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Message from the Director



Globalization continues to change the world in which we live. In order to effectively respond to emerging global health challenges, McMaster must make global engagement a key part of our identity. As highlighted in *The McMaster Model for Global Engagement*, the University will develop international research and education activities that foster cooperation for peaceful coexistence and mutual benefit, recognize the obligation to share McMaster's expertise in research and education, and promote the University's civic mission to engage in education and knowledge generation for the benefit of society.

In 2015, our Master of Science in Global Health program received the Canadian Bureau for International Education (CBIE) Panorama Award for Outstanding International Education Program (Academic category). This prestigious award recognizes innovation and excellence in design, planning, implementation and management of high quality endeavours in international education.

This recognition is a testament to our commitment to an internationalization strategy that is collaborative, and an academic experience that is multidisciplinary. The MSc Global Health, created in 2010 as a joint program with Maastricht University in the Netherlands, has always been innovative in its delivery, offered through a network of partner universities. Today, the partnership also includes Manipal University in India, the University College of Southeast Norway (HSN) in Norway, Thammasat University in Thailand, and Universidad del Rosario in Colombia. Building on the program's success, we are currently developing a PhD program, planned for launch in 2018.

Since March 2015, with four-year funding from the High North Fund, we have been working with HSN in Norway to develop a joint course to complement the MSc

Global Health program. The new course will focus specifically on issues related to both Canada's and Norway's High North, while increasing faculty and student mobility, and providing easier access to higher education in regions that require it.

Putting the spotlight on global mental health, we were delighted to host Professor Vikram Patel earlier this year. Co-founder of the Centre for Global Mental Health at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) and co-founder of NGO Sangath, Professor Patel was a deserving recipient of the 4th annual Chanchlani Global Health Research Award.

I invite you to read about our activities over the last year and would like to thank all of the faculty and students who have contributed to McMaster's success in making a global impact.

Sincerely,

Andrea Baumann, PhD
Associate Vice-President
Faculty of Health Sciences,
Global Health

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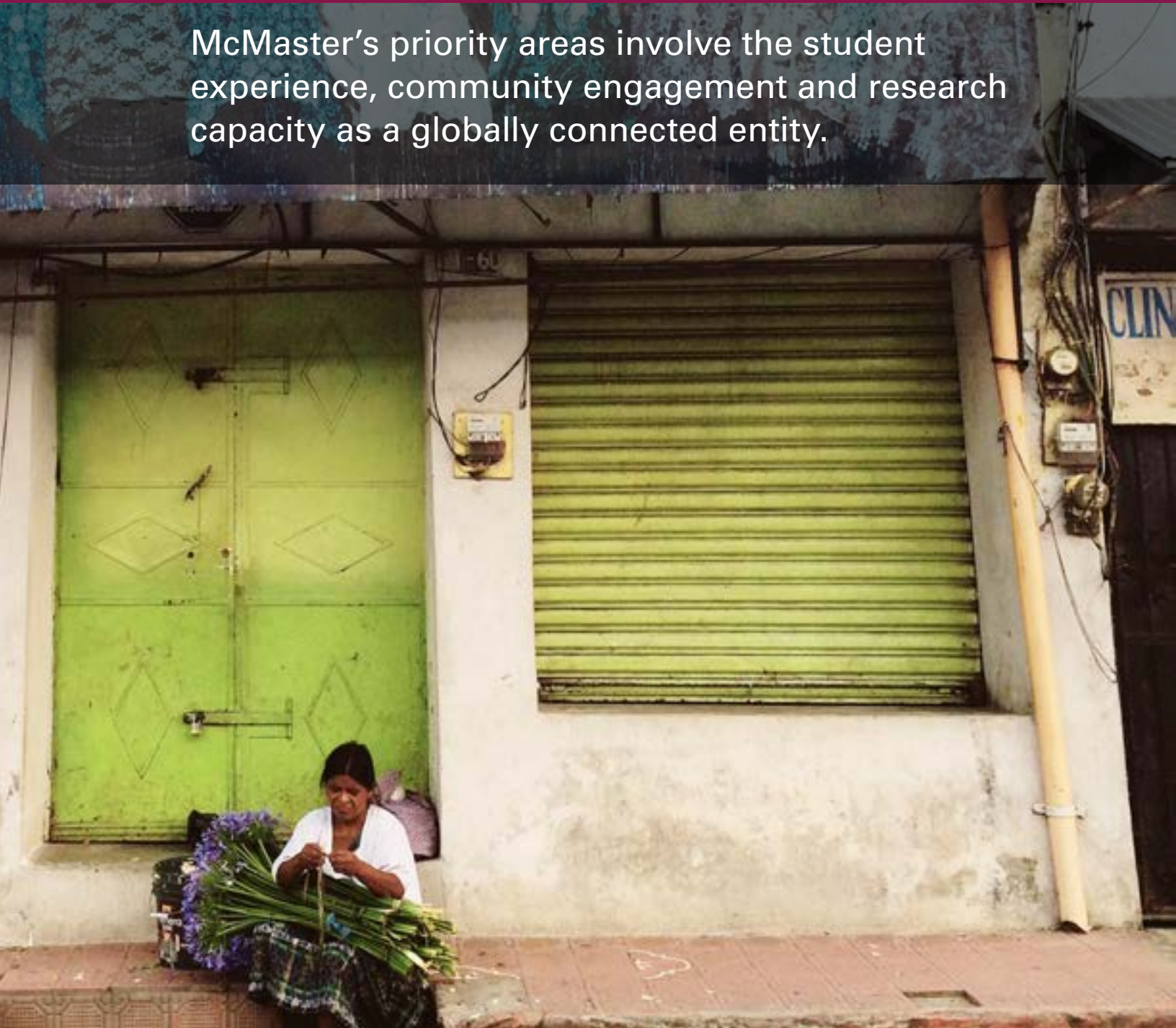


