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Welcome from the Associate Vice President, Faculty of Health Sciences, International Health

The International Health Office is home to a growing interconnectedness in the world. Experts at McMaster University are sharing their knowledge with cultures and countries as diverse as South Africa, Pakistan, the United Arab Emirates, Ethiopia, Japan and China. Globalization is accelerating interdisciplinary collaborations. Faculty recently introduced the McMaster concept of small group, problem-based learning (PBL) to South Africa and Brazil and developed partnerships with China to help bring evidence-based models of Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) to Canada.

Internationally, McMaster is recognized as a leader in the development of global collaborations, which often involve distinct learning and teaching environments.

The realization that McMaster has both the obligation and privilege to take health education off campus, beyond national borders and into every corner of the world, was the genesis for the International Health Office. The impact that poverty, disease and epidemics have on population health – be it HIV/AIDS in Africa or SARS in Toronto – varies from country to country and culture to culture. However, the determinants of health are the same, with the needs of people differing more in scale than in detail. We have much to teach health professionals around the world and even more to learn.

The International Health Office works closely with all departments in the Faculty of Health Sciences – medicine, nursing, rehabilitation sciences and midwifery. Its goals are broad and include increasing capacity building in higher education, hosting international delegations, creating opportunities for visiting scholars from abroad and engaging in select international activities and initiatives. Our mission is “to commit university research and education to the service of people’s health worldwide, for the mutual benefit of science, health, clinical practice and human development.”

The academic year 2009-2010 has been particularly exciting. We have continued our historic work in nurse education with the Aga Khan University in Pakistan. We have also developed a new, unique 12-month Master of Science in Global Health Program in partnership with Maastricht University in the Netherlands. It is the first Canadian-European partnership of its kind. Students have the option of one semester at each university. They also have the opportunity to work in a low- or middle-income country. Collaborations are being arranged in India and Thailand.

Other highlights of the past year include:

- The signing of a memorandum of understanding between McMaster University and North West University in South Africa. Collaborations over the next five years will see McMaster faculty assist North West develop its capacity in nursing education and research, post graduate education and faculty development.
- Visiting scholars from Japan, Pakistan and the United Kingdom completed portions of their doctoral and post doctoral work at the International Health Office. An associate clinical professor, with international post-doctoral fellowship experience, from the Department of Anesthesia at McMaster University worked closely on the Master of Science in Global Health program.
- The fourth annual International Interdisciplinary Summer Institute hosted 17 participants from South Africa, Hong Kong, Brazil, Taiwan, Spain and Portugal.

As our activities have been expanding to include the creation of an innovative global health program and collaborations with internationally renowned educational institutions, we are pleased to announce the International Health Office will soon change its official name to the Global Health Office.

Welcome



Our activities are developed in accordance with the following four perspectives — customer, internal process, learning and growth and financial, which were developed by the Faculty of Health Sciences International Health Office, Strategic Business Plan.

- **Customer Perspective:** All of the activities outlined in this report relate directly to the International Health Office's customers. We match researchers and academics from the faculty, and partner universities with donor and funding agencies interested in International Health.
- **Internal Process Perspective:** We are always working to streamline international research and education in the faculty. We update our website frequently, provide project assistance through consultation, development and management services, and seek funding opportunities for international proposals. We are in the process of the creation of an international strategic opportunities program to further improve the process.
- **Learning and Growth Perspective:** We are aware of the unceasing efforts necessary to increase the faculty's capacity for international health research and will continue to provide strong leadership worldwide, building capacity and expanding our network. We make direct links between learning and growing our "Capacity Building in Higher Education" and "Faculty Education" reports.
- **Financial Perspective:** Our goal is to have all operations financially sustainable. The majority of activities over the past year have involved continued visits, discussions and negotiations to build toward financial sustainability. To increase the overall profile of our work and build support beyond a project-by-project model, we publicize our international activities and projects on the web.

