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# Welcome from the Associate Vice President, Faculty of Health Sciences, Global Health

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*The Global Health Office is multi-faceted, operating in close collaboration with all schools in the Faculty of Health Sciences, including medicine, midwifery, nursing and rehabilitation science.*

***The Office provides ongoing support for international activities; enhances McMaster's visibility by strengthening health systems internationally; promotes interprofessional linkages focused on medical and health research through humanitarian aid and development; and acts as a liaison for increasing health human resource capacity building in higher education worldwide.***

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The Faculty of Health Sciences (FHS) at McMaster University continues to demonstrate excellence and success through its use of innovative educational models and investments by researchers, educators, clinicians and students. This past year, the FHS strengthened its international collaborations and established new connections. Global health projects and relationships have been expanded to include Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Vietnam, Japan, the Netherlands, Haiti, Zambia, Botswana, Kenya, Korea, Bangladesh, Lebanon and Pakistan.

The Global Health Office (GHO) is pleased to participate in these endeavours and to assist departments within the FHS in obtaining funds for international research and educational projects. Proposals were written and submitted to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Saving Lives at Birth: Grand Challenges, USAid and the Global Alliance for Information and Communication Technologies and Development.

The FHS is world renowned for its problem-based, inquiry-based and evidence-based educational techniques. International visitors regularly attend McMaster to participate in workshops and tutorial sessions and to discuss the implications of adapting McMaster's problem-based learning model of teaching. Expert researchers and educators in the FHS host the workshops and sessions and facilitate discussions in curriculum planning, evaluation measures and public policy considerations necessary for program implementation.

# Welcome

This year marked the 6th Annual International Interdisciplinary Summer Institute at McMaster. Over the past six years, the GHO has welcomed over 100 participants from 24 institutions across 16 countries, including the United Arab Emirates, Portugal, South Africa, Brazil and Denmark. Participants are educators responsible for curriculum and educational planning and represent various disciplines such as medicine, nursing, pharmaceutical science, scientific journalism and midwifery. Multidisciplinary discussions focus on academic planning and the cultural implications of implementing problem-based learning.

The collaborative Master of Science in Global Health program continues to grow. There were 81 students in the 2011 class, 30 at McMaster and 51 at Maastricht University. Enrollment for 2012 is projected to reach 45 students at McMaster. Students from both universities work together in small groups called "transcontinental learning pods." Students are taught synchronously in both real time and virtually by global health experts from around the world. The program is guided by an international Advisory Board comprised of business professionals, public policy experts and global health champions. The board provides expertise on research initiatives, funding opportunities and future partnerships with other universities.

As the Associate Vice-President, Faculty of Health Sciences, Global Health, it is an honour to be part of these initiatives. I invite you to read more about them and other activities in the following pages of the 2011/2012 Faculty of Health Sciences Global Health Office Annual Report.



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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 Global Health Office enriched the knowledge and experience of Canadian researchers and academics, while building capacity for better health, knowledge and practice around the globe.*

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# Global Health Speaker's Series



As part of our future directions, the Global Health Office developed an annual Global Health Speaker's Series which was inaugurated in June 2010. This year, two lectures were offered discussing challenges surrounding global health. The lectures were presented live and were offered via Illuminate for people attending by distance.



Marilyn McHarg

## **Marilyn McHarg, Interdisciplinary Grand Rounds: Challenges and Ethics in Medical Humanitarian Aid**

*September 20, 2011*

The McMaster Global Health Office welcomed Marilyn McHarg, Executive Director of Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) Canada on September 20, 2011. She discussed the challenge of ethical

decision making while providing emergency medical humanitarian aid.

MSF works in the world's most complex emergencies, providing emergency medical aid to people who need it most. The challenges in this work range from independently initiating relevant medical aid in conflicts, to keeping teams safe, to providing quality medical care.