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Strategic Plan

The Global Health Office provides support for global activities at McMaster and aims to enhance the university's visibility worldwide by promoting McMaster's internationalization strategy.

McMaster's priority areas involve the student experience, community engagement and research capacity as a globally connected entity.



From Strategy to Action

The guiding principles of the Global Health Office (GHO) are reflected in the following documents:

- Forward with Integrity (FWI)
- The McMaster Model for Global Engagement: A Strategy Document
- Internationalization Task Force Paper
- The Emerging Landscape
- Global and Community Engagement at McMaster: Where FWI has brought us and where we are going

Strategy and Activities: 2015-2016

- Engage in international, interconnected relationships
- Redevelop the Global Health website to create synergy between the Program and Office communication
- Complete an interdisciplinary student placement database across health science programs
- Coordinate international learning opportunities for students
- Establish a faculty-wide student ambassador program
- Expand the global health graduate program
- Host international delegations and visiting scholars
- Increase capacity building in higher education
- Liaise with McMaster's Office of International Affairs
- Prepare and negotiate international grants and contract submissions
- Represent McMaster on university-wide internationalization committees
- Review and consolidate pre-departure preparation and risk assessment protocols in health science
- Strengthen university affiliations and innovative partnerships
- Work with faculty development to recognize international contributions in promotion and tenure



Capacity Building in Higher Education

Educating for Capability

We are proud to collaborate with universities around the world to strengthen capacity in healthcare research, education and delivery.



United Arab Emirates (UAE): Zayed Military Hospital, Abu Dhabi

Dr. Farah Saeed Al Zaabi, Medical Education Director, contacted McMaster University's School of Medicine and GHO to discuss a memorandum of understanding (MOU) for training and educating healthcare providers in the UAE. A draft MOU is in final stages.

Bhutan: Khesar Gyalpo University of Medical Sciences of Bhutan, Thimphu

Dr. Tashi Tobgay, Director of Human Resource, Planning and International Relations, contacted McMaster University's School of Rehabilitation Science regarding a partnership to support institutional development in Bhutan. The MOU is complete and has been circulated for signatures.

Saudi Arabia: King Saud University (KSU)

KSU has reviewed the MOU and memorandum of agreement (MOA) and have postponed the project for their next fiscal review. Once signed, enrolment of KSU medical graduates in McMaster's Health Research Methodology program in the Department of Clinical Epidemiology can commence.

Priority Partnerships with Universities

We have developed partnerships with institutions worldwide to share knowledge, create new programs, and find innovative solutions to emerging global health challenges.



As McMaster's President and Vice-Chancellor Patrick Deane outlines in his *Forward with Integrity (FWI)* initiative, McMaster must constantly

aim to be an institution that is global in impact. To this end, the GHO continues to make 'interconnectedness' central to the work we do – with the

awareness that international partnerships are increasingly defined by interconnectivity rather than traditional bilateral relationships.