We also have a new interactive website at <http://fhs.mcmaster.ca/globalhealthoffice/>. We encourage everyone to participate in engaging discussions through our new social media tools - the Global Health Blog and Mac Global Health on Facebook.



Dr. Andrea Baumann, Associate Vice-President
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MISSION

To build a partnership between the Faculty of Health Sciences researchers, educators and clinicians, funding agencies and global development initiatives to commit university research and education to the service of people's health worldwide for the mutual benefit of science, health, clinical practice, and human development.

Please read further for details on how our work in the International Health Office enriched the knowledge and experience of Canadian researchers and academics, while building capacity for better health, knowledge and practice around the globe.

Capacity Building in Higher Education



BRAZIL

Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro, Partnership in Medicine Capacity Building

Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio), also known as the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro, is seeking partnership with McMaster University's School of Medicine for capacity building in medicine. PUC-Rio is an established university with two hospital settings, and beginning preparations to establish a medical school within the next 2-3 years. The university has approximately 12,000 students and well-developed faculties of science and engineering that will support the medical school. On June 11, 2009, Dr. Andrea Baumann met with Dr. Rui Haddad, Professor of Thoracic Surgery, to discuss this partnership. Dr. Haddad is interested in pursuing McMaster University's educational offerings focused on evidence-based medicine, problem-based learning (PBL), and the International Interdisciplinary Summer Institute for Interdisciplinary Education.



CANADA

Mount Royal University, Calgary Alberta

McMaster Midwifery Education Program provided guidance and support to Mount Royal University in facilitating their midwifery curriculum. Mount Royal University is interested in purchasing three courses from McMaster's midwifery education program including reproductive physiology, pharmacotherapy, and life sciences for clinical practice. Meetings were held on February 3, 2010 to discuss curriculum purchase agreements as well as workshops/training, lectures, and course materials.



JAPAN

Niigata University Educational Seminar 2010

The International Health Offices at McMaster University and Mohawk College collaboratively hosted faculty and students from Niigata University for the fourth consecutive year. Nine students participated in the week-long educational seminar from March 24-31, 2010, including: seven nursing students, one radiology student and one medical laboratory student. The visit included educational sessions and site visits to the Institute for Applied Health Science, Centre for Simulation Based Learning and the Michener Institute, Toronto. This provided a rich experience to compare healthcare education and delivery systems.



Niigata University students engaged in simulation technology at the Centre for Simulation Based Learning



THE NETHERLANDS

Maastricht University, Master of Science in Global Health

Dr. Andrea Baumann and Dr. Delsworth Harnish, Professor and Assistant Dean, Master of Science in Global Health, participated in the accreditation process at Maastricht University (May 2009). The six-member European panel reviewed the Master of Science in Global Health program, collaboratively offered at McMaster University and Maastricht University, by assessing the integration of students' learning with real life experiences, faculty background and the development and delivery of the courses. Planning meetings included discussions about the formation of an international Advisory Board that will be comprised of senior individuals from non-governmental organizations and global health experts. In order to obtain sponsorship for the program, follow-up meetings will be held with the Red Cross, Department of Foreign Affairs, Phillips Corporation, Johnson & Johnson, and the Global Health Network.

