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Montreal prepares to host a major international conference on global health

Montreal, March 22, 2017 — Université de Montréal and the Montreal Clinical Research Institute are gearing up to host some of the top names in global medicine at the 2017 World Health Summit, May 8 and 9 at the Palais des congrès de Montréal. Among the over 800 attendees will be Doctors Without Borders international president Dr. Joanne Liu, an UdeM associate professor and one of several keynote speakers at the event.

Held for the first time in North America, the Summit is an important rendez-vous of the [M8 Alliance](#), a global network of academic leaders in health education and research, based in Berlin. Under the theme *Health and Healthcare Delivery in Pluralistic Societies*, this interdisciplinary conference will focus on the question of human diversity in health practice, education, research and public policy. Subjects will include the health of First Nations people and migrants, healthcare quality and patient safety, and the evolution of the role of physicians and other health professionals in society.

"Globalisation, immigration, socioeconomic disparities, lifestyle differences and culture are all factors that influence health and healthcare in societies like ours that are pluralistic and open to diversity," said Summit president Dr. Hélène Boisjoly, dean of medicine at UdeM. "And we believe that as academics attending this event, our mission must be to address this vital question of diversity and deepen our understanding of the issues."

Over 80 speakers and 800 researchers, physicians, industry representatives, decision-makers, government officials and representatives from civil society will attend the two-day event with one goal in mind: to discuss the most significant health challenges our society will face over the coming decades.

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