Simultaneously, MSF staff struggle with the many ethical questions inherent in their work. With patient needs far outstripping the capacity to respond, MSF must navigate many impossible choices while trying to save as many lives as possible.



Dr. Christopher Breu

## **Dr. Christopher Breu, Overmedicalized Body vs. The Neglected Body: Theorizing the Human Embodiment in the Era of Globalization**

*November 10, 2011*

Biopolitics are forms of social and political power that directly shape and manage human existence. Dr. Christopher Breu, Fulbright Visiting Research Chair in Globalization and Cultural Studies, McMaster University; Associate Professor, Department of English, Illinois State University addressed the issues of "biopolitics" in contemporary research in the humanities, social sciences, and critical science studies. He discussed the direct impact of biopolitics on shaping and setting the conditions of life and its interconnection with privatized medical systems and the global economic divide between the north and south. This is a situation in which certain bodies are radically overmedicalized while other bodies lack access to basic medical care.



# Capacity Building in Higher Education



SOUTH AFRICA

## North-West University

Professor Mashudu Davhana-Maselesele, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Science and Technology visited the Global Health Office and the School of Nursing at McMaster University on May 18th, 2012. The five year partnership between South West University (SWU) and McMaster was a result of \$2 million funding received by SWU from Atlantic Philanthropies.

A primary aim of this partnership is the development of a new undergraduate nursing curriculum that incorporates the PBL approach and is congruent with the new qualifications established by the South African Nursing Council. Through the partnership, NWU focuses on understanding PBL and the integration of PBL into the nursing curriculum as well as working to face challenges.

On May 18th, meetings took place with Dr. Andrea Baumann and Dr. Catherine Tompkins to discuss organizing a PBL conference in 2013 in South Africa. Professor Maselesele has since met with South Africa's Director of the Atlantic Philanthropies regarding funding for the potential 2013 PBL conference.



HAITI

## McMaster University and Hopital Universitaire la Paix (HUP), Haiti

The McMaster School of Nursing, St. Joseph's Health System-International Outreach Program, and St. Joseph's Health System coordinated and planned a workshop for senior nursing leaders and nurses from the Hopital Universitaire la Paix in Haiti (HUP) at McMaster University. This workshop is funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs International Trade (DFAIT) through the Canadian Bureau of International Education. The workshop focused on nursing education and practice. The visit coincided with the 6th Annual International Interdisciplinary Summer Institute (June 19-26, 2011) where the Haitian nurses attended the interdisciplinary sessions.



NETHERLANDS

## Maastricht University, The Netherlands

Dr. Anja Krumeich, Director of the Global Health Program at Maastricht University travelled to McMaster University on December 7-8, 2011 to meet with faculty of the Master of Science in Global Health Program. The meetings included discussions on educational planning, grant submissions and strategic planning. In further strengthening this partnership, seven students from Maastricht University attended the Master of Science in Global Health program at McMaster University for the 2012 winter term.



Maastricht University Exchange Students

# Capacity Building in Higher Education (Continued)



## CANADA

### **Canadian Institute for Health Research (CIHR) funded study on Disability Experienced by those living with HIV in Zambia.**

The School of Rehabilitation Sciences is conducting this three year longitudinal study to examine the disability experiences of men and women on anti-retrovirals and the perceived need for and use of health, rehabilitation and social services. The study will be the first of its kind to re-conceptualize HIV within a rehabilitation paradigm in a hyper-endemic country. Dr. Patty Solomon, Associate Dean School of Rehabilitation Science at McMaster University is a co-Principal Investigator along with Dr. Stephanie Nixon, Assistant Professor in the Department of Physical Therapy at University of Toronto and Dr. Ginny Bond, of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, on a CIHR funded study on disability experienced by those living with HIV in Zambia.

