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H.E.L.P. 98: Health Emergencies in Large Populations.

HELP is for people who want to develop or improve their skills in providing health services to refugees and displaced persons in developing countries.

This year the course will be held twice in the USA: July 6- July 24 at the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, Baltimore, and July 13-31 at the University of Hawaii School of Medicine, Honolulu. Sponsors are the

International Committee of the Red Cross (Geneva), the American Red Cross and the Pan American Health Organization (WHO). The interactive course limited to 25 persons each, and is taught through case studies, simulations, exercises, and group discussions, all of which are facilitated by experts in the field of humanitarian assistance.

Topics covered include planning health services, food and nutrition, environmental health, control of communicable diseases, epidemiology in emergency situations, International Humanitarian Law, ethical issues in providing relief, and coordination of services. At the end of the course participants will have a basic understanding of how to conduct assessments for specific emergency situations in the field, carry out a general or a specific assistance health program for a displaced population, foresee and plan for the possible extension of immediate assistance projects into development programs, supervise and conduct a team in the field, develop a common approach to provision of services among humanitarian organizations

Applications for this interactive course, which is limited to 25 people, are invited from those who need skills in providing care or managing health services for refugees, internally displaced persons or victims of wars and disasters.

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The International Health Section of APHA is calling for

nominations for candidates for office in the IH Section in
1998. This year, the International Health Section must
elect:

- A Chairperson-Elect, who assumes office as Chairperson
for a two-year term beginning in 2000
- A Secretary-Elect, who assumes office as Secretary for a
two-year term beginning in 2000
- Four Governing Councilors, who serve two-year terms
beginning in December 1998.

- Two Section Councilors, who serve three-year terms beginning in December 1998.

Anyone interested in running for any of these offices, or who has suggestions of APHA IH Section members who might be approached to run, should contact Lani Marquez or Nancy Pielemeier, Co-Chairs of the IH Nominations Committee.

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Subject: Discussion Forums - 12th World AIDS Conference

What will ten thousand people from around the globe
talk about when they meet for the 12th World AIDS
Conference in June 1998?

Around ten thousand people are expected to take part in

the 12th World AIDS Conference in Geneva. But many thousands more people affected by, working on or interested in HIV & AIDS will not be there to benefit from the discussions, or to add their own experiences, views and questions.

For the first time at a conference of this kind, electronic mail and the Internet are being called on to bring us all together from different corners of the world to take part in the discussions leading up to and during the conference.

This is your chance to take part and bring your voice onto the International agenda.

Discussion forums on current and contentious HIV-related issues have been selected by the global NGO networks organizing the Community Rendez-Vous and Symposia sessions at the Geneva Conference. The topics covered are:

- Human rights
- Immigration and HIV/AIDS
- Networking among people living with HIV or AIDS
- Sex work
- Access to treatment and care
- Community-based research
- and an information service for journalists/media organizations.

and other diseases during the building of the Panama Canal. The GMI has a long history of fostering research and disease control in Panama and Central

America. Since moving to new headquarters at the William Gorgas Center for Geographic Medicine in the University of Alabama at Birmingham, GMI is continuing to pursue its goal of fostering research and training in tropical

disease problems through support of collaborations between investigators working within this region and in the United States. To this end, the GMI will sponsor fellowships, to be managed and awarded by the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, to fund collaborative investigations, as well

as short-term visits of young investigators between research institutions within Mexico, Central America, the Caribbean Islands, and northern South America (Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Guyana, Suriname, French Guiana and Brazil) and the United States. The Gorgas Memorial Institute Fellowship

program is intended to allow young scientists within this region the opportunity to acquire new techniques or develop new approaches for the study

and control of tropical diseases, and to establish new scientific linkages for the purpose of initiating cooperative studies and programs.

Eligibility: Applicants should have Ph.D. or M.D. level training in a relevant field. Exceptions may be made for outstanding candidates with demonstrated equivalent expertise. They should be citizens or permanent residents of Panama, the United States, or one of the countries of Central

America or the Caribbean Islands, and hold a position at a research, medical, public health or teaching institution in that country. Their participation in this program must be endorsed by their home institution. Fellowship applicants should be no more than 40 years of age, although exceptional cases may be considered.

Financial Arrangements: Fellowship awards will generally not exceed \$25,000

to cover the total costs of round-trip travel, housing and supplies required

for a project of no more than three (3) months duration. The number of fellowship awards made annually will be contingent on availability of funds,

but it is the intention of the program to make at least two awards each year.

Awards will be made directly to the applicant, and will be monitored through

the Secretariat and the GMI Fellowship Committee of the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene.

Application Procedure: Applications should be submitted by August 1, 1998,

and must include the following:

- 1) A proposal of no more than three (3) typewritten pages in length,

describing the research goals of the project, the methods or plan of action,

and the relevance to the health problems of Central America and Panama.

2) A curriculum vitae of the applicant, and copies of no more than five (5)

of the applicant's recent publications chosen on the basis of relevance to the

project and/or significance to the field.

