

“BREAKING BARRIERS, BRIDGING WORLDS” INTEGRATING CUTTING-EDGE RESEARCH AND MITIGATING GEOPOLITICAL RISKS HIGHLIGHT IMPORTANT PUBLIC HEALTH SPEAKER EVENT DURING WHA (WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY) IN GENEVA

STUF United Fund and co-organizing partners will present three forum discussions with international experts, examining the nexus of science, geopolitics, integrated health care systems, and worldwide public health challenges.

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[Geneva, Switzerland] — The fast pace of scientific research and geopolitical threats all affect organizations working to better public health and provide integrated health care systems across the globe. In response, STUF United Fund is bringing together a world-class panel of experts on May 28, 2024 for “Breaking Barriers, Bridging Worlds,” a series of lively discussions during the 77th World Health Assembly meetings in Geneva. Our international group of speakers from many sectors of science, academia, and policy will provide expert insight on how public health outcomes are shaped by wide ranging challenges.

Every week, researchers publish scientific breakthroughs which could improve the health and lives of millions across the globe. However, translating those discoveries into action by public health agencies is often complex and time consuming. In session one, Dr. Otmar Kloiber, Secretary General of The World Medical Association will look for solutions as moderator of a discussion entitled “Interdisciplinary Challenges Between Science and Public Health.” Panelists include Professor Ehud Keinan, President of the International Union of Pure & Applied Chemistry and Professor of Chemistry at the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology; Dr. Edward Trimble, Senior Advisor at the National Cancer Institute (U.S.); and Professor Yu Ju Chen, Distinguished Research Fellow at the Institute of Chemistry, Academia Sinica (Taiwan).

Across the globe, war, politics, and disease threaten to roll back many strong public health gains. In session two, “Global Health Governance and Emerging Geopolitical Risks,” features a panel discussion of these issues, moderated by Ms. Shih-Chia Lin, Executive Director of Foundation of Medical Professional Alliances of Taiwan and politician. Speakers include Prof. Bettina Borisch, Executive Director of the World Federation of Public Health Associations; Dr. Yanzhong Huang, Senior Fellow for Global Health for the Council on Foreign Relations (U.S.); and Dr. Eric Pierre Bouillet from Swiss Data Science Center.

Panelists include Dr. Ming-Chi Chen from the Institute for National Defense and Security Research (Taiwan); Professor Suh-Fang Jeng, Vice President of the World Physiotherapy; Ms. Yi-Chin Wu, Director of the Center for Global Health Research, Foundation of Medical Professional Alliance in Taiwan; and two representative of young professionals: Ms. Chia-Ying Tsai and Ms. Yuan Yuan Chen.

Session three will examine “Universal Health Coverage and Integrated Health Care System - Engagement and Strategies” and will be moderated by Dr. Otmar Kloiber, Secretary General of The World Medical Association and Minister Tai-Yuan Chiu from The Ministry of Health and Welfare, Taiwan, who is also Honorary President of the Taiwan Medical Association and Council Member of The World Medical Association. Speakers include Dr. Lujain Alqodmani, President of The World Medical Association; Dr. Jung-Yul Park, Chairperson of Council of The World Medical Association; Dr. Brian Bih-Jeng Chang, Secretary General of the Taiwan Medical Association. Guests joining as panelists include Dr. Heng-Li Lin, Deputy Secretary-General of Taiwan Medical Associations and Vice President of the Taichung Medical Association and Prof. Dr. Cheng-Hsu Wang, Legislator of Taiwan and former Chairman of Hope Foundation Cancer Care.

Join us for all three sessions at the Fairmont Grand Hotel Geneva (Quai du Mont-Blanc 19, 1201, Geneva) from 9:30 AM to 17:30 PM, C.E.T. To join in person or online, please fill out the register form: <https://forms.gle/f36PpVeCvtK2BtDx6>

The event is presented by STUF United Fund in conjunction with the World Medical Association, the Taiwan Medical Association, and the Foundation of Medical Professionals Alliance in Taiwan. It is the second annual WHA parallel event hosted by STUF United Fund. Last year 250 attended “From SARS to COVID-19: Science, Medicine, and Human Solutions,” a speaker series highlighting the search for a universal vaccine, Taiwan’s outstanding response to COVID-19, and the remarkable life of Dr. Carlo Urbani.