Maastricht University, The Netherlands

In 2010, McMaster University and Maastricht University in the Netherlands launched a joint Master of Science in Global Health (MSc GH) to prepare graduates for careers in a globalized world. This multidisciplinary program brings together faculties of business, health sciences and social sciences, and features online collaboration in virtual transcontinental teams, as well as face-to-face classroom and real-world experiences, and exchanges to Maastricht. International faculty teach and supervise from across the world, and stewardship is provided by an international advisory board of global health experts.

In 2015, the program achieved European recognition by the Dutch-Flemish Accreditation Organisation (NVAO), awarded for “Distinctive

Quality Feature Internationalisation” and recognized as an example of international “best practice”.

Manipal University, India

Manipal University joined the Global Health program as an associate member in 2014. The program culminates in an international summit at Manipal, where students from partner universities present their research, receiving critical feedback from health policy-makers, activists, and expert researchers in the global health field. Following the summit, students complete global health practicums within communities as far away as Bolivia, Guatemala, and Tanzania.

University College of Southeast Norway (HSN)

With a grant from the High North Fund, awarded in March

2015, McMaster University and University College of Southeast Norway (HSN) are collaborating to enhance education in global health policy. We are creating a joint Norwegian and Canadian global health course that addresses health policy issues of the High North, as relevant to both countries, to be offered in January 2017.

The new course will complement McMaster’s existing MSc Global Health, which we deliver through a network of partner universities (Maastricht University in the Netherlands and Manipal University in India).

The course will teach future global healthcare leaders critical approaches to interrogating policies from all points of view, while providing healthcare leaders located in the circumpolar north with easier access to higher education, and allowing for faculty and student exchanges.



International Delegations & Visiting Scholars

We welcome healthcare researchers, educators, professionals and other visitors from around the world to share their expertise and learn from ours.

Japan:

Niigata Seiryō

The GHO, along with faculty from the School of Nursing, hosted a delegation from Niigata Seiryō University on September 2, 2015. The goal was to expand Niigata Seiryō's nursing research and graduate programs and connect with McMaster through faculty and student exchanges. A private university in Japan, Niigata Seiryō currently brings together three



fields in its Faculty of Nursing, Social Welfare, and Psychology. The delegation visited McMaster to learn more about graduate programs offered, as well as research conducted by Nursing Health Services Research Unit (NHSRU), led by Scientific Director

Dr. Andrea Baumann (Associate V-P, Global Health) at the McMaster site.

Niigata University, Faculty of Health Sciences

Nursing and medical laboratory science students from Niigata have been visiting McMaster and Mohawk College since 2006. The 2016 Canadian Study Tour, funded by Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO), took place March 5-12, 2016. The GHO welcomed a delegation of two Professors and three undergraduate students from Niigata University's Medical Laboratory Sciences program. The delegation received an interactive demonstration of PBL, an overview of the use of simulation in education, and tours of the laboratories including the Anatomy Skills Lab, ultrasound and radiography labs at Mohawk College.

China:

International Interdisciplinary Institute

The 9th Annual International Interdisciplinary Institute took place from November 9-13, 2015. The Institute welcomed seven professors from Nantong Medical College in China, and its affiliate organizations, specifically from the medical and basic sciences departments, as well as one professor from the Centre for Medical Education at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland. The packed program included an exploration of Problem-Based Learning (PBL), an overview of evidence-based medicine, and a tour of the Centre for Simulation-Based Learning.

United Kingdom:

University of Edinburgh

The GHO hosted a University Edinburgh medical faculty member along with the delegation from Niigata University from November 7-11, 2015. Dr. Fred Pender visited McMaster to compare and contrast British/Canadian problem-based learning methodologies in medical education.

The 10th International Interdisciplinary Summer Institute

Creating global connections and influencing research and action



Twenty-six professors from the Praboromarajchanok Institute for Health Workforce Development (PIHWD), Ministry of Public Health (MPH), in Thailand visited McMaster from May 28-June 11, 2016.

The International Interdisciplinary Summer Institute is an educational event that provides faculty from around the world with an opportunity to exchange ideas, experience problem-based learning (PBL) in action, and learn firsthand what makes McMaster's health sciences curriculum stand out.

Participant Sarinya Polsingchan said, "The PBL training course

has given us hands-on experience, which has provided greater insight into the process. We look forward to applying PBL in teaching nursing students in Thailand."

The 2016 program provided the group with a comprehensive overview of McMaster's innovative nursing and health sciences curriculum.

