

CALLS FOR ABSTRACTS, PAPERS

Leadership in Health Services Special Issue on: Building National Health Leadership Initiatives: Examples from Across the Globe

Leadership in Health Services journal plans to issue a special edition that will identify and profile major leadership development initiatives in several countries. Individuals interested in submitting an article should submit an abstract of no more than 500 words outlining the nature of the leadership development initiative they would like to profile. A special review committee is being established to review these abstracts and determine the contribution they can make to the special edition. Authors will be advised whether to pursue the development of the full article based on the submitted abstract. Subsequently, the review committee, in collaboration with the journal's peer review process, will review the submitted articles and make a final decision as to inclusion in the special edition.

Coverage

To meet the criteria for selection of articles, authors should profile leadership development initiatives that:

1. Profile system-wide, or organization-wide leadership development initiatives that have ramifications for large systems, meaning they go beyond a single institution or program and focus on a health system level;
2. Aim at building leadership capacity throughout a system with a focus in whole or in part on executives and senior leaders;
3. Transcend health disciplines and thereby represent initiatives that are inter-professional in nature (involve physicians, nurses, and other health professionals who occupy or aspire to leadership positions.)
4. Aim at developing transformational leadership while placing emphasis on creating the vision and creating the conditions for major system change.
5. Are guided by an overall evidenced-based conceptual framework drawn from leadership literature and experience.
6. Are currently being applied in practice through leadership development programs, performance management, succession planning or in other ways.

The intent is to attract articles from several countries thereby it is likely only one article would be accepted per country. A composite of initiatives within a given country might be considered for a country's submission.

Important Dates

1. March 15, 2010 – submission of abstracts
2. April 15, 2010 - feedback to authors
3. July 15, 2010 - Submission of articles
4. September 30, 2010 – Completion of Peer Review

Submission of Abstracts

Guidelines for submission can be found at:

http://info.emeraldinsight.com/products/journals/author_guidelines.htm?id=lhs

The Department for International Development is initiating a program to develop and disseminate systematic reviews in international development (some health-related) that will neutrally map, quality grade and synthesize the evidence in international development.

A pilot is running from January-September 2010 that will test the approach by developing 25 systematic reviews. If this is successful, DFID will be supporting the creation of an independent, international collaboration to oversee the creation and dissemination of systematic reviews that will focus on creating public good outputs to the highest academic standard.

More information with a list of review questions and an application form is available at:
<http://www.research4development.info/SystematicReviewFeature.asp>

COURSES AND TRAINING

HRH Summer School 2010- Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh

The Institute for International Health and Development (IIHD) at Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh is offering a new aimed HRH Summer School 2010 specifically for international practitioners and managers working with the health workforce.

The HRH Summer School 2010 is designed for leaders, practitioners and advisers in Human Resources for Health who wish to gain and share a better understanding of how to translate development initiatives into sustained growth in individual and organizational capacity. It provides delegates and expert participants with an opportunity to explore a more rigorous approach to achieving a sustainable and more effective mobilization of the workforce. The programme will include plenary sessions, small discussion groups, practitioner presentations as well as thematic presentations by acknowledged experts. There will be opportunities to discuss innovations and best practice among participants and experienced professionals with the focus on developing countries and countries in transition. Among the outcomes within the objective of this Summer School is the creation of an international network to sustain the impetus in identifying mechanisms for improving viability of new project initiatives.

For more information, please see:

http://www.qmu.ac.uk/iidh/summer_school/summer_school_human_resources_for_health.htm

Human Resources in Health Labour Markets Training - Global Health Workforce Economics Network

Global Health Workforce Economics Network (GHWEN), which promotes research and training in the field of healthcare workforce economics will hold a training course in labour market economics, at the University of California, Berkeley from 9- 13 August 2010.

This course is targeting managers, planners, analysts, and others who work with the human resources for health in organizations such as Ministries of Health, health care facilities, aid organizations, and academic institutions. The format will be a combination of lectures and group projects. Specifically, lectures will occur each morning, and afternoon small-group projects will apply the tools learned in the lectures. The course will be taught in English.

Individuals interested in admission to the course need to submit an application and curriculum vitae by April 15, 2010. More information can be found at : <http://www.ghwen.org/training/hrh/info>

NEW ON THE ALLIANCE WEB SITE:

www.who.int/workforcealliance/en/

Membership:

The Alliance has recently welcomed **27 new members**. Some have provided us with content for their profile page, links of which can be found below:

Department of Population Sciences-University of Dhaka *	Medics Without Borders
African Development Bank *	Medicus Mundi International Network
Afro-European Medical and Research Network (AEMRN)	MeduProf-S
American Professional eXchange Association (APXA)	Pacific Human Resources for Health Alliance *
Cendex research centre - Pontificia Universidad Javeriana	People's Open Access Education Initiative
Centre for Health Policy and Innovation, Health Policy Cluster *	Philippine Nurses Association
COMSATS Institute of Information Technology *	Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI)
EHESP École des Hautes Études en Santé *	School of Public Health, University of the Western Cape
IMDAD Foundation *	Spencerian College *
Initiatives Inc.	Sustainable Resource Foundation (SuRF)
International Classic Cosmoenergy Federation	The Peter A. Silverman Centre for International Health *
International Pediatric Association	Ugandan Network for Workplace Health Promotion (UNWHP)
Makerere University School of Public Health *	Uzima Foundation - Africa *

(*): requested and awaiting content information/questionnaire

News, Interviews & events:

[Article on the health workforce crisis](#): Interview with Dr Mubashar Sheikh published in "Global Medicine", issue 8, November 2009

[Signing ceremony of the Masters Degree Programme with a focus on Health Workforce Development in Francophone Africa](#)", a joint initiative of the University of Geneva and WHO with the support from the Alliance

[IPEPFAR, IHP+ review action on global health workforce commitments](#) PEPFAR and IHP+ have released today a synthesis document reviewing progress on their collaboration with the respective Ministries of Health in Ethiopia, Kenya, Mozambique and Zambia.

[Code of Practice on international recruitment of health personnel](#):

- [Statement by the Alliance Board](#)
- [Statement by the coalition of Alliance member civil society organizations](#)

[Health workforce support needed in Haiti](#) Alliance appealed to all its members and partners to provide urgent support to the country's health workforce

Alliance Champions:

The Global Health Workforce Alliance is proud to be working with a group of "Champions" who are prominent people from the health and development community who agreed to contribute with their knowledge, wisdom and leadership towards highlighting the essential role of health workers.

[Read more...](#)

[Interview with Lord Nigel Crisp](#): Champion Advocate for the Global Health Workforce Alliance

[Interview with Professor Keizo Takemi](#): Championing for the workforce for stronger health systems

Multimedia:

Alliance YouTube channel launched: <http://www.youtube.com/user/ghwvideos>

[BBC World News Broadcast Film On Health Worker Shortages](#): new documentary film depicting dilemma health workers face both in developing as well as in developed countries.

This e-update is part of a series of services that the Alliance Communications provides to its members and partners. Other services include the Weekly News Digest (both electronic and email), the Quarterly Newsletter and the e-blasts. Contact us for subscriptions, suggestions and queries at ghwa@who.int