Stigma was the top priority emerging in the 2009-2011 CIHR-funded “Sepo Study: An Investigation into HIV and Disability in Zambia”. This issue is crucial for Zambia where nearly 15% of the population is HIV+, many of whom can expect to experience HIV-related disability throughout their lives. The Sepo Study interviewed people living with both HIV and disability in Zambia to learn about their lives. While their physical challenges were great, Sepo Study participants described the even more devastating effects of stigma and discrimination from their communities, health care providers, and society at large. This international research and community partnership has experience developing anti-stigma tools for other aspects of HIV. The challenge now is to apply these insights to the emerging issue of HIV and disability. The goal of this proposed meeting is to develop a strategy and multisectoral research team to create an international research grant proposal for developing, piloting and testing an anti-stigma intervention for HIV and disability in Zambia. Specific objectives of this 4-day meeting are: (1) To exchange ideas and expertise among researchers, affected communities (i.e. people with disabilities, people living with HIV) and knowledge users (e.g., policy-makers, health care providers, disability workers) in Canada and

Southern Africa regarding HIV and disability-related stigma, based on the results of the Sepo Study, (2) to apply the expertise and experience of community members, policy-makers, and others to help shape the anti-stigma intervention that will be the basis of the future grant proposal, (3) to develop a collaborative, international team of researchers, people with disabilities, people living with HIV, policy-makers and community-based advocates to advance the grant proposal and (4) to create a strategy for a collaborative, international research grant proposal to develop, pilot and evaluate a comprehensive anti-stigma intervention.

### **Global Health Research**

The 2nd Annual McMaster-Brock Global Health Research Forum was held on March 22nd- 23rd, 2012 at McMaster Innovation Park. This Forum was planned by the Canadian Coalition for Global Health Research, McMaster University and Brock University and geared towards graduate students and faculty in global health research. The theme for this year’s event was entitled “Thinking Globally, Acting Locally”. Invited speakers included Will Coleman, Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI) Chair in Globalization and Public Policy from the University of Waterloo, Erica Di Ruggerio, Canadian Institute for Health Research (CIHR) and keynote speaker, Jeff Reading, Director of the Center for Aboriginal Health Research, University of Victoria. The speakers provided dynamic and innovative perspectives regarding global health research challenges and opportunities, Canada’s role in Global Health, and the relationship between global health and local places. An innovation in this year’s forum was the posters of the global health research projects by graduate students from both universities. The second day of the forum featured workshops on competencies necessary for global health research as well as events to help students who want to work in the field. Input and insight from students of both universities during forum planning were crucial to its ultimate success.



## The Sixth Annual International Interdisciplinary Summer Institute

The Global Health Office hosted their 6th Annual International Interdisciplinary Summer institute June 21st through June 25th, 2011 at McMaster University. Faculty from different parts of the world participated during this event to learn about educational methodologies used at McMaster. Twenty participants attended from across the globe including: North West University, South Africa (10), Aga Khan University, East Africa (3), University College Lillebaelt, Denmark (3), Multi-Campus, South Africa (2), Red Cross College of Nursing, Korea (1), and University of Botswana, Botswana (1).

The 7th Annual International Interdisciplinary Summer Institute is being held June 18-22, 2012. Sixteen participants have registered from institutions including University of Botswana(1), Fort Hare University South Africa (5), and North West University South Africa (10).



## Visting Scholars



KENYA

Joan Musau is an international student from the Aga Khan University, Nairobi, Kenya completing a Masters in Nursing degree. She is working with Dr. Andrea Baumann for the next two years exploring the impact of nosocomial infections outbreaks on frontline nurses.



LEBANON

Mohamad Alameddine is a post-doctoral fellow visiting from the University of Beirut. He is conducting research in the area of health human resources and is a tutor in the MSc Global Health program in the health policy analysis course (DeGroot School of Business) and Global Health Foundations 1.