Since the first Summer Institute seven years ago, the GHO has welcomed participants from 24 institutions across 16 countries, including the United Arab Emirates, Thailand, South Korea, Portugal, South Africa, Brazil and Denmark. Most participants are

educators involved in curriculum and educational planning and represent a range of disciplines including medicine, nursing, pharmaceutical science, scientific journalism and midwifery.

"Having hosted PIHWD in 2007 and 2014, we were delighted to welcome this group of professors for the 2016 program. The Summer Institute is about collaboration, information sharing, creating global connections, and influencing research and action – and this year has been another success," says Andrea Baumann, Associate V-P Global Health and Director of the MSc Global Health program.

International Grants & Contracts

The GHO assists departments within the FHS with the development of various grants and contract proposals to obtain funds for international research and educational projects.



Norwegian Centre for International Cooperation in Education (SIU)

University College of Southeast Norway (HSN) and McMaster Health Sciences have received four-year funding (1.87 million NOK) from the High North Fund Program grant. This funding provides the opportunity to create a new course while advancing existing courses for distance learning between Maastricht and Manipal universities. The fund will facilitate student and faculty exchanges. From October 26-30, 2015, members of McMaster's Project Steering Committee travelled to Vestfold to discuss the program. The first exchange took

place between May 8 and June 17, 2016, when one Maastricht student went to Norway's High North, and two McMaster students went to Tonsberg, Norway.

PAHO/WHO and Ministry of Health, Wellness and the Environment (Barbados)

McMaster University's Pan-American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) Collaborating Centre in Primary Care Nursing and Health Human Resources (HHR) is finalizing work with PAHO/WHO and the Barbadian Ministry on the Evaluation of the Human Resources Strategy (HRS) for Nursing in

Barbados project. Funded by PAHO/WHO and the Barbadian Ministry (\$20,000 US), the project provided recommendations for solutions to nursing education and human resources planning.

Erasmus +

GHO has been working with a consortium of universities from the Netherlands, India, Chile, Columbia, and Thailand to apply for funding – submitted February 2, 2016 – through the Erasmus + European Union Programme. This initiative supports key actions in the sustainable development of partner countries in the field of higher education. Grants allow learners and staff/faculty of education institutions to gain learning and/or professional experience in another country.

Master of Science in Global Health

Awarded for Outstanding International Education



McMaster University's Master of Science in Global Health program received the 2015 Canadian Bureau

for International Education (CBIE) Panorama Award for Outstanding International Education Program, in the Academic category. This prestigious award recognizes innovation and excellence in design, planning, implementation and management of high quality endeavours in international education.

Associate V-P and Director of the Global Health program, Dr. Andrea Baumann, said, "We are honoured to receive this award. Our global engagement strategy

at McMaster seeks to extend reach, dissolve borders, and create experiences that are unique, collaborative, and international. We are constantly seeking innovative ways to equip our students with the skills and experience they need to be successful in the complex field of global health."

The CBIE's 49th Annual Conference, which took place on November 22-25, showcased innovators, leaders, connectors, and emerging stars in the field of international education.



Opportunities for Exchange

The Netherlands

During the winter term, students have the opportunity to specialize in one of the program's three areas of concentration at McMaster or go on exchange to Maastricht to specialize in one of their two areas of concentration. All students continue to work collaboratively in transcontinental groups, but the exchange allows students to meet some of their peers face-to-face, before the summer term in Manipal, where all program students meet.

In 2015, McMaster hosted 19 exchange students from Maastricht University, while 10 McMaster students went on exchange to Maastricht.

Norway

In January 2017, McMaster will offer a joint Norwegian and Canadian global health course that addresses health policy issues of the High North, as relevant to both countries, and allow for student and faculty exchanges. The first student exchanges took place between May 8 and June 17, 2016, when one Maastricht student went to Norway's High North, and two McMaster students went to Tonsberg, Norway.

Student Profile

Douglas Miller: A Norwegian Adventure

In January 2017, students from McMaster and Maastricht will have the opportunity to take their elective stream in Norway alongside students at HSN. MSc Global Health student Douglas Miller



was part of a team of faculty and students tasked with designing the curriculum for the new joint course, which will focus on health policy issues specific to the High North regions in Canada and Norway.

"The Nordic Welfare Model provides a fascinating lens through which global processes and transitions in communities will be studied," says Miller, who was drawn to this practicum opportunity for several reasons.

"The opportunity to study abroad was a key factor. Additionally, this opportunity offered an experience in an area of study that is of particular interest to me," Miller explains. "Contributing to the High North Project allowed me to develop knowledge and skills associated with pedagogy and curriculum development."

