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General

World Health Summit 2011: Today's Science – Tomorrow's Agenda

The World Health Summit is the annual conference held by the 'M8 Alliance of the Academic Health Centres and Medical Universities' together with the National Academics. It is one of the world's foremost gatherings of leaders from academic medicine, governments, health-related industries and non-governmental organizations to exchange views on the most pressing global health challenges. After a highly successful inaugural conference in 2009, on the occasion of the 300th year anniversary of the Charité - Universitätsmedizin Berlin, and a likewise effective following Summit in 2010 the World Health Summit is now being held annually. The main objective of the World Health Summit, meanwhile, is to address key challenges regarding medical research, global health and health care delivery with the aim of shaping the political, academic and social agendas.

Bringing together all stakeholders involved in health research and health care, the World Health Summit presents an unprecedented opportunity for constructive interactive partnerships. There is an urgent need for a cross-sectored approach and multidisciplinary research to unleash the power and creativity of academic medicine and to involve societies, governments and industries. By close collaboration in analyzing today's science and by extensively sharing international experiences and debating, we will be able to structure tomorrow's agenda.

The M8 Alliance

The 'M8 Alliance of Academic Health Centres and Medical Universities' is a collaboration of academic institutions of educational and research excellence that recognizes responsibility to improve global health and works with political and economic decision makers and civil society to develop science-based solutions for health challenges worldwide. This inter-national network gives the World Health Summit an outstanding academic background. The M8 Alliance acts as a permanent platform for framing future considerations of global medical developments and health challenges. The M8 Alliance promotes the translation of research progress from the laboratory to the bedside and to populations, the transformation of our present medical care systems treating sick people to a true "health care system" with effective prevention of diseases and the transition of health-related solutions and adaptation in our rapidly changing living conditions, including demographic changes, urbanization, and climate change as priority areas of research.



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In times of increasing globalization, adapting learning objectives and the medical curriculum to the global needs is a key challenge in medical education. Academic health centres have a social responsibility to improve the health of the populations and societies they serve. Consequently, both research and medical education should focus on population needs and priorities in order to improve health outcomes and patient care. Regarding the workforce crisis in many developing countries, it will become crucial to enhance supply and quality of health workers. For this purpose, development partners should help by providing technical assistance and co-funding national workforce strategies.

The Global Health Workforce Crisis: An unfinished Agenda

*Global Health Work Force Alliance
GIZ on behalf of the German Federal Ministry
for Economic Cooperation and Development*

An adequate and performing health workforce is required for the achievement of the health MDGs. Many health systems, however, especially in fragile countries, fall short of basic staffing requirements. Progress can be made through the concerted action of stakeholders, including civil society. Government stewardship, ownership and commitment are key. Ghana, for instance, is tackling in a systematic manner its challenges through a comprehensive health workforce strategy. Improving supply and quality of health workers, and facilitating their retention through adequate supporting measures are crucial. The integration of non-allopathic providers and gender mainstreaming require specific attention.

Development partners have an important role to play through technical assistance and by co-funding national health workforce strategies through channels that allow harmonized, long-term and predictable support. Regional networks provide an opportunity for exchange of best practices and south-south collaboration. The Global Health Workforce Alliance provides a platform for collaboration at global, regional and country levels.



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The Future of Medical Education in a Globalised World Challenges, Experiences and Solutions

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We are seeing dramatic changes in the delivery of health care in numerous nations of the world, and these coincide with changes in education and the attitudes of the learners.

Although we can be sure of little, it is certain that changes are inevitable and that the bastion of medicine needs to change.



This session raises hope that solutions are apparent. This session explored the acute need for medical systems of the developed world to ensure that it becomes a net exporter of medical knowledge and workforce to assist emerging nations; the ways in which innovative approaches to health care profession curricula can make substantial inroads into preparing a workforce ready to deliver team-based, comprehensive health care in a globalised world, and how the establishment of international standards can help communicate about health care education for the 21st century to make sure that institutions, courses and graduates remain relevant to an international, global health environment.



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Learning Objectives in Medicine: The intrinsic Quality Control

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'Learning Objectives' play a central role in the cycle of strategic curricular planning, implementation of courses, and the assessment of students. However, widely accepted blue prints harbor the risk of vague descriptions of learning outcomes which remain unfocused. The development of a national competence based on a learning objectives catalogue in medicine could be a solution to overcome such a problem. Furthermore, learning objectives can be used to track the curriculum and to ensure equitable outcomes for students, staff and institutions. Since the future generation of medical doctors will be confronted with global health issues, a stronger representation of these issues is required in the curriculum for a better understanding. Adapting the medical curriculum and its learning objectives to the global needs would represent quality control in its best sense.



Health Centers

*Association of Academic Health Centres
International*

Regarding the 'Social Responsibility of Academic Health Centres (ACH)' the major theme emerging is the driving need to better align health professions' education and biomedical and clinical research with the needs of society and population health. Specific points have been discussed.

First, how can value be obtained at the intersections of research and population health? Second, strategies to increase an institution's focus on social responsibility and methodologies to cultivate a community of clinical researchers have to be found. Finally, measuring health professions' education regarding the social responsibility of the AHC is a considerable point in this overall context. It is apparent that - despite differences in cultures, languages, economies, health systems and needs - Academic Health Centres around the world, facilitated by the growing importance and relevance of the Association of Academic Health Centres International™, are restructuring health professions' education to meet changing societal needs linking research to improved health outcomes, and transforming patient care based on population needs and priorities.



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