# Update on MSc Global Health Program



Board Master's in Global Health Advisory Board

The Master of Science in Global Health program was launched September 2010. Under the direction of Dr. Andrea Baumann, Associate Vice-President, Global Health, Faculty of Health Sciences, McMaster University and Dr. Anja Krumeich, Associate Professor, Department of Health Ethics and Society, Faculty of Health, Medicine and Life Sciences, Maastricht University, the program is designed to prepare students for the global workforce by providing a solid foundation in global health issues, web-based learning and experience in low- and middle-income countries.

With almost two years underway, we are delighted to announce the graduation of our inaugural class. Twenty-five students from McMaster University graduated on November 18, 2011, and 19 students from Maastricht University graduated on October 4, 2011. It was a joyous occasion with much to celebrate at both universities. Twenty-four students (of the 25 graduates) attended the ceremony at McMaster. A reception was held after convocation for the graduates and their guests, with faculty and the Global Health Advisory Board members also in attendance. The Consul General of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Mr. Hans Horbach provided remarks in support of the partnership of the two universities.

The student intake for 2011 included 30 students (29 domestic, and 1 international) at McMaster University and 51 students completing the program at Maastricht University, the Netherlands. Of the 51 students from Maastricht, eight students attended the Global Health program at McMaster University in the winter (2012); a total intake of 38 students at McMaster for term two. The stream breakdown for term two included: twenty-one students enrolled in global health management (business), another 9 enrolled in globalization and development (social sciences) and an additional 8 students are enrolled in global diseases (health sciences).

Increased enrollment for 2012 is projected to reach 45 students. Recruitment to the program took place from October to November 2011 and included attendance at four recruitment fairs and two information sessions hosted on-campus. Admission for 2012 was open from September 29, 2011 until February 3, 2012 at 4:00 pm EDT.

The end of February saw over 400 applicants to the Global Health program. Of these nearly 300 were eligible to be reviewed by the Admissions Committee, Chaired by Dr. Anne Wong. Representatives from the School of Business, the Social Sciences and the Health Sciences make up the Committee. Domestic applicants represented all parts of Canada, though mainly from Ontario. International applicants included those from the United States, Philippines, China, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Ghana, and Saudi Arabia. Ranked by grade point, the top 100 applicants had A+ and A averages. The Admissions Committee sent out the first round of offer letters in May and to date, 47 students have accepted offers (44 domestic and 3 international).

In April 2012, the Global Health Program at Maastricht University was ranked first in the Health Sciences category of the Dutch "Master Keuzegids" Guide.

Published by the Centre for Higher Education Information (C.H.O.I) in Leiden, this annual guide provides a critical evaluation and comparison of Dutch masters programs. The award demonstrates that the program is an exemplary model of an academic partnership.

The Master of Science in Global Health quarterly newsletter highlights the program with student and faculty updates, membership and function of the Global Health Advisory Board, course offerings, and the partnership between Maastricht and McMaster University. The Global Health Newsletter may be found on our website at the following link: <http://fhs.mcmaster.ca/globalhealthprogram/>. The first issue features a special highlight of 8 student experiences from our inaugural class (from both Maastricht and McMaster).



Students In The Classroom

# Delegations & Visits



Professor Kimie Saito, Niigata University --- and Dr. Andrea Baumann



SAUDI ARABIA

## King Fahad Specialist Hospital (KFSH), Department of Medicine, Dammam

Dr. Ameen Patel, Professor, Department of Medicine & Director, Clinical Teaching Unit, Juravinski Hospital Cancer Centre and Dr. Kieran Murphy, Vice Chair & Director of Research, University of Toronto Department of Medical Imaging Administration met with Dr Andrea Baumann, Associate Vice President, Global Health Office, Faculty of Health Science and Dr. Allan Neville, Associate Dean of Education on February 15th, 2012. KFSH is interested in working with a Canadian university for organizing Medical Cities in Dammam. In moving forward with this request, on March 21st, 2012 the Global Health Office invited Kasian Architecture Ontario Incorporated to discuss a potential public-private partnership. Kasian Principals, Patsy Poulin and Paul Szaszkiwicz, and Senior Associate, Sanja Djukepa, expressed interest in working with McMaster on this initiative. Kasian will correspond with field consultants to investigate the preliminary budgets necessary for a project of this scope. Next steps include inviting the delegation from KFSH along with the Saudi Arabian Ministry of Health representative to visit McMaster University. Together, they will investigate the scope of the project and determine the possibility of a work plan/proposal for a McMaster and Kasian partnership consultancy.