3) A letter from an appropriate administrative official of the applicant's

home institution endorsing the project and verifying that the travel period will be considered as official duty by the institution.

4) A letter from the collaborating investigator at the host institution

indicating his/her willingness to participate in the project, specifying his/her role and any special facilities to be provided, and including a curriculum vitae.

5) Documentation that the project has been reviewed and approved by the

appropriate institutional committees if the project to be funded deals directly with human or animal subjects.

INQUIRIES SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO:

Gorgas Memorial Institute Fellowship Program
American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene
60 Revere Drive, Suite 500
? Northbrook, IL 60062

5. BECTON DICKINSON/ASTMH FELLOWSHIP
IN TROPICAL MEDICINE AND TROPICAL PUBLIC HEALTH
APPLICATIONS DUE BY AUGUST 1, 1998

Objective: This award supports a one-year postdoctoral fellowship to provide field experience in endemic areas for individuals who are currently working on tropical infectious disease-related research in the U.S. The project plan should include at least six months of work by the fellow at the overseas site.

Background: As described several years ago in a study on The U.S. Capacity to Address Tropical Infectious Disease Problems conducted by the National Research Council and Institute of Medicine, tropical diseases continue to be major world health problems. "The U.S. has humanitarian, scientific, public health and international security interests in reducing the incidence and impact of suffering from tropical diseases, but tropical diseases fall

outside

the mainstream of health concerns in the United States. Special skills and training in tropical health are essential for maintaining competence in this

field." Furthermore, the study pointed out that "only through collaborative

relationships in research and training in biomedical science, clinical work and public health and disease control will U.S. specialists develop the firsthand experience they need, to be able to contribute strongly to disease

treatment and prevention." Even so, opportunities to obtain training in tropical medicine within endemic areas are limited. The Becton

Dickinson/ASTMH Fellowship will support studies on the basic science, epidemiologic or clinical aspects of tropical medicine and tropical public health to be carried out in endemic countries by individuals working on related research in the U.S. The overall goal of this program is to provide

interested scientists and clinicians with an opportunity to apply their expertise and gain new experience concerning tropical disease problems in the

context of their direct public health importance to people living in these regions. The collaborative arrangements between U.S. and foreign scientists

and institutions should be mutually beneficial.

Eligibility: Applicants should have Ph.D. or M.D. level training in a relevant field. Candidates should be members of the American Society of

Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (membership application may be submitted with the grant application), and should be willing to present the results of their studies orally at the annual meeting of the society.

Financial Arrangements: Fellowship awards will not exceed \$28,000 to cover the total costs of round-trip travel, housing and supplies required for a project. The award will be contingent on availability of funds, but it is the intention of the program to make one award each year. Awards will be made directly to the applicant's home institution, and will be monitored through the Fellowship Committee of the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene.

Application Procedure: Applications should be submitted by August 1, 1998, and must include the following:

- 1) A proposal of no more than five (5) typewritten pages in length, describing the research goals of the project, the methods and plan of action, and the relevance to tropical public health. If the project involves clinical research, the applicant should supply information describing access to relevant patient populations.
- 2) A curriculum vitae of the applicant, and copies of no more than three (3)

of the applicant's recent publications chosen on the basis of relevance to the project and/or significance to the field.

3) A letter from an appropriate administrative official of the applicant's home institution endorsing the project and verifying that the travel period will be considered as official duty by the institution.

4) A letter from the collaborating investigator at the host institution indicating his/her willingness to participate in the project, specifying his/her role and any special facilities to be provided, and including a curriculum vitae.

5) Documentation that the project has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate institutional committees if the project to be funded deals directly with human or animal subjects.

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CHRISTIAN CONNECTIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL HEALTH (CCIH is a group of individuals and institutions interested in international health from a Christian perspective. It was founded in 1987 by people involved in the National Council for International Health who wanted to have additional research and dialogue on the international health activities of Christian churches and missions. It serves the spectrum of Christians involved in international health by providing field-oriented information resources and a forum for service, discussion, networking and fellowship.

In many countries churches and other faith-based institutions play a major role in health service delivery. CCIH objectives include to:

- a) encourage collaboration between church-operated health programs and national governments and donor agencies,
- b) promote efficiency and effectiveness in church supported health programs,
- c) encourage increased resource flows to well-run church programs by national governments and donors, and
- d) encourage Christian health professionals and churches to participate more actively in health policy formulation in national governments and international institutions.

Check out the CCIH web site at www.ccih.org.

Publication: "THE CCIH FORUM" offers articles, stories, reports on good practices, and news. It is distributed free, although contributions (both monetary and articles) will be welcome. For more information or a sample

copy of The CCIH Forum, write Connie Gates, CCIH, PO Box 291, Carrboro, NC 27510, or send her an e-mail at Connie_Gates@Ecunet.org.