This practicum in Norway has fueled Miller's interest in curriculum development and international educational initiatives. "I imagine in one way or another, this experience will no doubt shape the career path and opportunities that I pursue in the future," he says.

Intersections in Global Health Conference

Students in the MSc GH program hosted the inaugural *Intersections in Global Health conference* on March 12, 2016 at McMaster's University Club. The purpose of the conference, which the organizers are planning to make an annual event, was to highlight the complex, interdisciplinary nature of the global health field and to stimulate thought-provoking discussions between attendees and experts from different backgrounds.

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Andrea Baumann, Associate Vice -President, Global Health, McMaster University.

“This program offers amazing opportunities for students to expand their knowledge and experience in a global context.”

Natalia Arias, McMaster student

Championing the Program: Global Health Student Ambassador Committee

The MSc Global Health program introduced the Global Health Student Ambassador Committee in 2013. The committee was formed to provide students with the opportunity to advance their personal, professional and leadership skills.

The committee is comprised of current global health student volunteers who represent the program at public events including

the Global Health Speaker Series, the Chanchlani Global Health Research Award Lecture, and recruitment fairs. Using the Global Health Student Ambassador Committee as an example, McMaster made the Graduate Student Ambassador Program a university-wide initiative.

Student Profile

Natalia Arias: A Globally-Minded Student Ambassador



“I’ve always been moved by the need to help people,” says MSc Global Health student Natalia Arias.

Originally from Colombia, Arias was educated as a medical doctor in Spain, and has since gained experience in the global health field as a student, intern, volunteer, researcher and NGO collaborator. Having spent time in Mexico, Cuba, Brazil, Poland, Thailand, Kurdistan, Germany, and Canada, she has witnessed firsthand some of the differences between health systems around the world.

“I have seen the ways in which health is influenced by factors such as culture, environment, educational system, political conflict, economics and religion,” explains Arias. “These experiences have ignited a deep desire in me to become an instrument for positive change in communities around the world.”

In addition to performing clinical work in public hospitals, Arias has been involved in several projects related to global health, focusing on issues including health promotion, human rights,





pediatric services, and approaches to health determinants.

“I chose McMaster’s Global Health program because I am seeking tools to assess population health, learn about health management and health policy, and solve problems from multidisciplinary perspectives”, she says.

Arias, who was selected to represent the MSc GH program as a Graduate Student Ambassador, says she is proud to represent the program at events, and grateful for the opportunity to improve her leadership skills. “This program offers amazing opportunities for students to expand their knowledge and experience in a global context,” says Arias. “I’m thrilled to be involved in promoting it.”

Global Health Website

The new Global Health website, launched in July 2016, brings together the Office and Program



websites, while featuring a responsive design, a new look, a student blog, an updated faculty listing, and revised content.

BRIDGING DIFFERENT WORLDS: Global Health Symposium 2016, Manipal University

The culmination of the MSc Global Health program is an international summit in India where students from partner universities present their research,



receiving critical feedback from health policy-makers, activists, and expert researchers in the global health field. Following the summit, students complete global health practicums.

This year’s symposium took place from April 17-29, 2016, with students attending from Maastricht University (104 students and 6 faculty), McMaster University (64 students and 6 faculty) and Manipal University (83 students and 12 persons contributing).

Global Health Annual Review

Graduates from McMaster University's 2014-2015 MSc Global Health class have created the *Global Health: Annual Review*. This online journal offers a compilation of research summary reports, accompanied by the respective students' profiles, and a selection of student essays on their personal experiences working within global health organizations. The first volume was released in January 2016.

An Expert Global Health Advisory Board

The Global Health Advisory Board for the MSc Global Health oversees the partnership between McMaster and Maastricht universities and provides the program's strategic direction. With Her Royal Highness Princess Margriet of

the Netherlands as Honorary Chair, the board is comprised of global leaders from the business world, international NGOs and healthcare consultancies.

The bi-annual meeting took place in November 2015, attended by all board members. The Board discussed the program's strategic direction, the expansion of partnerships and the introduction of Jeff Mainland and K. Srinath Reddy, the Board's newest members.

Global Health Newsletter Summer/Fall 2015

Published twice yearly, the newsletter's purpose is to communicate with the global health community and the program's Global Health Advisory Board. This issue highlights the Dutch higher education mission and state visit to Canada by Their Majesties King Willem and Queen Máxima of the Netherlands in



May 2015. During this event, the McMaster-Maastricht partnership was recognized as a best practice model of international collaboration in higher education.