VIETNAM

## The Canada Vietnam Business Council

The Canada Vietnam Business Council's mandate is to increase trade and investment opportunities between the two countries as well as provide a platform that taps the local advantages, strengths and potential of Vietnam's tourism sector, its burgeoning small and medium enterprises and other exportable opportunities to Canada. For this reason, a delegation from the Council visited McMaster on December 2nd, 2011. Representatives included David Tsubouchi and Danny Leung (Co-Chairs) along with Russell Gu, Jason Pottinger, and Marc Kealey (Council Members). McMaster University School of Medicine representatives included Dr. Alan Neville, Dr. Mark Walton and Dr. Robert Whyte. Communication between the Global Health Office and the Council continues.



JAPAN

## School of Health Sciences, Niigata University

Professor Kimie Saito visited McMaster University March 27-28, 2012 from the School of Health Sciences, Niigata University, Japan to discuss the use of appropriate educational techniques in the Health Sciences Program. The meetings focused on (1) curriculum for globalization of undergraduate students in terms of becoming medical professionals; (2) postgraduate and practical skills assessments in nursing students who have received PBL education; and (3) practical training conducted in highly-specialized education curriculum (i.e. Advanced Practice Nursing and Clinical Nurse Specialists). Professor Saito met with various faculty members of McMaster Health Sciences, research coordinators from the global health office, and two nursing students who have international health experience.



SAUDI ARABIA

## King Saud University, Department of Medicine, Riyadh

Dr. Alammam, Vice-Dean for Postgraduate and Medical education at the Faculty of Medicine, King Saud University, arranged for two of his professors to visit McMaster University on December 13, 2011 to explore the opportunity for post-graduate collaboration in medicine. The objectives of their visit included seeking an avenue for capacity building in research, faculty development, post-graduate education, and to bridge residency and fellowship placements at McMaster University. Meetings took place with Dr. Mark Walton, Assistant Dean, Education Services Post-Graduate Medical Education, Dr. Alan Neville, Associate Dean, Education and Dr. Andrea Baumann, Associate Vice-President, Global Health. King Saud University Delegation included: (i) Dr. Mazen Hassanain, Assistant Professor, surgery; Scientific Director, Prince Naif Research Institute and Health Science Research, King Saud University, and (ii) Dr. Thamer Nouh, Assistant Professor, Surgery, Member, International Universities Collaboration Committee, King Saud University, and Deputy Program Director, General Surgery Residency Program.

# Celebrating 6 years of Interdisciplinary, International Collaboration

Each summer since 2005 the Global Health Office has offered a unique program to academic faculty members from across the globe to learn about Health Science education and the use of PBL across the various health disciplines. Featuring an interactive and practical approach, the International Interdisciplinary Summer Institute is a week-long, intensive program where faculty members join together to exchange ideas, share experiences and learn about educational methodologies used at McMaster.

Over the past six years, the Global Health Office has welcomed over 100 participants from 24 different institutions across 16 countries. Most participants are educators responsible for curriculum and educational planning. These educators have come from disciplines across health sectors including medicine, nursing, veterinary sciences, pharmaceutical science, scientific journalism, rehabilitation science and midwifery.

## SUMMER INSTITUTES 2005-2011

**115**  
Participants

**24**  
Universities

**16**  
Countries

Beyond the opportunity to share ideas and to learn about McMaster University's educational methodologies, the Institute has also offered the opportunity to develop partnerships between different institutions internationally.