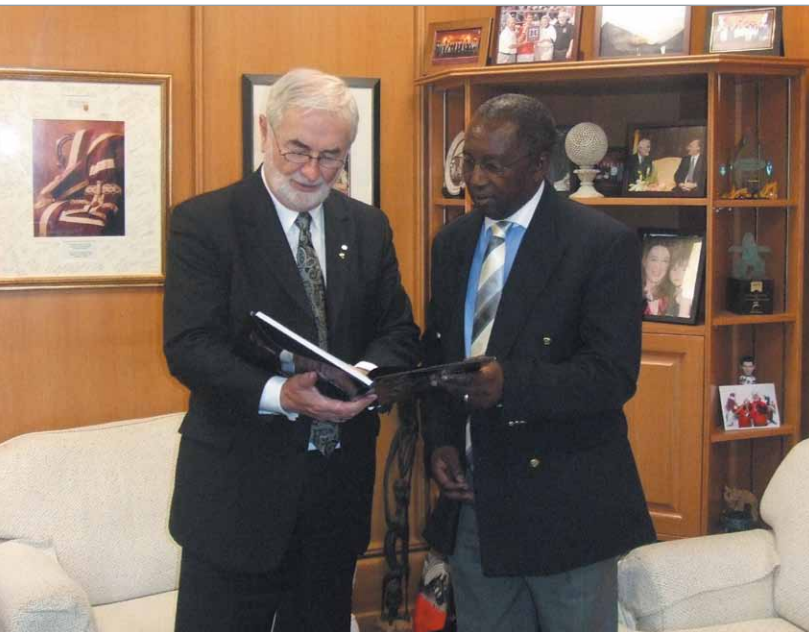
- a. **Master of Science in Global Health Program Approval** – The Master of Science in Global Health program was approved (Ontario Council on Graduate Studies) in December 2009 with the following field specializations: Globalization and Development, Global Health Management, and Global Diseases. One hundred and twenty three applications were received for the program. Marketing began in January and twenty-nine students have been admitted to commence autumn 2010.
- b. **Planning Meetings** – Regular communication occurs with Elizabeth Witmer, Member of Provincial Parliament, Kitchener-Waterloo, and Ambassador Wim Geerts, Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, regarding the Master of Science in Global Health program, in addition to funding, sponsorship and preparations for the visit of Her Royal Highness, Princess Margriet of the Netherlands (May 2010).
- c. **Global Health Program Celebration** – Representatives from International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), Health Canada, Aga Khan Foundation, members of parliament and Deans of respective programs at McMaster University have been invited to attend the inaugural event. The celebrations commemorating the Global Health program and the inaugural advisory board meeting will be held in Ottawa on May 12, 2010 at Ambassador Wim Geert's residence.
- d. **Inaugural Meeting of the Global Health Advisory Board** – Attendees will include the invited honorary chair, Her Royal Highness (HRH) Princess Margriet of the Netherlands, and dignitaries from Canada, the Netherlands, Europe, India, and Africa. The festivities will coincide with HRH Princess Margriet's visit to Canada to mark the 65th anniversary of the liberation of the Netherlands (May 2010). The Advisory Board Members include: HRH Princess Margriet of the Netherlands (Honorary Chair), Elizabeth Witmer (Chair), Dr. Helmut Brand (Secretary General, Professor of European Public Health & Head of Department of International Health), Mr. Abbas Gullet (Secretary General, Kenya Red Cross Society), Dr. Priscilla Reddy (Director, Health Promotion Research and Development Unit, Medical Research Council, South Africa), and Mrs. Mary Heersink (Co-founder, Safe Tables Our Priority, Alabama, USA).



SAUDI ARABIA

Undergraduate Students in McMaster's B.HSc. Program

Five students are currently registered for undergraduate Level III in the McMaster University Bachelor of Health Sciences (Honours) Program for 2009-2010.



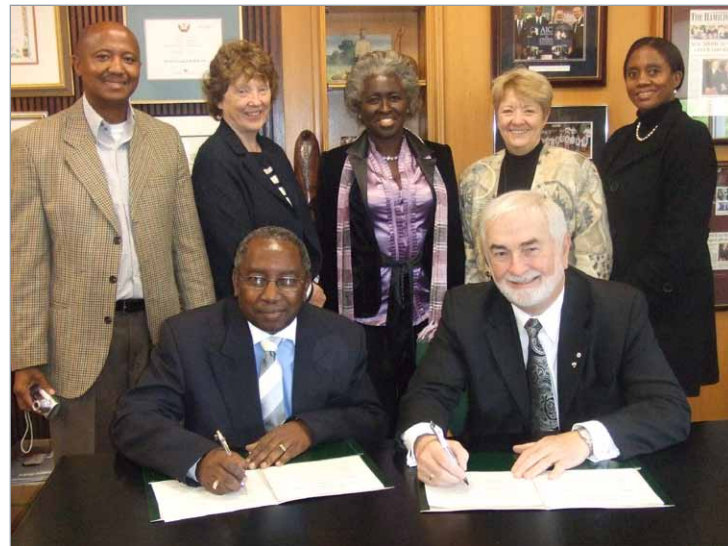
McMaster University President Peter George and North West University Vice-Rector N.S. Mashego



