7th World Health Summit Regional Meeting
Tehran University of Medical Sciences
KISH ISLAND, I.R. IRAN | 29 - 30 April 2019
The first modern center of medical training in Iran was founded in 1851. It was a part of the Institute of Higher Education (Dar-ol-Fonoon). The School of Medicine was established as a part of University of Tehran in 1934. After the Islamic Revolution, medical schools and departments associated with medical fields were separated from the Ministry of Higher Education and were taken under the administration of the Ministry of Health, Treatment, and Medical Education. Since 1986, all those schools of University of Tehran which specialize in medical fields have carried on their activities independently as Tehran University of Medical Sciences (TUMS). TUMS is the oldest and most well-known medical center in Iran, nationally as well as internationally. TUMS, as one of the country’s top research universities, accepts applications from the most qualified students. It also has the largest schools of advanced technologies in medicine, allied medical sciences, dentistry, medicine, nursing and midwifery, nutritional sciences and dietetics, persian medicine, pharmacy, public health, rehabilitation, and virtual school in Iran.
TUMS has many teaching hospitals: Imam Khomeini, Sina, Shariati, Vali-e Asr, Amir Alam, Ziyian, and Baharloo are general and referral hospitals; Children’s Medical Center and Bahrami Hospital are TUMS pediatric centers; Farabi Hospital is a special center for ophthalmology; Razi Hospital is devoted to dermatology; Roozbeh Hospital is a center for psychiatry; Arash and Moheb-e Yas are special hospitals for gynecology, obstetrics and infertility; Tehran Heart Center is a cardiology center; and Cancer Institute, as the name suggests, specializes in cutting-edge cancer research and treatment. In addition, TUMS has excellent sports facilities for academics and students. These factors, along with the abilities and drive of its specialists, have made TUMS an important center with a notable reputation in the region and Central Asia.
M8 Alliance and World Health Summit

The M8 Alliance of Academic Health Centers, Universities and National Academies is a unique network of 25 globally pioneer academic institutions from 18 different countries. The M8 Alliance acts as an academic think-tank for the World Health Summit (WHS) and is committed to improving global health and working with political and economic decision-makers to develop science-based solutions to health challenges worldwide. As the most prestigious and leading medical university in Iran, Tehran University of Medical Sciences (TUMS) has been elected as the 24th member of the M8 Alliance during the World Health Summit in 2016 in Berlin-Germany.

Since launched in 2009, the WHS has brought together stakeholders and decision-makers from every field in the healthcare spectrum to exchange with experts from academia, industry, politics and civil society. Attracting up to 3,000 participants and a wide range of stakeholder groups from all over the world, the event takes place annually in the German capital Berlin. The World Health Summit traditionally enjoys the high patronage of the Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, the President of the French Republic, and the President of the European Commission.

Held annually in spring, the World Health Summit Regional Meeting is organized by the Co-President of each respective year. Tehran University of Medical Sciences will be hosting the 7th WHS Regional Meeting in April 2019 on Kish Island, I. R. Iran.
WHS Regional Meetings

- May 8-9, 2017 Montreal
- April 19-20, 2018 Coimbra
- April 19-21, 2016 Geneva
- Mid-October Annually Berlin
- April 29-30, 2019 Kish Island, Iran
- April 13-14, 2015 Kyoto
- April 8-10, 2013 Singapore
- April 6-8, 2014 Sao Paulo
Kish Island: Jewel of the Persian Gulf
Kish is an island located in the Persian Gulf, south of Iran and 1,500 kilometers to the capital city of Tehran. The island is a famous tourist attraction with state-of-the-art facilities for both leisure and business enterprises.

As a free trade zone, nationals of most countries do not need a visa to travel to Kish. The island enjoys beautiful climate and nice weather during April and is house to a modern and well-equipped convention center located on the wonderful seaside.

Though small in area, Kish has many tourist attractions. The Greek Ship is the remains of a 1943 cargo steamship. Another attraction is the ancient underground aqueduct, known as the Underground City, that was built about 1,000 years ago for purposes of transportation and water supply across different parts of the island.

Other attractions include the beaches, which have a bluish tint, and the long shoreline that sees many tourists visit during the winter. The water is so clear that fish can be seen swimming in the sea all year long.
Monday April 29, 2019

8:30
Welcome and Registration/Opening Ceremony

10:00
Coffee Break/Acquaintance/Group Photo

10:30
Climate Change and Health
HTA/New and Expensive Drugs
Aging and Geriatric Medicine
War, Conflict & Sanctions/Challenges for Global Health
Neglected Epidemics: The Role of Oral Public Health to Advance Global Health

12:00
Lunch

13:00
Plenary I: Health in Uncertain Situations

14:00
Networking in Medical Education
Road Accidents and Traffic Injuries
Nutrition and Healthy Life Style
Air Pollution and Health
Emerging & Re-emerging Diseases

15:30
Coffee Break

16:00
Plenary II: Sustainable Health Development / UHC & NCDs

17:00
Social Event/Free Time/Optional Kish Tour
Tuesday April 30, 2019

8:00  Plenary III: Sustainable Health Development / Climate Change and Air Pollution

9:00  
- Integration of Medical Education
- Social Mobilization and Health to Reach UHC/Health Transformation Plan
- Mental Health & Substance Abuse
- Disasters & Vulnerable Population

10:30  Coffee Break

11:00  
- E-health
- Strengthening Essential Surgical Systems
- NCDs for Sustainable Development Goals
- Displacement / Migration and Refugees

12:30  Lunch

13:30  Plenary IV: Global Health in Transition

14:30  
- Medical Ethics and Professionalism
- Traditional and Integrative Medicine and Global Health Challenges
- M8-Alliance Student Network
- Mass Gathering and Health

16:00  Coffee Break

16:30  
- Water and Health
- Retaining Human Resources in Health Transition/Brain Drain
- Healthy Cities
- Universal Health Coverage (UHC)

18:00  Closing Ceremony

19:00  Free Time
Organization
- 2 Days
- 4 Plenaries
- 26 Parallel Sessions
- 100 Speakers
- ≈ 700 Participants
Accommodation
- Dariush Grand Hotel
- Shayan Grand Hotel
- Vida Grand Hotel