2008 Summer Institute Participants



2011 Summer Institute Participants

COUNTRIES INVOLVED	
Botswana	South Africa
Brazil	South Korea
Denmark	Spain
Hong-Kong	Taiwan
Japan	Tanzania
Kenya	Thailand
Portugal	Uganda
Saudi Arabia	United Arab Emirates

In 2009, South Africa's North West University collaborated with McMaster's Faculty of Health Sciences to implement PBL in their nursing education. According to Professor Mashudu Maselesele, the Dean of North West's School of Nursing, PBL's effects are expected to "cascade" from nursing to the entire university.

The institute is truly an interdisciplinary effort. With McMaster faculty ranging from disciplines such as nursing, medicine, psychology, midwifery, rehabilitation sciences and library services, topics discussed have included educational methodologies, problem based learning, the use of technology and standardized patients, the development and use of objective structured clinical examinations (OSCE) and the psychology behind how people learn. Participants are given the opportunity to observe a PBL demonstration and follow-up with their own participation as well as the chance to visit the Centre for Simulated Learning to learn more about the use of simulated learning and standardized patients.



2009 Summer Institute Participants



2010 Summer Institute Participants

# Targeted International Activities



## **Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization Nursing and Midwifery Collaborating Centres (PANMCC):**

This year, PANMCC Annual Meeting took place on September 29-30, 2011 in Washington, D.C. Discussions were held around increasing collaboration between the collaborating centres, review of the PANMCC Charter and discussion of strategic initiatives for 2011-2012.

## **Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO):**

McMaster University, School of Nursing, Faculty of Health Sciences, has been re-designated as a PAHO/WHO Collaborating Center in Primary Care Nursing and Health Human Resources. This designation is for a period of four years (2011-2015). The School of Nursing will be participating in a regional meeting in June. The focus of this meeting is primary health care in nursing education.

## **Aga Khan University, Pakistan, International Nurses Day 2012**

Every year on May 12, nurses around the globe are recognized for their contributions to healthcare. To mark the occasion this year, Dr. Andrea Baumann, Vice-President, Global Health, Faculty of Health Sciences delivered a welcome speech via webcast to the Aga Khan University's Division of Nursing Services Nurses Day ceremony. On the theme of "Closing the Gap: From Evidence to Action", Dr. Baumann spoke about empowering nurses to seek evidence, interpret evidence, and utilize evidence in practice. Speakers for the event also included Frances Day-Stirk, President, International Confederation of Midwifery and Dr Nancy Edwards, Professor, School of Nursing, University of Ottawa.

## **Department of Pediatrics, Hamilton Health Sciences, McMaster Children's Hospital:**

The Department of Pediatrics hosted a forum on May 26th to highlight current global child health projects within the department. Dr. Goldfarb, University of Botswana Medical School, spoke at the Pediatric Grand Rounds on "Pediatrics and Pediatric Education in Botswana".

## **Canadian Coalition for Global Health Research:**

The Global Health Office in collaboration with the Canadian Coalition for Global Health Research (CCGHR) held their 2nd annual informal discussion on October 6, 2011. The discussion included highlights from the McMaster-Brock Forum in May, 2011, and activities to promote interdisciplinary global health research at McMaster, including workshops on requests for proposals and regular activities ongoing at McMaster. A half-day workshop for institutional members took place in Montreal at McGill University on Saturday, November 12, 2011. The workshop was held to review the first year experience with the institutional members and to explore future collaborative opportunities. On November 24, 2011, a workshop on request for proposals was held in order to bring different disciplines together to explore the probability of submitting proposals using current interdisciplinary projects presently in place. Some examples of the topics discussed include knowledge translation in global health research and the impact that international Canadian mining companies are having on the health of the communities they are in.