The newsletter also includes student perspectives from the most recent Global Health Symposium in Manipal, along with faculty features, thesis journeys, and one student's view on studying at Colombia's Universidad del Rosario, one of the program's most recent partner universities.



Engagement with Embassies & Royal Heads of State

Over the past year the GHO has worked diligently to engage with embassies and country officials to meet the needs of global engagement and advance McMaster's internationalization strategy.

Several key meetings have taken place between Global Health representatives and key personnel at the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, High Commission of India (Ottawa), Consulate General of India, as well as the Saudi Arabian Cultural Bureau.

Meeting with Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands & President of McMaster University

His Excellency Cees Kole, Ambassador of the Netherlands to Canada visited McMaster to deliver a talk for the Global Health Speaker Series on January 25, 2016. Prior to the talk, he met with McMaster's President and Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Patrick Deane, to discuss the internationalization of higher education.

Saudi Arabian Cultural Bureau

GHO met with the Saudi Arabian Cultural Bureau's Academic Relations and Admissions on April 5, 2016. Discussions focused on Allied Health Professional Education, Research

Infrastructure and Education, and the current status of project/programs between Health Sciences and Saudi Arabian Institutions. The partners are in discussions regarding proposals

Meetings with High Commission of India, Ottawa & Consulate General of India

The GHO consulted with both offices in preparation for students' attendance at the MSc GH program's Global Health Symposium in India. Sixty-four students from McMaster were able to attend the symposium.

Meetings with the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

GHO representatives met with embassy delegates throughout the year. Both parties provide continuous updates on relevant activities and work towards moving forward on areas of interest.



International Meetings & Initiatives

McMaster University participates in global health care dialogue and education and develops targeted initiatives, hosting international events, establishing research centres and creating task forces and coalitions.

Consortium of Universities for Global Health (CUGH) Program Directors Meeting

The CUGH Program Directors Meeting took place in Durham, North Carolina, from January 21-22, 2016. Discussion focused on the research following the formation of a subcommittee in 2013 – *Identifying Interprofessional Global Health Competencies for 21st-Century Health Professionals*.

International Interdisciplinary Summer Institute (IISI)

The 10th IISI was held from May 28-June 11, 2016. The delegation consisted of twenty-six professors from the Praboromarajchanok Institute for Health Workforce Development (PIHWD) of Thailand's Ministry of Public Health (MPH).

Associate V-P, Global Health Inducted into American Academy of Nursing

Dr. Andrea Baumann, Associate V-P Global Health, was honoured as an Academy fellow at the *American Academy of Nursing: 2015 Transforming Health, Driving Policy Conference*, which took place from October 15-17, 2015, in Washington, D.C.



Norway: University College of Southeast Norway (HSN)

McMaster University and the University College of Southeast Norway (HSN) are creating a joint course on global health policy, focusing specifically on issues related to Canada's and Norway's High North. In October, members of McMaster's Project Steering Committee travelled to Vestfold from October 26-30, 2015, to discuss the program.

Global Health Advisory Board Meeting

The bi-annual MSc Global Health Advisory Board meeting took place in Maastricht from November 12-13, 2015. Honorary Chair, Princess Margriet

of the Netherlands attended with all board members. Agenda items included the program's strategic direction, expanding partnerships to include Colombia's Universidad del Rosario, and the introduction of two new board members.

International Strategy Advisory Group (ISAG)

The International Strategy Advisory Group brings together representatives of our undergraduate, graduate, research and faculty activities to coordinate and plan the university's international goals. The formation of ISAG is part of Dr. Patrick Deane's Forward



with Integrity *internationalization* strategy. Members include Dr. Peter Mascher, AVP (International) and ISAG Chair; Dr. Andrea Baumann, AVP (Global Health); Antoine Deza, Professor and Canada Research Chair in Combinatorial Optimization Associate; Kalai Saravanamuttu, Associate Professor, Chemistry and Chemical Biology; Susan Searls Giroux, Associate Vice-President (Faculty); Allison Sekuler, Associate Vice-President and Dean (Graduate Studies); Pamela Swett, Acting Associate Dean (Graduate Studies & Research), Faculty of Humanities; Lehana

Thabane, Professor/Associate Chair, Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics; Sean Van Koughnett, Associate Vice-President (Students and Learning) and Dean of Students; Gary Warner, Professor Emeritus, co-leader of the Global Justice Initiative; Mary Williams, Vice-President (University Advancement); Isik U. Zeytinoglu, Professor of Management and Industrial Relations; Y. Rachel Zhou, Associate Professor, School of Social Work and Institute on Globalization & the Human Condition.