SOUTH AFRICA

North West University, Memorandum of Understanding

On May 27, 2009, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed by McMaster University's President, Peter George and North West University's (NWU) Vice-Rector, Professor N.S. Mashego. Three NWU delegates accompanied the vice-rector at the signing ceremony: Professor Mashudu Maselesele, Dean, Faculty Agriculture, Science and Technology, School of Nursing; Mr. S. Lenong; and Miss M.G. Kgori, both of whom are from the Provincial Department of Health responsible for Human Resource Development and Planning. Professor Maselesele and Dr. Andrea Baumann collaborated in submitting a grant to New York based funding organization, Atlantic Philanthropies. NWU was successful in receiving \$2,006,628.307 CAD (15, 569 million rand). Collaborations between McMaster and NWU are effective for a 5-year period to develop capacity in nursing education and research for post-graduate education and faculty development as they continue to build their Faculty of Health Sciences.



McMaster University and North West University unite ties

University Collaborations



PAKISTAN

McMaster University, Aga Khan University, and Aka Khan Network, Karachi

President Firoz Rasul (Aga Khan University (AKU)), Dr. Yasmin Amarsi (Dean of School of Nursing, AKU) and Ms. Farzana Karim-Haji (University Partnership Office, AKU), visited McMaster University on June 17, 2009, to meet with President Peter George, Dr. Andrea Baumann and Dr. Catherine Tompkins regarding the concept paper focused on building capacity, through an institute of creative and innovative learning, for the higher education of women. His Royal Highness, the Aga Khan, President George, President Rasul, Dr. Baumann, Dr. Tompkins, Dr. Amarsi, and Ms. Karim-Haji have since had on-going discussions and conference calls to discuss the concept paper and its future direction. McMaster's Global Health office will continue to reshape the concept paper and finalize it in time for the AKU September 2010 Forum for Higher Education.



KENYA

Aga Khan University, Nairobi

A site visit to the Aga Khan University Hospital and Aga Khan University, Nairobi, Kenya, took place in July, 2009 regarding the expansion of health sciences at AKU. Meetings were held with the Chief Executive Officer of AKU Hospital, the Dean of the School of Nursing, AKU and McMaster's President Peter George, to discuss future directions of the partnership, endowment and timelines based on the Memorandum of Understanding signed in November 2008.



PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA



HONG KONG

Guangzhou University of Traditional Chinese Medicine, Hong Kong Polytechnic University

A preliminary meeting took place on September 24-25, 2009, with faculty from McMaster University, Guangzhou University of Traditional Chinese Medicine (GUCM), China, and Hong Kong Polytechnic University (HKPU), Hong Kong, for the purpose of exploring a collaborative partnership to enhance the integration of traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) and western conventional medicine through research, education and cancer care. The planning meeting was funded through a successful \$10,000 grant that had been written and submitted to International Development Research Centre (IDRC) with the help of McMaster's International Health Office. Three primary outcomes emerged: a) student/faculty exchanges between GUCM and McMaster University exchanging expertise in Problem Based Learning (PBL) and TCM training in medicine; b) epidemiology communication between epidemiologists at GUCM and McMaster; and c) cancer research focusing on prostate cancer, and decreasing the side effects of chemotherapy and radiotherapy.



