An umbrella of events
– focusing on a range of public health topics

WORKSHOPS
In autumn the Geneva Health Forum Scientific and Partner Committee convened 11 groups of experts, from all continents, to answer major questions on health issues.

A wide range of topics were addressed, including access to cancer treatment for children in the poorest countries, mental health in remote regions and telemedicine.

The aim of these workshops was to avoid the usual routine of many international conferences. These experts met a couple of times (through teleconferences) during last Winter, and they meet again in a closed session on 19 April, the first day of the GHF, to refine their findings and recommendations. These findings will be presented in open parallel sessions, on April 20, and in the plenary of the Forum, on April 21. The results of this work will be published after the Forum. S.P.

SUPPORT YOUNG RESEARCHERS: VOTE FOR “LES JETS D’OR DE GENÈVE”

Young researchers have been strongly involved in proposing their strategies on developing affordable and sustainable innovations in health. During the Forum you can vote or like on your smartphone or tablet (just download the App GHF 2016, available for free on Google and Apple Stores) for the best contributions and innovations.

Six “Jets d’Or de Genève” will be awarded at the Closing Ceremony. S.P.

FEDERAL CAFÉ LUNCH SESSIONS AND BREAKFAST.

The Federal Café sessions are a place dedicated to Swiss organizations, especially for non-governmental organizations (NGO) and Swiss Foundations. The objective of these 30 minutes sessions is to introduce simply a topic or an initiative and to openly discuss and debate about it.

The lunch and breakfast sessions take 90 minutes and are designed in line with the spirit of the Federal Café: they allow participants to discuss new global health perspective in an open debate.

Today, you can for example join the Federal Café session “Déclaration de Berne – Globalization of clinical trials: how to ensure that the same ethical and regulatory standards are applied everywhere?” , given by the NGO AidinfoPlus that works on improving ethical rules when medical studies are done by Swiss companies in southern countries. We recommend you to keep an eye on these sessions: they may for sure be a good way to establish a community of shared interest with people from all around the world. S.P.

GHF 2016: Looking for affordable & sustainable health!

This year the Geneva Health Forum is celebrating its 10th anniversary with a new theme: affordable and sustainable innovation in health care.

A theme that was naturally selected by Karin Gross (Foreign Office, Switzerland), member of the GHF Scientific and Partner Committee (SPC), explains it: “This year’s event is the first since the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals.”

In line with the traditional mission of the Geneva Health Forum that aims at bringing together professionals from many backgrounds and sectors from all over the world, this edition has been designed to face a challenge “to accelerate the process of a more equitable distribution of the financing and benefits from innovation in global health, to encourage research and development capacities in health in all countries, especially those where populations are the most in need to achieve their right to health” as underlined Prof. Dominique Speybroeck (University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland, member of GHF SPC).

The World Health Summit has been appointed as guest of honour, in order to support the 2016 event to be “an effective contribution for local, national, and global health development processes within the frame of the SDGs” as Marcel Tanner from the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute, Basel, Switzerland acknowledged (P.2). Workshops have been designed (P.4) and Tomorrow’s Affordable Hospital (P.1) has been simulated and constructed as a vast show case of affordable and sustainable healthcare innovations (with 60+ demonstrations).

This year’s iteration promises to highlight the role of Geneva as the global health policy hub. It will certainly provide an opportunity to meet with a wide range of multi-stakeholders. S.P.

Details of the exhibition can be found online: http://bit.ly/1qGqBYW
The World Health Summit session on Migration & Innovation will review the role of key stakeholders such as researchers, entrepreneurs and politicians to discuss how to improve health care practices.

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