## **McMaster University's Internationalization Task Force**

An integrated and dynamic internationalization strategy is vital to McMaster's continued success as a world-leading teaching and research university. McMaster has the opportunity to position itself strategically to respond to changes in the landscape of international education and research as a result of technological advancements, online resources and reliable electronic information. Dr. Andrea Baumann was a member of the task force that produced the report outlining suggestions for wide-ranging changes. Strategies include understanding the definition of internationalization, sustaining international initiatives and partnerships, increasing McMaster's profile on the international stage and ensuring that every student at McMaster is exposed to international perspectives. A main recommendation is the formation of a Centre for Global Engagement in order to advance McMaster's internationalization activities. As part of President Dean's Forward with Integrity Initiative, the work of this task force will help move the University in the right direction towards Internationalization.



# International Grant Submissions



BANGLADESH

## **Improving Maternal and Neonatal Health Status**

The Canadian International Development recently awarded Cowater, in association with Plan International Canada, the Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing, Human Resources for Health (HRH) and McMaster University's Dr. Andrea Baumann and the School of Nursing a contract to improve maternal and neonatal health status of poor women, girls and boys. The project, with funding from the Government of Canada, provides technical assistance, equipment, as well as teaching and learning aids to the Bangladesh Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in order to improve the quality of education for healthcare workers. It also provides support to the Ministry to rationalize the rules for the recruiting, posting, promoting and training of healthcare workers. The project will work directly with the Directorate of Nursing Services, the Bangladesh Nursing Council and the Human Resource Development Unit of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in Bangladesh. McMaster will take the lead on activities such as the design and implementation of workshops for the planning, production and management of health human resources and curriculum development.



PAKISTAN

## **School of Nursing - Proposal to His Highness the Aga Khan Building Capacity for Higher Education of Women: Aga Khan Centre for International Nursing Practice – An Institute for Innovative and Creative Learning (AKF):**

The revised concept paper on the McMaster-AKU International Center for Nursing was submitted to the Aga Khan University (Kenya) on February 5, 2011. The proposed concept paper and the draft were shared with the Higher Education Forum (HEF) at their meetings on March 11-13, 2011. President Firoz Rasul visited President Patrick Deane on June 9th to finalize details of the concept paper. The meetings also included Dr. John Kelton, Dean & Vice-President, Faculty of Health Sciences; Dr. Catherine Tompkins, Associate Dean of Nursing; and Dr. Andrea Baumann, Associate Vice-President, Faculty of Health Sciences, Global Health Office. The concept note was revisited on January 12, 2012. Further discussion will follow.

# Future Directions

Our efforts in global health within the Faculty of Health Sciences at McMaster include a variety of activities. We have contributed by working with local leaders to improve the management of infectious diseases, synthesizing evidence to inform international policy and guidelines and training and educating the next generation of global health practitioners and researchers.

This past year, the GHO successfully increased its international profile, aligned its current efforts, maximized communications and relationships and capitalized on its activities through research and development projects, educational programming and faculty and student exchanges

Most recently, the McMaster community has been motivated by President Deane's "Forward with Integrity" initiative, and we are committed to meeting the intellectual vision presented therein. Priority areas were identified as the Student Experience, Community Engagement, Research and Internationalization. Four task forces were created, one for each priority area. The task forces were comprised of undergraduate and graduate student representatives, faculty and staff charged with making recommendations to complement the goals of the initiative.

Collaboration is at the core of our mission and a key to our success. The results and recommendations from the task forces will be incorporated in the GHO's future directions via the following:

- Making concerted efforts to improve the coordination and efficiency of global health activities
- Continuing to seek out and participate in dynamic collaborations that are reciprocal in nature
- Ongoing global outreach and participation in the exchange of knowledge and resources
- Ensuring interconnectedness across disciplines and local communities
- Engaging undergraduate and graduate students in projects that are related to global health



We look forward to strengthening our existing relationships with global health champions, researchers, organizations and students worldwide and to building on McMaster's international reputation for excellence and innovation.



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