Media are cordially invited to attend this speaker series and discussion. **A press conference will be held on May 24th, 2024, 3pm** at the Geneva Press Club (Club suisse de la presse – Domaine de Penthes, Chemin de l’Impératrice 18, 1292 Pregny-Chambésy). Please RSVP to join the press conference: <https://forms.gle/f36PpVeCvtK2BtDx6>

ABOUT THE EVENT CO-ORGANIZERS

STUF UNITED FUND



Established in 2009, STUF United Fund is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization registered in the U.S. that supports international charity work. With the core values of STUF (Share, Trust, Unity, and Family), the organization focuses on the areas of Humanitarian Aid, Disaster Relief, Culture and Education, Public Health, and Environmental Protection. STUF aims to create sustainable changes through connecting and working with NGO/NPO (non-government organization, nonprofit organization), government departments, UN agencies, and the corporate sector. STUF's charity work has been in 5 continents, 33 countries.

In terms of COVID-19 relief, in 2020 STUF donated close to 70,000 masks to hospitals, government units, and the general public in 22 cities in the U.S. In addition, STUF provided emergency food support to families in rural areas in Peru. In 2021, STUF donated 71 oxygen concentrators to India and Indonesia as well as provided isolation testing booths and protection equipment to medical staff in Taiwan.

WMA



The World Medical Association (WMA) is an international organization representing physicians. It was founded on 17 September 1947, when physicians from 27 different countries met at the First General Assembly of the WMA in Paris. The organization was created to ensure the independence of physicians, and to work for the highest possible standards of ethical behavior and care by physicians, at all times. This was particularly important to physicians after the Second World War, and therefore the WMA has always been an independent confederation of free professional associations. Funding has been by the annual contributions of its members, which has now grown to 116 National Medical Associations.

The WMA provides a forum for its member associations to communicate freely, to cooperate actively, to achieve consensus on high standards of medical ethics and professional competence, and to promote the professional freedom of physicians worldwide. This unique partnership facilitates high-caliber, humane care to patients in a healthy environment, enhancing the quality of life for all people in the world.

TMA



The Taiwan Medical Association (TMA) The mission of this Association is to unite physicians in Taiwan, facilitate the cooperation of the medical industry, improve medical professionalism and common rights, assist in promoting social works, and further the development of the medical industry. It aims to Instruct on mutual assistance in members' practices and public welfare, research and compile studies on modern medicine science, promote the cooperation between international medical institutions or groups, as well as provide advice to the medical system, medical education and medical administration.

Its various committees include the Committee on Medical Policy, Committee on Policy Relating to National Health Insurance, Committee on Public Relations, Committee on Medical Regulations, Committee on Academic Information, Committee on Medical Ethics and Discipline, Committee on International Affairs, Committee on Editorial Review, Committee on Medical Affairs Assistance and Guidance, Committee on Membership Welfare.

FMPAT



The Foundation of Medical Professionals Alliance in Taiwan (FMPAT) was established in 1992. Since 1992, FMPAT has developed in Taiwan's medical profession a sense of social responsibility, medical training, biotech development and providing health-policy advice to the government. By upholding humanitarianism, the foundation aims to unite medical professionals who are passionate about refining medical ethics and cultures in Taiwan, devote to issues and fields of human rights, policies of education, and environmental protection, enhance medicine professionalism, and upgrade clinical level. Furthermore, FMPAT actively forms relationships with international nongovernmental organizations to advocate for Taiwan's participation in the World Health Organization.

The foundation has been invited as a part of Global Health Diplomacy Network since 2010, devoted to the concept of Global Health Diplomacy, and has promoted dialogues between the fields of diplomacy and health profession.

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