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Emergency Medicine in Kenya: A New CGCHI Program

The Center for Global Collaboration & Health Initiatives announces a new collaboration with Moi University Teaching and Referral Hospital to develop the specialty of Emergency Medicine in Kenya.

The goals of this initiative are to:

- Introduce the specialty of emergency medicine in Kenya,
- Assist in developing a residency training program in Emergency Medicine
- Teach the basic essential principles and skills to Kenyan physicians
- Further educational opportunities for Kenyan health professionals

- Improve the regional healthcare in Kenya

Eldoret is the fifth largest city in Kenya, with a population of 250,000.

The Emergency Medicine program in Kenya program will be modeled from the successful program established by Dr. John D. Cahill in 2000 in conjunction with the Royal College of Surgeon in Ireland and Beaumont Hospital, Ireland.

Planning for the new program is underway, with candidates expected to enroll in the first course in January of 2008. Faculty from Brown University, Harvard University, and Columbia University will be involved in this new initiative.

Cocktail Reception on June 5th

Please join us for a benefit cocktail reception on Tuesday, June 5th at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Andrew Goffe and Mr. Jeff Levin are generously hosting this evening.

Dr. John Cahill will provide an update on CGCHI's recent activities. Dr. Jennifer Stratton, a recipient of a CGCHI Global Health Fellowship, will share insights and

experiences from her recent visit to Kenya.

Space for this special evening is limited. Please contact CGCHI at 646-530-8335 or Info@cgchi.org.



Global Health Fellows and Grants For Sustainability and Essential Programs and Services

The Center for Global Collaboration and Health Initiatives is pleased to announce the recipients of Global Health Fellowships for 2007:

Jennifer Stratton, MD

Nayomi Sajan, MD

Cynthia Feher, MD

Peter DeJager, MD

Katharine Joo

Chris Comerford

This year's Grant for Sustainability and Essential Programs and Services was awarded to Ortum Missionary Hospital in Kenya. This grant will be used for local physician professional development and to help secure medical services at the hospital for the next three years.

Ortum Missionary Hospital has long-standing ties with CGCHI and has been the site of several of our successful HIV and Maternal Health programs. It is located in the remote Northwest region of Kenya, close to the border of Uganda and Sudan.

CGCHI Global Health Fellow Jennifer Stratton's Experience in Kenya

"Thanks to CGCHI, I realized my calling to pursue a career in public health that focuses on infectious diseases in the developing world."

*Jennifer Stratton, MD,
recipient of CGCHI grant*

Dr. Jennifer Stratton spent this past January working at Ortum Missionary Hospital. The purpose of her fellowship was to conduct an assessment of the burden of HIV in this part of Kenya. Although several successful HIV programs exist in Kenya, this part of the country has been significantly neglected.

Based upon her experience, Dr. Stratton decided to apply for and was accepted to a two-year fellowship in Global Health at St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital Center, New York, NY. Her fellowship will be carried out under the direction of John D. Cahill MD and Ramona Sunderwirth MD. This is the first

fellowship of its kind in the United States, combining interdisciplinary training in Emergency Medicine, Tropical Medicine, Infectious Diseases, Pediatrics, and Public Health. Dr. Stratton will also complete a Masters in Public Health at Columbia University over the next two years.

Her fieldwork will focus on HIV training and developing partnerships to establish a comprehensive HIV/antiretroviral program in Northwest Kenya. It is anticipated that Doctors of the World will be a major partner in this effort.

Grants and Foundation Support 2006

CGCHI received generous financial support from the following organizations:

Freedom Forum

Jewish Communal Fund

Thomas and GERALYN C. Neumann Foundation

Leo A. Reesa Charitable Fund

William E. Simon Foundation

Mark J. Stuart Jr. Foundation

Teeing Off Event For CGCHI Last Fall A Success

On November 16th, 2006 our annual fall fundraiser was held at the India House Club in Manhattan. Despite the horrible weather, over 200 people attended the reception and auction. The event raised a total of \$42,000.

Special thanks to Denis Kane, the President of Druids Glen Golf Club, who sponsored the event and donated several of the auction items.



David Clements, Christopher Evans, John D. Cahill MD, & Con Clarke



Auctioneer Ronan Clarke in action



Global Health Fellow Heidi Ladner MD & Louise Noddegaard MD



Mr. & Mrs. Kelly, Sally Librera, & Jillian Berman

Profile on CGCHI Global Health Fellow Chris Comerford in Somaliland

“It is my belief that one of the most pressing global health issues that the developing world faces today is the lack of long-term professional training and career prospects for local medical staff. This so called “brain drain” renders these countries increasingly reliant on outside aid agencies and infrequent medical team visits.

I have chosen Somaliland to document this issue, as it is not very well known to the outside world. Although it has been seeking international support for many years, no country has yet given it formal recognition. However, despite this lack of outside assistance, as well as a minimal UN and international NGO presence, the country has built up over the last fifteen years a relatively stable democracy as compared to other countries in the region.

For example, at the end of the country’s vicious civil war in 1991, there were only 98 doctors in the whole of Somaliland, serving a

population of three million. All educational institutions had closed. Nevertheless, steps have been made in recent years to combat the loss of medical staff to the West and to provide training to a new generation.

This year the first ever medical students in Somaliland will graduate from Amoud University and, in 2008, the first ever nurses and health officers will graduate from Edna Adan Maternity Hospital. These institutions are now looked upon as a great source of hope for the revival of the health system in the country. It is my objective to document this struggle to reverse the trend of “brain drain” in the country.

My goal is to demonstrate the obstacles that Somaliland’s health care faces, the methods that are working, and the exploration of alternatives to meet the challenges of the present and the future. Photography is the medium that will be used to tell the story of the Somaliland health care system.”

Mr. Comerford will use his CGCHI Fellowship to travel to Somaliland next month. A photo essay of Mr. Comerford’s work will be exhibited by CGCHI this fall.

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Spring Program in Ireland

The Seventh Annual course "Updates in Emergency Medicine" was successfully held at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, from April 18 -20, 2007. A total of 30 candidates attended the program.

The curriculum of the course included: critical care scenarios, regional anesthesia, common surgical procedures in emergency medicine, and lectures on humanitarian and disaster medicine.

The faculty was comprised of members from: Beaumont Hospital, Ireland and from Columbia University, Cornell University, and Brown University from the United

States.

A special thanks to the Ireland Funds which provided a generous grant which made this course possible.



About CGCHI

The mission of the Center for Global Collaboration and Health Initiatives is to promote equal and better health worldwide by advancing healthcare providers' understanding of diseases and conditions that affect global populations, increasing knowledge of the basic principles and practices of emergency medicine and public health, and promoting medical self-reliance in communities throughout the world.

The Center develops and presents training programs designed to help medical personnel address major public health issues such as

malnutrition, injury, and maternal and infant health, as well as to improve prevention and treatment of devastating diseases such as HIV, malaria, tuberculosis, and other tropical illnesses.

The Center for Global Collaboration and Health Initiatives is a project of the Tides Center, a nonprofit public charity exempt from federal income tax under Sections 501(c)3 and 509(a)1 of the Internal Revenue Code. All contributions are tax-deductible.

Upcoming Events

June 5, 2007: CGCHI Cocktail Reception

August 13th – September 24th: Diploma in Tropical Medicine Course, Dublin, Ireland

October 2007: HIV Program in West Pokot, Kenya

November 2007 (exact date to follow): CGCHI Gala Dinner

January 2008: Updates in Emergency Medicine, Eldoret, Kenya

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