



**International Geneva  
Directory of Geneva Global Health Actors**

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**BACKGROUND AND MISSION**

The Faculty of Medicine is one of the nine faculties of the University of Geneva. It is involved in the teaching of undergraduate medical students as well as the specialist training of postgraduate medical students. It also has about 250 research groups working in the fields of human medicine, clinical medicine and dental medicine on a wide range of projects. As well as teaching, the faculty runs numerous research programmes, with an emphasis on life and physical sciences, as well as social and economic sciences. Attached to the Faculty of Medicine, the Institute of Global Health was founded in January 2014 as a transformation of the former Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine. This transformation was decided by the University of Geneva as a continuation of efforts to develop academic global health given the unique location of Geneva in the field. The creation of the Institute of Global Health was inspired by a shared commitment to foster academic Global Health at the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Geneva.

**AREAS OF INTEREST**

- Teaching (undergraduate and postgraduate) in medicine and global health
- Medical research on clinical, dental and essential medicine
- Development cooperation
- Training and research in mental health (WHO CC)
- Vaccine immunology (WHO CC)

**HEALTH-RELATED ACTIVITIES**

The Institute of Global Health provides Master and Doctoral degrees as well as shorter education programs and certificates. It organises public events and lectures on a broad range of topics related to global health, and facilitates collaboration between health actors in Geneva. The Faculty of Medicine provides undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral degrees and conducts research that helps advancing the health of global and local populations. The Faculty of Medicine and the Institute of Global Health are also deeply involved in the organisation and facilitation of the Geneva Health Forum, and work in close collaboration with the University of Geneva Hospitals. The Geneva Health Forum is a European and international platform for all actors involved in global health to meet every two years at its conference, and via its online network. It provides an interactive and dynamic platform for multi-stakeholder discussions and debates on the complexity of global health and access to healthcare. Emphasis is placed on giving an equal voice to the vast range of actors in the field, from policy-makers to actors on the ground. GHF aims to link policies and

guidelines to actual field practices by encouraging integrated approaches and responses to global health challenges.

Find more about the GHF here: <http://ghf2016.g2hp.net/>

Regarding its activities as a WHO Collaborating Centre - the Unité de Recherche clinique et sociologique, Département de Psychiatrie - in providing technical contribution to WHO research, training and technical tools development activities, collecting, compiling and disseminating information on mental health and substance abuse and planning and implementing education and training activities in the area of mental health and substance abuse, the Département de Pédiatrie et de Pathologie provides WHO with technical expertise in vaccine immunology, supports in translating research on optimal immunization schedules and strategies and supports in vaccine immunology training.

#### **GOVERNANCE AND STAFF**

The Faculty of Medicine is headed by a dean and six vice-deans. The dean is Prof. Henri Bounameaux. The Institute of Global Health employs 36 staff members, including the Director of the Institute, Prof. Antoine Flahault.

#### **FUNDING SOURCES AND BUDGET**

A Swiss public university, the University of Geneva is mainly funded by the Canton of Geneva. National and member societies pay membership fees based on their per capita membership. Regional and specialty member societies pay fixed member fees. Total income varies by year due to income from the congress, which is only held every three years. Total income in 2015 was USD 45'641.

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