Director’s Greeting

Welcome to the UIC Center for Global Health Newsletter!!

We are proud to bring you the first issue of our quarterly newsletter. In this installment, we are featuring activities from the Center’s first year, as well as some upcoming events.

In our “Where in the World” column, we chronicle the travels and global initiatives of our faculty and Network members. We also highlight the talks presented during our first year of monthly network meetings; these are held the first Wednesday of every month at our Center, and are open to the university community.

Speaking of the Center—located on the second floor of the Goldberg Building—I hope you will enjoy our feature on the renowned Ukrainian artist Anatole Kolomayets, whose painting “The Immigrant” hangs in our conference room.

Thanks for your interest in global health!! Remember, you can also see what we are up to by going to our website, globalhealth.uic.edu

Tim Erickson, Director
World Health Day

On April 7, 2011, more than 120 UIC faculty, staff, residents, and health professions students joined the Center for Global Health and the Global Health Research Collaborative to celebrate World Health Day. The event, which was held in the Gerald Moss Auditorium, featured Dr. Michael VanRooyen, Professor of Medicine at Harvard University and Director, Harvard Humanitarian Initiative speaking on “Humanitarian Assistance in War and Conflict: Academic Engagement and Student Activism”. Dr. Janet Lin then moderated a panel discussion “Haiti—One Year Later,” including Dr. VanRooyen as well as Serge Pierre-Louis, President of DuSable Heritage Association and Chicago Chapter of AMHE and Deloris Thomas, Project Eden.

We also sponsored a “Fotos from the Field” contest, with the winning photo image submitted by Leah McClellan; second place went to Dr. Chris Stout and third to Dr. Dalia Wenckus.

For this year’s celebration on April 4, in addition to our second annual photo contest, the program features two presentations. Keynote speaker Dr. Claudia Morrissey, from Save the Children, will discuss “Saving Newborn Lives: A Public Health Imperative”. She will be followed by Dr. Mona Khanna, of Fox Chicago News, presenting “Challenges and Issues in Global Health and the Media”. This year’s event is cosponsored by the School of Public Health. We also are grateful to the Institute for Policy and Civil Engagement for their support of this event.

“Personal transformation can and does have global effects. As we go, so goes the world, for the world is us. The revolution that will save the world is ultimately a personal one.”

~Marianne Williamson~

Truckin4Haiti

Over the past couple of months, you may have noticed some food trucks around campus serving up some delicious and different menu items. A portion of those proceeds were used to defray some of the costs incurred when Janet Lin, Director of Health Systems Development at the Center for Global Health, brought a group of physicians, nurses and public health students from UIC to do clinical work at Delmas Medical Clinic in Port-au-Prince Haiti. They conducted a 5-day “train the trainers” program on injury management at the clinic for Haitian staff and medical students. They also performed a community level disaster preparedness assessment on the catchment area of the clinic, interviewing over 160 households on knowledge of disasters and disaster preparedness since the earthquake. They were able to meet with the Mayor of Delmas, and also with several key members of the local government. They were extended le cief de ville to continue work with Delmas and improvement of health and emergency care.

Check our website and the UIC events calendar regularly for announcements regarding the food trucks schedule for any upcoming fundraising events.
Anatole Kolomayets

Anatole Kolomayets was born in the Poltava region of Ukraine in 1927. He studied at St. Luke’s Institute (1948-1952) and at the Royal Academy of Fine Arts (1952-53), both in Liege, Belgium. Arriving in the United States in 1954, he settled in Chicago, which remains his home to this day. His paintings can be found in numerous private collections and galleries in Argentine, Australia, Belgium, France, Great Britain, the United States and Ukraine.

One of the founders of the Ukrainian Artists’ Group, “Monolith” in Chicago in the 1950s-1960s, Kolomayets has had one-man exhibits in Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, Washington D.C., Philadelphia, Toronto, New York, Los Angeles and Denver, and his works have been reviewed in various magazines and journals, including “Suchasnist”, and “Ukraina”.

The conference room at the Center for Global Health features a piece by the artist titled “The Immigrant.” You can also see his painting, “Homeless” in the conference room in the Department of Emergency Medicine. His works are not currently being displayed locally, but Kolomayets still resides in Chicago and from time to time you can see his works on display at Chicago’s Ukrainian National Museum.