CCIH ANNUAL CONFERENCE: JUNE 27-28: This year's annual meeting will be a retreat at Well Spring, just outside Washington, DC, on June 27 and 28, immediately after the NCIH conference. It will be a time of interacting and sharing among professionals involved in international health, learning from one another, and reflecting on and examining the challenges, motivations, contributions, and spiritual journeys of Christians working in global health. Cost - \$65 (less for students and anyone who cannot afford it). For additional information or to register, contact Raymond Martin, 1817 Rupert St., McLean, VA 22101; Phone (703) 556-0123; Email MartinRS@aol.com.

CCIH PARTICIPATION IN THE NCIH CONFERENCE: This year's NCIH conference theme on mobilizing communities and constituencies is highly relevant to CCIH interests. We have a panel of five presentations on different aspects of the subject, "Churches Mobilizing Communities for Global Health." We are working on organizing an auxiliary session on "Faith, Development, and Global Health." We plan to have open Worship and Prayers before each days activities at the conference. Finally, a CCIH booth in the NCIH exhibit hall will describe CCIH work and mission. On Wednesday evening before the conference, June 24, we plan to have a "getting to know CCIH" session open to anyone, the curious as well as the committed. One topic will be a discussion to identify the ten most pressing issues in international health from a Christian perspective. We hope to commission studies and publish

papers on these subjects. Contribute your ideas whether or not you can attend the meeting. Contact Raymond Martin (address above.) For more information about the NCIH Conference contact Claire Segawa <ncih@ncih.org> 202-833-5900 x 204.

This year NCIH is working with dozens of institutions and interest groups nation wide to produce "Local-Global Health Forums". The purpose of these forums is to provide networking opportunities for health and medical professionals in each US state, and to begin the process of educating the public and US policy makers on the need for improving global health conditions and how achieving specific international health and development goals will benefit local US communities.

We invite you and your colleagues to consider hosting such an event in your city or state before the elections this year. NCIH will provide you with a manual for organizing an event, possible speakers in your region on a variety of topics, and support materials to help you document specific local health benefits. Once an event is scheduled NCIH will work with the endorsing organizations below to get the word out to their members in your city or state. If you have questions or would like an email overview of the manual send a message to <chuck@ncih.org with your requests.

Endorsing Organizations (as of 3-16-98)

1. Academy for International Health Studies
2. Adventist Development and Relief Agency
3. Advocates for Youth
4. Africa Policy Information Center
5. American Association for Health Education
6. American Association for World Health
7. American College of International Physicians-Texas Chapter
8. American College of Nurse Midwives
9. American College of Preventive Medicine
10. American Nurses Association
11. American Public Health Association
12. Andean Rural Health Care
13. Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology
14. Association of Reproductive Health Professionals
15. Association of Schools of Public Health
16. Center for Development and Population Activities (CEDPA)
17. Coalition for American Leadership Abroad
18. Constituency for Africa
19. Doctors of the World
20. Global AIDS Action Network
21. Helen Keller International
22. Institute for Alternative Futures
23. International Eye Foundation
24. International Institute of Medicine
25. MAP International
26. Medical Care Development
27. Medical Technology & Practice Patterns Inst. WHO Collaborating Ctr for

Health Technology Assessment

28. Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF)/Doctors Without Borders-USA
29. Microbe Virus Vector Monitor
30. Minnesota International Health Volunteers
31. National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges
32. National Center for Health Education
33. National Council for International Health
34. National Peace Corps Association
35. National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) International
36. New Jersey Medical School National Tuberculosis Center
37. NSF/WHO Collaborating Center for Drinking Water Safety and Treatment
38. NSF/WHO Collaborating Center for Food Safety
39. Pan American Health Organization
40. Princeton Project 55 Tuberculosis Initiative
41. Project HOPE
42. ProMED, Federation of American Scientists
43. Public Health Foundation
44. Relief International
45. RESULTS

The purpose of these forums is to:

1. Provide a networking opportunity for professionals in your community or state who are committed to progress in international health and development efforts.
2. Identify tangible local benefits from improving global health

conditions. And,

3. Generate local media coverage that will shift local public opinion and local federal policy makers to more favorable attitudes for an adequate US budget for achieving development assistance goals.

Forum topics might include:

PAHO, WHO and USAID as important to US national security as NATO, CIA and DoD:

US Economic Benefits to improving global health: Trade, Tourism, Taxes and Lessons Learned. (Creation of US jobs as a result of healthier trading partners resulting from broad based development; Increased tourism to the US; Creation of US jobs as a result of imports or exports directly related to US health and medical industry: Pharmaceutical export of drugs and medicines, imports of genetic resources and testing results; Reduction of US Health costs as a result of: Fewer US citizens encountering health and medical problems on their travels;

Reducing US health costs with Third World health efforts: ORT: (Reduced treatment cost and chance of infections from IVs), Local health promotion/education, Global Disease Eradication efforts (Polio, Measles ?), Global Disease control efforts (TB, Malaria, Dengue ?); Reduction of US military costs: Fewer instances US Military actions in the world, Reduction of health threats to US military when they travel.

If you would like more information on hosting a forum please give us a call.

Take care,

Chuck

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Quote for the week:

Free, educated and healthy people are the key to social cohesion.

Brian Atwood, USAID Administrator