The last meeting on June 24, 2015 focused on the internationalization of higher education, including an exchange program, as well as reinstatement of the International Initiatives Micro Fund, establishment of the International Research Investment Fund, and the GHO survey for the International Compendium.

Most recently, Dr. Peter Mascher released *The McMaster Model of Global Engagement: A Strategy Document*, outlining several key principles and strategic elements intended to inform the development of international activities at McMaster.

PAHO/WHO Collaborating Centre

The School of Nursing at McMaster University is one of 44 satellite offices worldwide in the Global Network of PAHO/WHOCs for Nursing and Midwifery development. Dr. Andrea Baumann, Associate V-P, Global Health, is the centre's Director.

From April 15-17, 2015, McMaster hosted a summit of 30 health professionals from across Latin and Central America for the Universal Access to Health and Universal Health Coverage: Advanced Practice Nursing Summit to promote universal access to health care. PAHO's aim is to broaden the scope of nursing practice in Primary Health Care (PHC) in this region to include Advanced Practice Nurses (APNs). Currently, unlike in the US and Canada, there is little evidence of APN education, practice and regulation in Central and South American countries.

Pan-American Nursing and Midwifery Collaborating Centres (PANMCC) Annual Meeting

The annual PANMCC meeting took place in Washington DC from October 1-2, 2015. Dr. Andrea Baumann, Dr. Ruta Valaitis, and Dr. Carolyn Byrne, Associate Dean, School of Nursing, attended. Following the 2015 *Universal Access to Health and Universal Health Coverage: Advanced Practice Nursing Summit*, McMaster created a report highlighting outcomes and a plan to investigate partnerships with national and international partnerships with national and international colleagues to secure funding for continued activities.

APN Webinar Series

Dr. Ruta Valaitis, Deputy Director of the PAHO/WHO CC at McMaster, is leading the development of a webinar series, focusing on APN capacity building in the Americas. The series is an outcome of the *Universal*



Access to Health and Universal Health Coverage: Advanced Practice Nursing Summit.

Barbados: Evaluation of the Human Resources Strategy (HRS) for Nursing in Barbados

Dr. Andrea Baumann and Dr. Ruta Valaitis from McMaster's PAHO/WHO Collaborating Centre continue to work with the Barbados CNO and PAHO team to provide recommendations for short, medium and long-term solutions to nursing education and human resources planning.

In February 2016, the *Evaluation of the Human Resources Strategy (HRS) for Nursing in Barbados* project reviewed the Barbados Ministry of Health Draft Nurses' Human Resource Strategy, developed in 2013. Senior management and nursing personnel within the Ministry will use evaluation findings to

inform decision making for future policy and program planning.

PAHO/WHO Collaborating Centre Re-designation & Annual Report Submission

McMaster University School of Nursing PAHO/WHO CC was re-designated as a Collaborating Centre for the next cycle from 2015-2019.

McMaster PAHO/WHO CC Director's Research Wins International Award for Excellence

Dr. Andrea Baumann, Director of the MSc GH program, won the International Award for Excellence for Volume 5 of *The International Journal of Health, Wellness, and Society*. Baumann, along with her team of researchers at the NHRU received the award for the article, "Employees Participating in Change (EPIC): An Empowerment

Approach to Improving Staff Health, Safety and Wellness."

Overseas Electives Common Database (OECD) Project

This FHS initiative involves the development of an online, integrated database of student placements located beyond Canada's borders. Seven FHS programs (Global Health, Nursing, Midwifery, Medicine, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy and Bachelors of Health Sciences) contribute to the university's internationalization strategy by forging global partnerships. Key stakeholders representing each program have provided information on placements. Results have been analyzed and recommendations for risk management and enhancing quality of learning regarding student electives are being prepared.

Education Events

The GHO hosts events to promote discussion about the latest issues in global health, and to recognize the important contributions of the people who are driving change.

Chanchlani Global Health Research Award & Lecture

Each year, the Global Health Office and the Chanchlani Research Centre at McMaster honours an individual who has made a significant and positive impact in the field of global health. An internal committee selects a recipient based on their scholarly contributions to global health research.