Guangzhou University of Traditional Chinese Medicine, Hong Kong Polytechnic University & McMaster University Faculty

Introducing the Master of Science in Global Health Program



McMaster University has long been recognized for its leadership in the development of global collaborations on all continents and in diverse learning and teaching environments throughout the world.

By initiating partnerships with institutions and governments in developing countries, a few of McMaster's seminal contributions have included the supply of interdisciplinary humanitarian aid to Haiti, advancing the education and development of women health professionals in Pakistan and oncology nurses in Trinidad/Tobago, developing an educational outreach project for radiologists in Uganda, and improving the health of vulnerable people in Banda Aceh, Indonesia.

In today's inter-connected world, health problems transcend boundaries. Global health has become more than vaccinating children in poor countries, teaching safe birth practices to mothers-to-be or doing a month-long stint as a volunteer at an HIV/AIDS clinic in Africa.

Aware of current and ever-changing global health needs, international engagement remains a high priority for McMaster. Its new 12-month global health program is a direct response to the world-wide need to develop dynamic health professionals with the leadership skills required to respond effectively to emerging health concerns on an international scale – whether it's an infectious illness like SARS (severe acute respiratory syndrome) or a potential pandemic.

The Master of Science in Global Health Program is a partnership between McMaster University in Canada and Maastricht University in the Netherlands, two universities highly regarded internationally for their focus on small group, problem-based learning. As the first Canadian-European partnership degree program, it is unique, involving not only a partnership between universities on two different continents but also collaboration between three different McMaster faculties – health, social sciences and business.

This truly global program provides students with a solid foundation in global health issues, web-based learning and experience in low-and-middle-income countries. Students have the opportunity for international collaborative learning through core courses taught online by faculty at universities and departments, international student exchange and participation in a learning symposium/field orientation.

This interdisciplinary, cross-cultural graduate program will prepare the global workforce. Students will acquire new knowledge and skills in global health themes and their interrelationships with an ability to analyze critically the global characteristics of health, an understanding of international roles and responsibilities, and an ability to use reflective practice as a critical tool for knowledge acquisition, personal/professional growth, and effective intercultural exchange.

Admissions Criteria M.Sc. in Global Health

Admission to the M.Sc. Global Health program requires an honours bachelor's degree with at least a B+ from an accredited university (equivalent to a McMaster 8.5 out of 12) in the final year in all courses in the discipline, or relating to the discipline, in which the applicant proposes to do graduate work. All students entering the program must have completed a university level course in statistical analysis with a minimum grade of B-. Students with no background in health may be required to complete a makeup course in health before entering the program. Finally, applicants must have a strong interest in one of the fields offered in the program. The first intake of students will commence fall 2010 with an intake of 29 students.

For more information please visit the Master of Science in Global Health program website at http://www-fhs.mcmaster.ca/global_health_masters/



“In the face of today’s global challenges of poverty, inequities, disease and epidemics, there is an increasing demand for dynamic health leaders with sound technical skills.”

- Dr. Lee Jong-wook, Former Director-General, World Health Organization



Her Royal Highness Princess Margriet of the Netherlands and Dr. Andrea Baumann, Associate Vice-President, Faculty of Health Sciences, and Director, Master of Science in Global Health Program, McMaster University



Elizabeth Witmer, Chair, Global Health Advisory Board, and Ambassador Wim Geerts of the Kingdom of the Netherlands



Dr. Frits van Merode, Member Executive Board Maastricht University and Dr. John Kelton, Dean and Vice-President, Faculty of Health Sciences, McMaster University



Susan Johnson, Director General, Canadian Red Cross National Office and Abbas Gullet, Secretary General, Kenya Red Cross and Global Health Advisory Board Member

Innovative health leaders with skills to solve global and local threats to health are needed in our globalized world. To address this urgent need and contribute to the global health workforce, McMaster University has developed a unique partnership with one of Europe’s leading universities, Maastricht University in The Netherlands. Together they are launching a Master of Science in Global Health degree program in September, 2010 to educate a global workforce that is responsive and effective in a variety of international settings.

