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IMPROVING ACCESS TO HEALTH:
LEARNING FROM THE FIELD

Concept Paper of the GHF Academy

Background

The Geneva Health Forum (GHF) brings together Swiss and International participants from all sectors of Global Health to understand and address topics that cannot be solved by one sector alone. Similarly, the GHF Academy highlights the innovative approaches of experts in Global Health at an international level and offers training to researchers in targeted subjects during the pre-conference day. Around 60 post-graduate researchers from all healthcare sectors (medical doctors, biologists, nurses, midwives, pharmacists) are invited to represent their Universities of all over the world.

The GHF Academy content is developed using the same principles that inspires the GHF:

- Improve healthcare access, especially for low-income areas
- Establish a critical and constructive dialogue between all global health actors
- Promote the link between policy and practices
- Take part in the dynamism of Geneva international in the field of health

By linking the most important experts, ideas and technologies across several disciplines, the GHF Academy gives a unique opportunity to the participants to have direct access to new health challenges, tools and solutions.

Objectives

With a multidisciplinary insight, the GHF Academy aims to help early career researchers to discover innovative approaches in a rapidly changing world through:

- Promoting excellence, new technologies, and innovative training in healthcare
- Giving opportunity and visibility to talented researchers

- Creating new links between researchers from different Countries
- Engaging international professionals, researchers, policy makers, and academia actors in sharing their most innovative training in global health
- Exposing participants to the work of international organizations in health and opening the road to successful research with innovative solutions

Participating Universities

With the aim of reaching healthcare academics from all parts of the world, the GHF Academy seeks to spread learning materials and open the door to new research via targeting universities such as:

- Universities of the M8 Alliance:
    - Charité University in Berlin
    - Coimbria Health in Portugal
    - Imperial College & London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine in UK
    - Istanbul University, Turkey
    - Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, USA
    - Kyoto University Graduate School of Medicine, Japan
    - Makerere University, Uganda
    - Monash University, Australia
    - National University of Singapore
    - National Taiwan University, Taiwan
    - Sapienza University of Rome, Italy
    - Tehran University of Medical Sciences, Iran
    - University Sorbonne Paris Cité, France
    - University of Geneva, Geneva University Hospitals, Graduate Institute Geneva, Switzerland
    - University of Montreal, Canada
      Montreal Clinical Research Institute, Canada
    - University of São Paulo, Brazil
    - InterAcademy Partnership (IAP) for Health
    - World Federation of Academic Institutions for Global Health (WFAIGH)
    - Association of Academic Health Centers International (AAHCI)
    - Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences, Peking Union Medical College, China
    - Russian Academy of Medical Sciences, Russian Federation

- Universities strategic partners of UNIGE
    - University of Princeton
    - University of Sydney
    - University of Keio
    - University of Yonsei
    - The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
    - University of Zurich
    - University of Montreal (G3)
    - Université Libre de Bruxelles (G3)
    - Haute école spécialisée de Suisse occidentale (Alliance Campus Rhodanien)

- Université de Lausanne (Alliance Campus Rhodanien)
- Université Grenoble Alpes (Alliance Campus Rhodanien)
- Université de Lyon (Alliance Campus Rhodanien)
- University Cheikh-Anta-Diop in Dakar, Senegal
- University Felix Houphouit-Boigny in Abidjan, Ivory Coast
- University of Yaounde, Cameroun
- Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia
- University of Cape Town, South Africa

- Universities of SSPH+ in Switzerland
  - University of Basel
  - University of Lugano
  - University of Bern
  - University of Neuchâtel
  - University of Geneva
  - University of Zurich
  - University of Lausanne
  - University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Southern Switzerland
  - University of Lucerne
  - Zurich University of Applied Sciences

- Harvard University in USA, Khyber Medical University in Pakistan, University of Heidelberg in Germany and Tsinghua X-Lab in China

Selection process and Structure of the GHF Academy

Students will be selected by their universities on the basis of the thematic of the GHF 2020 (Call for contributions). We expect about 40 universities as per the list provided above. Each university will send one or two research students from relevant fields along with an accompanying teacher who will be given the opportunity to provide training in an innovative field of Global Health during the academy. The universities will also have the opportunity to promote one of their most popular courses at the event.

Besides those offered by selected teachers, training sessions and workshops will also be conducted by experts from targeted healthcare organizations, including:

UNITAR: Experts in innovative training activities for the UN will offer a Workshop on Collaborative Leadership for Global Health. With a strategy fully focused on achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2030 this training will be very beneficial for researchers on innovative strategies for the future of Global Health and Interoperability

WHO: The WHO Health Emergencies Program assigned a Training Task Team to coordinate the learning and training process in order to enhance the knowledge, skills and attitudes in an emergency scenario. The WHO Health Emergencies Program workforce will provide a high-quality training framework that leads to learning and its application.

MSF ultra sound: The knowledge of ultrasound has become indispensable for practicing physicians. Ultrasound control requires basic knowledge and the acquisition of spatial and psychomotor techniques. This training offers a solution that integrates didactic courses, hands-on training, and simple, effective and relevant knowledge assessment.

Wikimed- Internet-in-the-Box: A training to provide Wikipedia and other medical-related content via physical media. It is primarily for distribution in places where access to the Internet is limited or controlled. The device includes software which creates a Wi-Fi hotspot that offers closed platform access.

Trainings also on **Simulation for Emergency handling, Obstetric Manikin, Kobocollect, Epi Info**, and many others on innovative tools and informatic systems for healthcare will be on the agenda (including the ones proposed by Universities). For all the benefits expected in this innovative training event, some sessions of the GHF Academy will also be open to interested healthcare professionals, participants of the main GHF conference (at extra cost to them).

Networking of these students, teachers, NGO experts, and other participants of the GHF Academy will be particularly supported with activities such as a **Geneva Bus Tour** at the end of the training day including guided visits to the champion institutions in healthcare around the city (WHO, the new Global Health Campus for GAVI, Global Fund and UNITAID, ICRC etc.). Besides the tour and lunch sessions, students can work together during the three days of the conference on projects and challenges defined on the first day of training and get the opportunity to present results in an academic session to be held on the closing day of the conference. The goal of the GHF academy is not only to provide training but also to create a growing network of academics and policy makers who will continue to work together for innovative practices in the field of Global Health.

A fee of 100 CHF will be paid by students to attend the GHF Academy and this will entitle them to all other sessions of the full conference during the three days that follow (normal fee 300 CHF). Mechanisms for travel grants may apply with certain conditions for a limited number of participants coming from LMICs, please contact us for more details.

The agenda of the GHF Academy will be sent to all participants once the shortlist of courses is selected based on the number of registrations for each (ideally three months prior to the event).