOBAL HEALTH DEVELOPMENTS IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

| PRESIDENT OBAMA ANNOUNCES U.S. DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY INCLUDING GLOBAL HEALTH |

"Presidential Policy Directive on Global Development"

On 22 September, U.S. President Obama signed a Presidential Policy Directive on Global Development, the first of its kind by a U.S. administration. The directive calls for the elevation of development as a core pillar of US power and charts a course for development, where diplomacy and defence reinforce and complement one another in an integrated, comprehensive approach to national security. Specifically, the new policy addresses the new strategic context for the US via three pillars: focusing on sustainable development outcomes; enhancing the effectiveness and efficiency of operations; and creating a better bureaucratic architecture which provides clear policy guidance to all U.S. Government agencies in support of common objectives. Three major initiatives reflect work already underway to implement core elements of the new development policy: Feed the Future, the Global Health Initiative, and the Global Climate Change Initiative.

| JAPAN LAUNCHES GLOBAL HEALTH POLICY 2011-2015 |

"EMBRACE- Ensure Mothers and Babies Regular Access to Care"

Following a recent Lancet article published in September 2010 introducing the new global health policy, Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs officially launched its global health policy. Entitled "EMBRACE – Ensure Mothers and Babies Regular Access to Care", the strategy provides a new assistance model to save lives of mothers and children by ensuring the continuation of care from pre-pregnancy to childhood. The policy is built on three thematic pillars: maternal, newborn and child health; major infectious diseases; and contribution to global public health emergencies, such as pandemic influenza. Japan sets out to mobilise US\$ 5 billion over five years with which the country will seek to save approximately 11.3 million children's lives. The Japanese strategy is foreseen to help achieve the MDGs as a strengthening tool for an improved global health architecture.

| AU LAUNCHES AFRICAN WOMEN DECADE PROJECT TO IMPROVE HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT |

Following last year's decision by the Heads of States of the African Union (AU) to declare the years 2010-2020 a decade of African women, the AU recently launched a ten-year long project on the African continent. The new project will address 10 different areas, including fighting poverty; promoting economic empowerment of women entrepreneurship; agriculture and food security; health, maternal mortality and HIV/AIDS; and education. To achieve these goals, the African Union announced the development of 53 projects on the continent annually to benefit women in the next 10 years. The political leadership of the project 'African Women Decade' will be provided by a ministerial committee consisting of ten ministers drawn from all African regions. AU member states have been asked to create national committees to identify grassroots projects that will be supported by the Fund for African Women.

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