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Dear newsletter recipient,

This year, the Global Health Programme (GHP) will record and build on the wealth of new ideas, perspectives and lessons learned from the process of developing the field. Three publications will be forthcoming in the near future. These are a textbook on global health diplomacy, a training of trainer's manual and a case study book. The purpose of these publications is to support capacity building in the emerging field of global health diplomacy. The textbook aims to serve as a learning tool for students and professionals, the training manual as a guide for trainers to teach the curriculum, and the case study book as a complement for in-depth examples of key global health negotiations. Furthermore, an online course will be developed to render the curriculum accessible to an even broader audience.

Happy reading!

THE GLOBAL HEALTH PROGRAMME IN ACTION

| OPEN REGISTRATION: 21 - 25 JUNE 4th EXECUTIVE COURSE ON GLOBAL HEALTH DIPLOMACY |

The GHP still accepts registrations until 2 April for its 4th Executive Course on Global Health Diplomacy, which is scheduled to take place 21-25 June, 2010. The annual summer course focuses on health diplomacy as it relates to health issues that transcend national boundaries and are global in nature. The target audience includes health attachés; health and international relations professionals in departments of international health ministries of foreign affairs and development co-operations; and staff from international and regional organizations; NGOs; philanthropic organizations; universities and the private sector.

For registration details, please go to:

http://graduateinstitute.ch/corporate/executive/trainingworkshops/global-health-diplomacy_en.html

| PRIYANKA KANTH JOINS GHP AS RESEARCH ASSOCIATE |

Priyanka joined the Global Health Programme in January 2010 as a full-time research associate. In her function she will mainly assist Dr. Nick Drager in his GHP-affiliated research projects, such as tracking health-specific negotiations or the coordination of a book on Global Health Diplomacy. She is also the teaching assistant of his graduate course on "Global Public Health – Current & Emerging Issues", which will be taught during this spring semester at the Graduate Institute, Geneva.

Priyanka, an Indian native, holds a dual Msc. degree in Health Policy, Planning and Financing from London School of Economics & Political Science and from London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. She previously worked at an NGO, at the MDR-TB Partnership (public-private partnership by Eli Lilly & Co on Multidrug-resistant Tuberculosis), and at

the IP-cell of a generic drug company in India.

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| GHE PROPOSES COMMON AGENDA FOR GLOBAL HEALTH AND FOREIGN POLICY TO NEW EU HIGH REPRESENTATIVE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND SECURITY POLICY |

In a recent letter to Baroness Catherine Ashton, EU's new High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Global Health Europe (GHE) welcomed the EU's support for the UN Resolution on "Global Health and Foreign Policy" (A/RES/64/108) on 10 December 2009. In particular, the letter asks High Representative Ashton to bring European Member State Foreign Affairs representatives together with the European Health Community in order to discuss the creation of a common agenda for health and foreign policy.

GHE invites you to put forward your suggestions for a common European agenda on Global Health and Foreign Policy. Please join the discussion at: www.globalhealth europe.org

RECENT GLOBAL HEALTH EVENTS – OUTCOME AND ANALYSIS

| 18-23 JANUARY 126th WHO EXECUTIVE BOARD; GENEVA, SWITZERLAND |

The recent 126th WHO Executive Board (EB) discussed the topics pandemic influenza preparedness; sharing of influenza viruses and access to vaccines; public health innovation and intellectual property; international recruitment of health personnel; and strategies to reduce harmful use of alcohol; among others.

In the wake of alcohol becoming a key global health concern, a resolution on the strategies to reduce the harmful use of alcohol was passed by the EB. The resolution provides member states flexibility to develop and implement alcohol-reduction policies to meet their needs. The progress will be monitored through the EB at the 66th World Health Assembly (WHA) in 2013.

A global code of practice is foreseen to be produced on international recruitment of health personnel. The issue will be discussed at the 63rd World Health Assembly in May. Further items that will be discussed at the upcoming WHA include the discussion of a future Public Health Innovation and Intellectual Property Global Strategy.

| 27-30 JANUARY PRINCE MAHIDOL AWARD CONFERENCE; BANGKOK, THAILAND |

"Global Health Information Forum"

This year's annual conference launched a "Call for Action" on Health Information Systems (HIS) to fully support and recognize that HIS strengthening is critical to improving global health. The Call for Action serves to strengthen the G8 commitment of July 2008 on Health Systems Strengthening focusing on Health Information Systems, Human Resources for Health and Health Care Financing. The conference was successfully convened in a collaborative effort through the

Health Metrics Network and the Prince Mahidol Award Conference Committee, with the support of the World Health Organization, the World Bank, the Rockefeller Foundation and other partners.

For further information on the conference outcome, please see: <http://www.pmaconference.org/>

| 27-31 JANUARY WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM ANNUAL MEETING; DAVOS, SWITZERLAND |

"Improve the State of the World: Rethink, Redesign, Rebuild"

In response to the world recession of 2009, this year's conference presented an interdisciplinary and systemic view of the major economic, political, societal and technological dynamics and challenges present worldwide. Answers were sought on what industry and government should do to lead the global economy towards sustainability and job growth in 2010.