With input from McMaster’s faculties of Health Sciences, Social Sciences and its DeGroot School of Business, students enrolled in this full-time, 12-month pro-

gram will receive a solid foundation in globalization and have the opportunity to participate in student-faculty exchanges, web-based learning as well as a first-hand experience in low-and-middle-income countries. Topics explored range from globalization and management issues to studies of disease and policy development, along with the opportunity to specialize in one of three fields: Globalization and Development, Global Health Management or Global Diseases.

For information regarding the program please contact the Global Health Office at 905-525-9140 extension 22045, or via email at globhth@mcmaster.ca.

International Delegations



ETHIOPIA

Ministry of Health, Hawassa University & Mekelle University

A delegation of senior officials from the Ministry of Health, Hawassa University and Mekelle University, Ethiopia visited McMaster University from April 30- May 1, 2009. The delegates requested to visit McMaster University as part of a task force in Ethiopia developed to build capacity in medicine. Their interests primarily included the medical education program at McMaster in order to ascertain innovative strategies for 'bridging' medical degree curriculums for individuals who have already obtained undergraduate bachelor's qualifications. The visit included meetings with Faculty regarding the medical curriculum, admissions, family medicine, the Centre for Simulation Based Learning, Stone Church Family Health Centre and a campus tour.



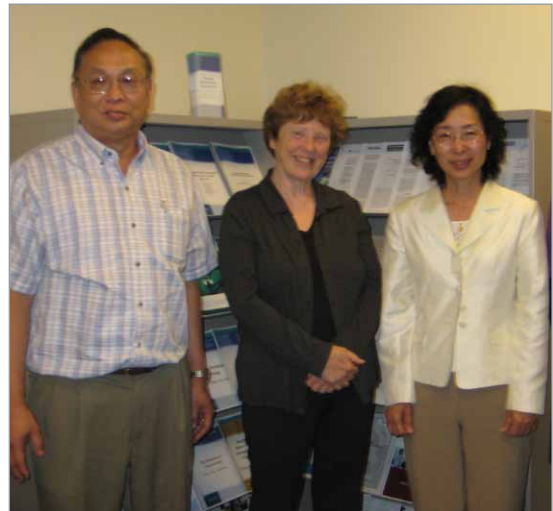
Ministry of Health, Hawassa University & Mekelle University



TAIWAN

Fu Jen Catholic University

Professor K.I. Tsou, Dean of the Medical College, visited McMaster University's International Health Office on September 9, 2009, to discuss the implementation of Problem Based Learning (PBL) at their new medical school.



Dr. Robert Lee, Professor, Department Education Coordinator McMaster University, Dr. Andrea Baumann, and Professor K.I. Tsou



HONG KONG

Hong Kong Polytechnic University (HKPU)

Professor George Woo, Dean, Faculty of Health and Social Sciences, HKPU visited McMaster University's International Health Office on September 11, 2009, to discuss the traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) meeting on September 24-25, 2009 and the platform of integrating TCM with conventional western medicine in oncology.



JAPAN

Tokai University

A one-day visit on September 14, 2009, was arranged for visitors of Tokai University. The itinerary included: meetings with emergency and trauma relief nurses from Hamilton Health Sciences, faculty from the School of Nursing with expertise in pediatric and adult care, and tours provided by the Pediatric Critical Care Unit and the Centre for Simulation Based Learning.



Yoshikazu Kojima, Associate Professor; Isao Kemmochi, RN;
Keiko Kuroda, RN



JAPAN

Tokyo Metropolitan University & Showa University

With an interest in improving the teaching/learning methodologies of statistics and epidemiology in nursing, two Japanese delegates met with faculty from the School of Nursing on September 14, 2009. A tour of the Center for Simulation Based Learning was also provided.