Recognizing Vikram Patel – Recipient of the 4th Annual Chanchlani Global Health Research Award

“Vikram Patel’s vision of mental health for all is one that we should all celebrate,” said Dr. Tina Chanchlani, who presented the Chanchlani Global Health Research Award to this year’s recipient on February 23, 2016 at the 4th annual award and lecture. Chanchlani’s father, philanthropist Vasu Chanchlani who passed away in 2014, and her mother, Dr. Jaya Chanchlani, created the award with McMaster in 2012.



Patel is co-founder and former Director of the Centre for Global Mental Health at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM). He is also Co-Director of the Centre for Control of Chronic Conditions for the Public Health Foundation of India, as well as the co-founder and a member of the Managing Committee of the NGO Sangath.

He delivered his talk “The Black Dog: Why We Don’t Care” to a packed lecture hall. The dynamic presentation shed light on the issue of depression and mental illnesses, which are among the leading causes of disability around the world. The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that nearly four to



five hundred million people are affected by mental illness.

Dr. Patel's work in the area of mental health has been extremely important to the field of global health," says Andrea Baumann,

Associate V-P Global Health and Director of McMaster University's MSc Global Health program.

"Because it addresses unmet needs of those in developing countries. Mental health for all is

a crucial message, and Dr. Patel is one of its biggest advocates."

As well as delivering a lecture at the award ceremony, Patel led a roundtable talk with Global Health students on February 22.

Global Health Speaker Series 2015-2016

Each year, the Global Health Speaker Series welcomes global health experts to speak on a range of topics from their unique perspectives working in the field. This year's topics were:

The Dutch Health Care System: Adaptivity to Innovation

(November 18, 2015) presented by

Ms. Regine Aalders, Counselor for Health, Welfare and Sport

The Royal Netherlands Embassy in the U.S. and Canada. In this talk, Ms. Aalders explored the Dutch health care system and its evolution. She drew on her experience over the past four years working in economic diplomacy from the Netherlands and for the Embassy of the Netherlands

 **GLOBAL HEALTH SPEAKER SERIES**

THE DUTCH HEALTH CARE SYSTEM: ADAPTIVITY TO INNOVATION

In this talk, Ms. Aalders will explore the Dutch health care system and its evolution. In addition she will draw on her experience over the past four years working in economic diplomacy from the Netherlands and for the Embassy of the Netherlands – specifically in the top sector of life sciences and health. This work has involved combining the assets of Dutch health care, health care partners, and health care industries with foreign trade and preparing programs for ministers, the private sector and academia (amongst others to US, China, India, the Russian Federation and Brazil).

Wednesday, November 18, 2015 | Room: MDCL 3020 | 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.



Regine M.A.Th Aalders
M.Sc.
Counselor for Health, Welfare and Sport
The Royal Netherlands Embassy in the U.S. and Canada

Ms. Regine Aalders has over 30 years' experience working in the civil service and internationally at various posts. Having worked for the Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport since 1992, her positions have included senior global health advisor of the International Affairs Department and head of the Inspectorate for Youth Care. In her current role, she focuses on social and health policies, international work, and management. She is dedicated to brokering between policymakers, professionals, and different groups in society.

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– specifically in the top sector of life sciences and health.

Internationalization in Higher Education

(January 25, 2016), presented by His Excellency

Cees Kole, Ambassador of the Netherlands to Canada. McMaster University President and Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Patrick Deane, announced Ambassador Kole's talk, which explored the issues involved in internationalizing higher education and the importance of strong educational and multidimensional partnerships. In terms of international education specifically, Ambassador Kole addressed the need to design the future of global health using a multidisciplinary approach, and a connection between research, industry and policy. Following the talk, Ambassador Kole and Dr. Deane conducted a Q&A session with participants.



Seeking Global Engagement

Aligned with the FWI initiative, the GHO's mission is to support and improve international collaboration at McMaster by working with the FHS, the University, and the community.



Our strategy for global engagement involves:

- **Alumni:** Seeking opportunities to work with alumni in an international context
- **Strategic Partnerships:** Collaborating with the FHS, working within faculties and across campus and engaging institutions locally, nationally and internationally
- **Research:** Highlighting international achievements campus-wide
- **Students:** Enhancing exposure to international perspectives in all learning environments and promoting reciprocal exchanges to enable global citizenship
- Continuing to seek out and participate in dynamic collaborations that are reciprocal in nature
- Enhancing our national and international profile
- Increasing communication and relationships to support our vision
- Maximizing the collaborative nature of the FHS
- Ongoing global outreach and participation in exchange of knowledge and resources

We will deliver on this strategy by:

- Building on McMaster's international reputation for excellence and innovation



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