Global Health Day 2009

May 15th – What do Metro High School, OSU, and the Ride for World Health cycle team have in common? They all came together for the 4th annual Global Health Day at the medical center. The events began at Metro High School with presentations by the students that focused on global health and the Millennium Development Goals (see page 2). Metro then hosted R4WH riders Ellen Acree, Christina Ryu, Monica Foley, Steve Klein and Renee Nason who talked with the students about the genesis of the annual 3700-mile cross-country ride and how their own interests in global health developed.

Promptly at 11am the cyclists arrived to the cheers of over 250 well wishers as they circled the medical center plaza. Andrea Cambern, channel 10TV anchor, served as the emcee for the second year in a row.

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Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization in Global Health

The Health Sciences Center for Global Health announces a new Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization in Global Health (GISGH). The GISGH will allow graduate and professional students an opportunity to gain specific expertise in the unique challenges of health care in the developing world and among immigrant populations in the United States.

Students will complete 16-23 hours of required and elective coursework and upon successful completion the specialization will appear on their transcripts. The specialization’s core course, Introduction to Global Health, focuses on the basic components of population health while the electives allow students to pursue topics in the other health sciences colleges and across campus for an interdisciplinary experience.

Creating new, multidisciplinary educational programs that will foster global health research and education is the driving force behind OSU’s first GISGH.

The GISGH is available to all graduate and professional students at The Ohio State University. For more information and to apply, contact Pam Potter at 614-292-3684, e-mail Pamela.Potter@osumc.edu, or visit the Office of Global Health Education Web site http://medicine.osu.edu/globalhealth/ and click on the GISGH tab.

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Catherine Lucey, MD, vice dean for Education in the College of Medicine spoke to the crowd about the changing face of medical education to address the needs of people in today’s world. She noted that once upon a time “lessons on doctoring focused on the skills that a single doctor needed to solve all of the problems of a single patient in a single exam room. But, she added, “times have changed and Ride for World Health epitomizes the revolution that is on the horizon for medical education.”

Daniel Sedmak, MD, executive vice dean, College of Medicine and director of the Health Sciences Center for Global Health, congratulated the riders on their efforts—all 3,700 miles of them. He also thanked the teachers and students from Metro High School for their pursuit of global knowledge and challenged the students to seriously consider global health careers.

Keynote speaker Lanny Smith, MD, assistant professor of Clinical Medicine, Montefiore Medical Center, Albert Einstein College of Medicine; and Global Health Advisor, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, presented “Burundi’s Village Health Works: A Praxis Model for Health, Social Justice and Human Dignity.” Dr. Smith has been a volunteer with Village Health Works since 2007 and talked about the efforts to build and operate a health center in Burundi, noted by the World Bank in 2006 as the “world’s poorest country.” The funds raised by the R4WH 2009 cross-country bicycle ride will go to Village Health Works and Esperança.

To learn more about the ride or to join next year’s team, visit: http://www.rideforworld-health.org/.

The 2009 R4WH team raised $70,000 for their beneficiaries. $35,000 will go to Village Health Works and $35,000 to Esperança.

what is metro?

In 2006 Metro Early College High School was created through a partnership amongst OSU, Battelle and the Educational Council, a coalition of 16 school districts within Franklin County. Metro is a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)-focused public high school for grades 9-12 located on the OSU campus.

The school is unique in that 11th and 12th graders participate in hands-on, self-directed learning outside the classroom with teachers and mentors from OSU. Internships are conducted at ‘learning centers’ that include OSU, Battelle, and Columbus Public Health, to name a few.

Principal Marcy Raymond introduces riders from the 2009 R4WH team to Metro High School students.

Metro High School and Global Health

In 2008, the Health Sciences Center for Global Health received a Fogarty International Center NIH grant. One of the aims of the grant is to interest students in careers in global health and to create a pipeline even before they reach college. As part of this initiative, the Center is working with Principal Marcy Raymond, Assistant Principal Aimee Kennedy, and Diana Wolterman, Battelle Project Manager in Residence at Metro High School to expose students to the different aspects of global health. Metro High School incorporated study of the Millennium Development Goals into the regular curriculum culminating in team presentations as part of the Global Health Day events. Language Arts students created Public Service Announcements (billboards, brochures and TV ads) promoting World Health Day 2009. In teacher Jeffrey Elliot’s World History class, topics included Creating a Global Partnership for Development, Addressing Ecological Sustainability, Preventing Extreme Poverty and Hunger, and Improving Women’s Status and Human Rights.

Millennium Development Goals (MDGSs)

“The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) are eight goals to be achieved by 2015 that respond to the world’s main development challenges.” United Nations Development Programme

To learn more, visit http://www.undp.org/mdg/.

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Global Health Education Consortium Annual Meeting

The 2009 Global Health Education Consortium theme was “Transcending Global Health Barriers: Education and Action.” Held on the beautiful campus of the University of Washington April 4-5, the conference featured two days of workshops, panels, exhibits, posters, and keynote speaker Harriet Fulbright.