GMED Program

The Global Medicine (GMED) program is a comprehensive, longitudinal, four-year curriculum designed to provide medical students with the skills and understanding required to develop a practice focusing on global health. The mission of the GMED program is to prepare physician-leaders to serve global communities. We are actively recruiting our first class of twelve GMED students for the Fall of 2012 and will be interviewing candidates on second look day for the College of Medicine on Friday April 20th. There have been an exceptional number of motivated students that have applied to our program and the selection process will be a difficult one because of the number and caliber of the applicant pool. The GMED program would like to extend a special note of appreciation to the University of Illinois College of Medicine Admissions Office and the Urban Medicine (UMED) program for being instrumental in providing assistance in our recruitment and application process. We are looking forward to selecting and training our first class of future Global Health leaders.

CGH Network Meeting Presenters

July 2011
Dr. Donna Baptiste, Department of Psychiatry Institute for Juvenile Research - “AIDS/HIV in the Caribbean”

August 2011
Dr. Peter Orris, GLCEOHS - “International Collaborations with the World Health Organization (WHO)”

September 2011
Dr. Sandy Sufian, Department of Medical Education - “Interdisciplinary Research on HIV/AIDS in the Middle East and North Africa: New Directions for the Age of Globalization”
Dr. Linda Forst, School of Public Health - “Immigrant Workers in Occupational Medicine in International Settings”

October 2011
Dr. Stacey Chamberlain, Center for Global Health - “Rural Uganda and Train the Trainer”

December 211
Dr. Daniel Hryhorczuk, Center for Global Health - “Historical Perspective on the Chornobyl Radiation Disaster and Establishing Global Centers of Excellence”
Dr. Caswell Evans, College of Dentistry - “Dental Students in Guatemala and Tanzania”

January 2012
Dr. Maarten C. Bosland, Department of Pathology - “Laboratory Work and Pathology in Ghana, Africa”
Dr. Vinoo Dissanayake, Department of Emergency Medicine - “The Global Burden of Lead Poisoning”

February 2012
Warren Lavey, Environmental Law & Policy Center - “Global Health & Climate Change”

March 2012
Dr. Paul Brandt-Rauf, School of Public Health - “Environment, Health and Sustainable Development: Acting Locally, Thinking Globally”
“Where in the World…?”

Dr. Dharmapuri Vidyasagar, Chair of the Internal Advisory Committee of the Center for Global Health, was a Fulbright-Nehru visiting lecturer in neo-natal research at medical colleges in the state of Andhra Pradesh, India for 4 months. Dr. Vidyasagar will be presenting his work at our June 6th Network Meeting.

Advisory Committee members Warren Lavey (Environmental Law & Policy Center) and Dr. Holly Rosencranz (Department of Medicine) travelled to Guatemala to participate in medical relief and environmental projects. And Advisory Committee member Alan Lau, College of Pharmacy, was able to teleconference in to our Internal Advisory Committee meeting from Thailand during his Southeast Asia travels.

Network Members Andrew Dykens and Tracy Irwin participated in a Peace Care Senegal Collaborative visit to Senegal.

On March 24, 2012 Dr. Daniel Hryhorczuk, Director of Environmental Health at the Center for Global Health, gave an invited lecture on "Investigating Outbreaks of Environmental Illness in Children" at the International Conference on Environmental Health in the Political Agenda that was held in Montevideo, Uruguay.

Oleg Dardynsky travelled to Russia and Belarus as part of the Center’s “Translocations in Dioxin Exposed Workers from Ukraine” grant as well as Fogarty International Training and Research in Environmental and Occupational Health.

Stacey Chamberlain attended the Emergency Medicine Society of South Africa Conference where she presented her work with the Global Emergency Care Collaborative; the project offers a train-the-trainer program for midlevel providers and developing emergency medicine systems in Uganda.

Tim Erickson, CGH Director and Rhea Begeman, CGH Director of Administration, visited India to establish an affiliation between the BJ Medical College in Ahmadabad, Gujarat and UIC College of Medicine. Tim also travelled with Mark and AiXuan Holtermann (COM Peoria) to Vietnam to provide medical care at a Children’s Hospital in Ho Chi Minh City.

Valerie Dobiesz, CGH Director of Education & Humanitarian Relief, and Tim Erickson led an Expedition Wilderness Medicine group to the Galapagos Islands.