This year's conference also marked the 10th year anniversary of GAVI – The Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization, which had been launched at the World Economic Forum with the help of a US\$750 million donation from the Gates Foundation. Since 2000, GAVI support has reached more than 250 million children and saved five million lives. Praising GAVI's success story at this year's conference, Bill and Melinda Gates called for a "decade of vaccines" and announced that their foundation would commit \$ 10 billion over the next 10 years to help research develop and deliver vaccines to the world's poorest countries. The GAVI Alliance could hereby play a key role.

The Bill and Melinda Gates Press conference is available here: http://www.livestream.com/worldeconomicforum03/video?clipId=pla_0a5ad43d-be31-42e8-b924-79b5fd46885e

FORTHCOMING GLOBAL HEALTH EVENTS MARCH – APRIL 2010

| 10-12 MARCH FIFTH MINISTERIAL MEETING ON ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH; PARMA, ITALY |

The fifth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health, organized by the World Health Organization (WHO) and Italy, reflects the next milestone on the European environment and health process, which is now in its twentieth year of existence. The conference will focus on protecting children's health in a changing environment and seeks to drive Europe's agenda on emerging environmental health challenges.

Since the Fourth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health in 2004, the countries in the region have made progress towards four goals: protecting health through safe water and adequate sanitation; ensuring safety from injuries and better health from adequate physical activity; improving respiratory health through clean indoor and outdoor air; and safeguarding health from chemicals and through strong labour standards. This year's conference will review these developments in a broader context by including socioeconomic and gender inequalities, extreme climate events and recent financial constraints.

For more information on the conference, please go to:

<http://www.euro.who.int/parma2010>

|04-06 APRIL DUBAI INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN AID & DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION; DUBAI, UAE|
"Global Health Challenges of Tomorrow: Impact & Response"

The seventh Dubai International Humanitarian Aid and Development Conference and Exhibition (DIHAD) will be held under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates and Ruler of Dubai. Focusing on "Global Health Challenges of Tomorrow, Impact & Response", the conference will address major health problems that occur during humanitarian challenges, in addition to attracting more attention to the recent disasters and crises, such as the Haiti earthquake, the food crisis, and global warming.

The DIHAD conference aims to contribute to the further enhancement of technically sound and principled international humanitarian and development assistance. It seeks to build bridges between various actors and countries from around the globe engaged in addressing the needs of those affected by crises, disasters or the adverse effects of under-development.

For further information, please see: www.dihad.org

|09-11 APRIL 19TH ANNUAL GHEC CONFERENCE + 1ST LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN CONFERENCE ON GLOBAL HEALTH; CUERNACAVA, MEXICO|
"Alliances for Global Health Education: Learning from South-South Collaboration"

The National Institute of Public Health, Mexico - member of the Consortium for Global Health Diplomacy that is steered by the GHP – will host this year's three-day conference. The event seeks to "reflect the vibrancy and variety of Global Health Programs" through the region and will analyze the differences between South/South collaborations and traditional North/South alliances, as well as examine successes and obstacles to effective functioning of these partnerships.

Founding member of the Consortium for Global Health Diplomacy, Prof. Paulo M. Buss, will be the key note speaker of this event. Other high-level speakers include Dr. Mirta Roses, Pan-American Health Organization; Consortium member, Professor and co-director of the Joint Degree Program (PhD) in Global Health at San Diego State University, Prof. Tom Novotny; as well as Former Secretary of Health, Mexico and Dean of Faculty Public Health and International Development at the Harvard School of Public Health, Professor Julio Frenk; amongst others.

For further information on speakers and topics of the conference, please visit:
<http://globalhealthedu.org/events/alliances/>

|19-21 APRIL GENEVA HEALTH FORUM; GENEVA, SWITZERLAND|
"Globalization, Crisis, and Health Systems: Confronting Regional Perspectives"

In the wake of the current economic downturn and its arising threats and challenges, the Geneva Health Forum 2010 aims to identify sustainable responses to crises, which ensure

comprehensive primary healthcare, access to medicines, and prevention. It also addresses the power imbalances that are at the origin of most social inequalities in health.

The various conference sessions will cover topics such as "Health threats and access to health at times of crisis"; "Health governance and policies"; "Trade, markets, and health"; and "Health information, training, and technologies", among others. Professor Iona Kickbusch will chair a plenary session entitled "Global Health Governance: Lost in Translation?" on 20 April.

The bi-annual Geneva Health Forum is a joint initiative between the Geneva University Hospitals; the Faculty of Medicine, University of Geneva; and the major international organizations active in health in Geneva and around the world.

For further conference details, please go to: www.ghf10.org

CURRENT GLOBAL HEALTH DEVELOPMENTS IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICS
|IMPLEMENTATION OF THE US GLOBAL HEALTH INITIATIVE|

The US Government has issued a consultation document that serves to accumulate input from informed observers on the implementation roadmap of the Global Health Initiative. The consultation shall open a dialogue among the US Congress, partner countries, civil society organizations, governments, the private sector, as well as multilateral and international institutions. The open process seeks to give relevant input on the implementation roadmap of the Global Health Initiative, which will be refined and finalized.