OSU medical students had two posters accepted, “Pediatric Malnutrition Indicates a Disparity in the Social Predictors of Nutrition in Two Honduran Communities,” presenters Janice Esker and Matthew Imm and “Assessing Education Level Aids in the Distribution of Resources in a Developing Global Health Program in Honduras” presenters Matthew Imm and Rein Lambrecht. Co-authors on both posters are Sara Brummel, Janice Esker, Stephen Morrical, Cregg Ashcraft, MD, and Paul Nanda, MD.

Second-year OSU medical student Matthew Imm, won the 2009 Lancet – GHEC Outstanding Community Service Project award. The award, presented at an evening ceremony, is given to a student or resident that “addresses the needs of a disadvantaged/underprivileged community that has significant impact and will likely continue to have ongoing relevance in the future of the community.” Imm was chosen for his work as the founder of The Partnership for Ongoing Developmental, Educational, and Medical Outreach Service (PODEM-OS) a student-led initiative focused on providing evidence-based healthcare to underserved populations in Honduras, while at the same creating an international educational experience for medical students.

Above: Matthew Imm, Class of 2011, receives Lancet - GHEC Outstanding Community Service Project award.

Unite for Sight Annual Meeting

Daniel D. Sedmak, MD, executive vice dean for the College of Medicine and director of the Health Sciences Center for Global Health was an invited speaker at the 6th Annual Unite for Sight Conference held April 18-19 at Yale University. Over 2200 participants from 50 states and 55 countries gathered to create partnerships, share ideas across disciplines, and learn from one another. The keynote speaker was Jeffrey Sachs, PhD, director of the Earth Institute at Columbus University. Other speakers included Nicholas Kristoff, New York Times columnist (carried in the Columbus Dispatch), Susan Blumenthal, MD, MPA, former US Assistant Surgeon General and Al Sommer, MD, MHS, dean emeritus, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Unite for Sight is a non-profit organization that “empowers communities worldwide to improve eye health and eliminate preventable blindness.” To date the organization has treated 800,000 patients and performed over 21,000 eye surgeries.

Above: Matthew Imm, Class of 2011, receives Lancet - GHEC Outstanding Community Service Project award.

Janice Esker, Class of 2011, and Andrew Suchocki, MD, Class of 2005 at the posters exhibit.

University of Washington campus, Seattle.
New International Leader at OSU

William Brustein, PhD, has been named Vice Provost for Global Strategies and International Affairs, effective July 1, 2009.

As Vice Provost for Global Strategies and International Affairs, Dr. Brustein will head the Office of International Affairs and lead the development efforts of Ohio State’s evolving global strategies. Daniel Sedmak, MD, led the search committee for the new position and noted that “Dr. Brustein is a recognized expert on the internationalization of universities and we are fortunate that he has selected Ohio State for the next phase of his distinguished career.”

Global Health Career Opportunities at the CDC

Check out opportunities at www.cdc.gov/cogh/employment.htm.

President Obama’s Statement on Global Health

President Obama released his proposed global health initiative and his related funding request of $8.6 billion in FY 2010 and $63 billion over six years.

“My budget makes critical investments in a new, comprehensive global health strategy. We support the promise of PEPFAR while increasing and enhancing our efforts to combat diseases that claim the lives of 26,000 children each day. We cannot fix every problem. But we have a responsibility to protect the health of our people, while saving lives, reducing suffering, and supporting the health and dignity of people everywhere. America can make a significant difference in meeting these challenges, and that is why my Administration is committed to act.”


2009 Global Health Electives

Medical students participated in 38 Global Health Electives in 14 countries around the world. A quarter of the electives were done in China at affiliated institutions.

Save the Dates!

The Columbus Council on World Affairs (CCWA) and the Cardinal Health Foundation are hosting “Global Health 2009: Community Conversations.”

July 1 Global Health: The World’s Most Pressing Issues with Daniel Carucci, VP of Global Health for the UN Foundation and Maurice Middleberg, VP of Public Policy, Global Health Council

September 22 Beyond Aid: Building Communities in the Developing World with Steve Hollingsworth, COO, CARE USA and Cliff Lenton, World Vision

October 14 Global Health in Emerging Markets with Patrick Kelley, Director, Board on Global Health, Institute of Medicine and Phil Deschamps, President and CEO, GSW Worldwide

The OSU Health Sciences Center for Global Health is partnering with CCWA and other community sponsors to develop the program. Watch for more details in the near future.

“Commission on Smart Global Health Policy”

A new “Commission on Smart Global Health Policy” has been formed to develop “actionable recommendations for a long-term, strategic U.S. approach to global health.” A report of the panel is expected in January 2010. The Commission, is co-chaired by Dr. Helene Gayle, President and CEO of CARE, and Admiral William J. Fallon, former Commander of both the U.S. Central Command and U.S. Pacific Command. The Commission was organized by the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS).

http://www.csis.org/component/option,com_csis_events/task,view/id,2004/