Shinji Irie RN & Yasutoshi Nekoda RN



Delegates of Tokai University, Tokyo Metropolitan University & Showa University with McMaster University representatives



COLOMBIA

Asociacion Colombiana de Facultades de Medicina

A delegation of 13 physicians (deans and directors of medical institutions across Colombia) visited McMaster University on October 19, 2009. Discussions included participation in the 5th Annual International Interdisciplinary Summer Institute (June 2010) and the medical degree program at McMaster University.



BRAZIL

Evangelical University School of Medicine, Medical Education Workshop

Dr. Andrea Baumann, Dr. Geoffrey Norman, and Dr. Alan Neville hosted an interactive workshop on McMaster University's medical education program at Evangelical University, Brazil during March 1-7, 2010. Approximately 400 participants attended the workshop. Discussions included purchasing the medical education program and interest in medical progress testing. Future annual workshops are being considered.



Evangelical University School of Medicine, Medical Education Workshop

Visiting Scholars



CANADA

Dr. Anne Wong, Associate Clinical Professor, Department of Anesthesia, McMaster University

Dr. Wong joined the International Health Office as Post-Doctoral Fellow in January 2010. Her interests include globalization in medical education and implications for delivery of education and healthcare, global physician migration and credentialing, as well as cultural influences on medical education. Dr. Wong will also be working closely on the Master of Science in Global Health program.



JAPAN

Mariko Koyama, Professor, School of Nursing Kanagawa University of Human Services

Professor Koyama is a faculty member of the School of Nursing, Kanagawa University of Human Services. She is also a Councillor for the Japan Academy of Nursing Science. The goal of this organization is to promote the study of nursing sciences and initiate research activities that facilitate international cooperation. Professor Koyama's research interests include interprofessional collaboration and integrated teaching-learning methods such as the use of simulated patients.



PAKISTAN

Dr. Khurshid Khowaja, Director of Clinical Services at Aga Khan University Hospital

Dr. Khowaja spent six months (February 2009-August 2009) conducting research for the Nursing Health Services Research Unit. She completed research on the Ontario Safety Association for Community and Health Care Project.



UNITED KINGDOM

Professor Pauline Milne, Nursing Directorate, National Health Services East of England

Professor Milne received a travel scholarship from the Florence Nightingale Foundation to complete an assessment of nursing workforce policy and planning in Ontario. Her research interests included investigating the influence of healthcare policies and other factors on nursing workforce planning in the province of Ontario, with comparisons to the United Kingdom (UK); examining the relationship between key healthcare policies, nursing workforce policies and nursing recruitment and retention, comparing approaches in Ontario with the four countries of the UK; identifying if the key policies resulted in the planned changes to the nursing workforce necessary for implementation of these policies in Ontario; and identifying models of good practice in relation to nursing workforce planning which may have transferability to the UK.

Targeted International Activities

International Interdisciplinary Summer Institute

The Faculty of Health Sciences, International Health Office hosted their 4th Annual International Interdisciplinary Summer Institute May 25th through May 29th 2009. The week-long program was held at McMaster University providing a unique opportunity for faculty from different parts of the world to exchange ideas, share their experiences and learn about educational methodologies used at McMaster University.

Most participants are educators responsible for curriculum and program planning. They attended the institute to learn more about each other's experiences and McMaster's world-renowned educational methodologies. The institute also provided the opportunity for delegates to engage in customized consultations with recognized experts in curriculum development, student evaluation, e-learning and faculty development, from McMaster's leading experts in nursing, medicine, and rehabilitation sciences education.



The Institute has been successful over the past four years attracting faculty from all over the world. In May 2009, 17 participants attended the institute from North-West University, South Africa (9), Hong Kong Polytechnic University (3), Evangelical University, Brazil (2), Tri-service General Hospital, Taiwan (1), Catalonia Open University, Spain (1), and University of the Algarve, Portugal (1). The interdisciplinary group was comprised of physicians, nurses, midwives as well as an information technologist, university librarian and a science journalist.