Through the initiative's framework, the United States will invest \$63 billion over six years to help partner countries to improve health outcomes through strengthened health systems – with a particular focus on the health of women, newborns and children.

For further information, please see the consultation paper at:
http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/global_health/

|CANADA'S PRIME MINISTER STEPHEN HARPER CALLS FOR GLOBAL HEALTH CARE ACTION|

At this year's World Economic Forum in Davos, Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced the priorities Canada will focus on as presiding country over the G8 and G20 this year. As the first country to host both events within the same year, Canada will champion a major initiative to improve the health of women and children in the world's most vulnerable regions.

Living in a global environment loaded with complex daunting threats, Harper called for the need of the G8 to assume a global leadership role. While the world's economic crisis triggered much immediate help and action from the states which led to relief, similar action needs to be translated over to other policy areas, such as global health. What is needed to tackle today's health challenges is "merely the same unity of purpose that we can find within ourselves readily when disaster strikes, as it recently did in Haiti. Or when the problem is one of trade,

finance or the economy.” The Prime Minister uttered his hopes that other G8 countries would join him in the country’s mission to alleviate the health situation of the world’s poorest.

GLOBAL HEALTH GOVERNANCE ‘MUST READS’

["GLOBAL POLITICS AND HEALTH"]

Davies, Sara; Cambridge: Polity Press; 2010

About the book:

This book calls for a more nuanced understanding of the nature of the current global health crisis and the political dilemmas faced by those responsible for the development and implementation of responses to it. By charting these debates and showing how they shape the way actors think about key issues relating to health, such as people movement, infectious disease, the business of health, and the consequences of war, this volume provides an innovative and comprehensive introduction to health and international relations for students of global politics, health studies and related disciplines.

About the author:

Sara Davies is Lecturer in International Studies in the School of Justice, Faculty of Law, at Queensland University of Technology. In the context of her current global health research, she already published a book entitled “Global Health Issues. The Politics of Health”.

["SECURITY AND GLOBAL HEALTH: TOWARD THE MEDICALIZATION OF INSECURITY"]

Elbe, Stefan; Cambridge: Polity Press; 2010

About the book:

This book demonstrates how contemporary international politics are no longer characterized by its preoccupation with a single disease, but by its need to urgently confront what is now an “epidemic of epidemics”. Over the past decade many different global health issues have raised the highest levels of political concern, provoking governments and international institutions to tackle such health threats through security approaches. This intersection between health and security has provoked the world society to change the traditional idea of what security means and how it is achieved. Elbe argues that this changing notion of sovereignty has started to shape a “medicalization of security”.

About the author:

Stefan Elbe is Professor in International Relations at University of Sussex. His research interests include international security, bio-security, health security, pandemics, the global politics of disease, and the international politics of HIV/AIDS.

["THE CHANGING NATURE OF GLOBAL HEALTH INSTITUTIONS"]

PLoS Medicine publishes series of four articles on Global Health

This project formed part of a larger programme led by the Harvard University’s John F. Kennedy School of Government and analyzes the global health system as to: (1) what functions must an effective global health system accomplish? (2) what kind of arrangements can better govern the growing and diverse set of actors in the system to ensure that those functions are performed? and (3) what lessons can be extracted from analysis

of historical experience with malaria to inform future efforts to address them and the coming wave of new health challenges?

The first article calls for a new thinking on how practical reform of our complex global health system can improve its ability to deal with issues regarding agenda-setting, resource-flows, sustainable research, monitoring and evaluation, as well as lessons-learned. The second article reflects on the essential characteristics of functioning national health systems and argues that the biggest challenge facing global health is to be reconciled with the national health level. The third article draws on key lessons from malaria in order to demonstrate how the evolved global health system can integrate the research development and delivery of health interventions. Finally, the fourth article presents conclusions regarding the project’s three central questions and concludes that an effect global health system must accomplish at least five core-functions: agenda-setting, financing and resource allocation, research and development, implementation and delivery, and monitoring, evaluations, and learning.

For further information on the articles, please go to “Policy Forums” at:

<http://www.plosmedicine.org/article/info%3Adoi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.pmed.1000183#s3>.

["EVENT REPORT "NOBEL FORUM SEMINAR ON THE EU AS A GLOBAL HEALTH ACTOR"]

In follow-up to the Nobel Forum Seminar on the EU as a Global Health Actor, co-organized by the Swedish EU Presidency, the Karolinska Institute, and Global Health Europe, a hosted project of the Global Health Programme, the event report has been made available online. The one-day conference that took place on 4 December 2009 in Stockholm, Sweden enabled more than 80 participants from the EU and abroad to gather questions and raise opinions on the added value the EU can provide on global health. The event was held at a crucial point of time where the European Commission has been working on a new Communication on the role in Global Health, which is envisaged to be adopted by the European Council of Ministers in June 2010.

The event report is available at:

http://www.globalhealtheurope.org/images/stories/PDF_Links/event_report_v7_web-1.pdf

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