The previous year, in June 2008, five educators from South Africa, South Korea and the United Arab Emirates attended the exciting program. *"[The institute] was very practical . . . we had [the] opportunity to attend some classes [and] to experience the application of PBL strategies . . . we are so grateful, and we intend to bring more of our staff members to attend the summer institute next year."* 2008 Summer Institute Participant

As a successful result of the 2008 institute, Dr. Mashudu Maselesele, a participant in 2008, returned in May 2009 bringing a delegation of 13 from North West University, South Africa. Nine participated in the Institute and four of the delegates attended meetings in the School of Nursing and the International Health Office. Through the partnership of the McMaster University School of Nursing and the North West University Nursing Science Department, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed to build capacity in nursing. The partnership was confirmed May 27, 2009 when McMaster University President Dr. Peter George and Dr. NS Mashego, Vice Rector North West University signed the MOU.

This program has provided several opportunities for future collaborations with international academic institutions.

The 5th Annual International Interdisciplinary Summer Institute is being held June 21–25, 2010. Seventeen participants have registered from institutions, including North West University, South Africa (10); Yonsei University, South Korea (2); Japanese Red Cross, Hiroshima College of Nursing, Japan (2); Niigata University Hospital, Japan (1); Daejeon University, South Korea (1); and University of Botswana (1).



Small group discussion on Objective Structured Clinical Examinations



Dr. David Musson, Director of the Centre for Simulation Based Learning demonstrates the use of simulation technology



4th Annual International Interdisciplinary Summer Institute Participants

World Health Organization Collaborating Centre (WHOCC) Health Human Resources and Primary Health Care, McMaster University

McMaster University School of Nursing has been a WHOCC since 1992; it is one of 44 satellite offices worldwide in the Global Network of WHO CCs for Nursing and Midwifery (GNWHOCC) development. The GNWHOCC works interdependently to strengthen capacity in education and research for nursing and midwifery. McMaster is primarily focused on capacity building for primary health care initiatives and health human resources development. Dr. Andrea Baumann, Centre Director, meets annually with colleagues from WHO and in collaboration with the regional office of the Pan-American Health Office (PAHO).

The first Canadian WHO/PAHO workshop took place from October 23-24, 2009, in Ottawa (hosted by the University of Ottawa) to strengthen capacity and partnerships with PAHO in the Americas. The outcome resulted in networking and strengthening of new relationships with relevant Canadian partners, especially those focused in health systems and services.

McMaster's WHOCC is co-sponsoring the World Health Organization Primary Health Care Conference in Sao Paulo, Brazil, for the Global Network of Collaborating Centres for Nursing and Midwifery Development from July 28-30, 2010. Planning and preparations are in progress.

Global Health Speaker Series

As part of our future directions, the International Health Office will begin an annual Global Health Speaker Series with keynote speakers discussing various global health related topics. The Series is planned to take place in the spring and fall of each year. The inaugural Global Health Speaker Series event will be held on June 22, 2010 during the 5th Annual International Interdisciplinary Summer Institute. Keynote speakers are Dr. Alexandre Dauphin, Clinical Professor in the Department of Anesthesia at McMaster University, and Dr. Sachie Shindo, President of the Japanese Red Cross Hiroshima College of Nursing. Both lecturers will speak about their experiences with earthquakes in Haiti and Japan, respectively.

Future Directions



Through the vision of reinforcing McMaster's reputation in international health, our aim is to build on the current successes and create new opportunities for research and educational endeavours. The International Health Office's goals include:

- Enhancing our national and international profile;
- Increasing the Faculty of Health Sciences profile nationally and internationally to a strengthened position;
- Maximizing revenue opportunities that are consistent with the mission and vision of the faculty;
- Maximizing the collaborative nature of the faculty; and
- Maximizing the interdisciplinary nature of the faculty.



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