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The [website](#) has been reorganized and updated. Please visit and send us your comments!

### NGDI ASSOCIATES, JERRY SPIEGEL AND ANNALEE YASSI RECEIVE \$4 MILLION IN CIHR GRANTS

The University of British Columbia has received \$4 million in grants from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research. Dr. Jerry Spiegel received \$1,900,637 for his project: *Food systems and health equity in an era of globalization: Think, Eat and Grow Green Globally (TEG3)*. Dr. Annalee Yassi received \$1,926,236 for her project: *Promoting Health Equity by Addressing the Needs of Health Workers: A Collaborative, International Research Program*. [<read more from NGDI>](#)

For the UBC Public Affairs story: <http://www.publicaffairs.ubc.ca/?p=25715>.

### SANTIAGO RAMON-GARCIA WINS CANADA RISING STARS AWARD

Santiago Ramon-Garcia, a Research Associate in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology, is among nineteen innovators across Canada chosen for a \$100,000 Canadian Rising Stars in Global Health grant from Grand Challenges Canada [<news release>](#).

[http://www.action.org/tb\\_champions/dr.\\_santiago\\_ramon-garcia/](http://www.action.org/tb_champions/dr._santiago_ramon-garcia/)

Santiago's current research focuses on the development of new therapies to treat TB. He initiated a systematic screening approach, which uses libraries of antibiotics and drugs already approved for human use, to find new more effective TB drug combinations. Because these drugs have known pharmacological and safety profiles, any newly identified combination could be rapidly evaluated in clinical trials, saving time and money in the drug development process. In addition, he is actively engaged in teaching and community outreach activities. [<read more from NGDI>](#) [\[top\]](#)

### SAVING LIVES AT BIRTH: GRANT WINNER MARK ANSERMINO

A Phone Oximeter invented by UBC Assistant Professor Mark Ansermino and his team is the winner of a \$250,000 grant.

The initiative "Saving Lives at Birth: A Grand Challenge for Development" was organized in an attempt to gather ideas and scientists to address health problems faced by children and pregnant mothers. It was funded by Grand Challenges Canada, the United States Agency for International Development, Norway's Foreign Ministry, the World Bank, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. It received over 600 entries from across the globe. Mark's project, "The Phone Oximeter: Development and Evaluation of a Wireless Pulse Oximeter on a Cell phone for safe Perioperative Care", is one of nineteen winners selected. [<read more from NGDI>](#) [\[top\]](#)

### JERRY SPIEGEL RECEIVES PUBLIC HEALTH LEADER AWARD

At the 2011 annual conference Dr. Jerry Spiegel was awarded a CPHA International Award. The following report is from the CPHA website.

"Jerry Spiegel has been in the forefront of promoting public health globally, and particularly equity in access to health-promoting environments and community participation.

About a decade ago, he was instrumental in assembling leaders in global health from across Canada and internationally, as well as from CIDA, IDRC, CIHR and Health Canada, to create what became Canada's Global Health Research Initiative. He has also played a major role in the Canadian Coalition for Global Health Research, and is always willing to share his experience and expertise with students and colleagues individually, in communities, in classes, or in conferences. [<read more from NGDI>](#) [\[top\]](#)

## KISHOR WASAN NAMED ASSOCIATE DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES

The Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences at UBC is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Kishor Wasan to the position of Associate Dean, Research & Graduate Studies effective September 1, 2011. Dr. Wasan will be taking over for Dr. Helen Burt, who will be assuming the role of UBC Associate Vice President, Research & International.

Dr. Wasan graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a BSc (Pharmacy) in 1985 and the University of Texas, Medical School, Houston, with a PhD (Cellular & Molecular Pharmacology) in 1993. Following his doctoral degree, he completed a 12-month postdoctoral fellowship at the Cleveland Clinical Research Institute in Cleveland, Ohio. He joined the Faculty in 1995 and, over his 16-year term, achieved promotion to Associate Professor with tenure in July 2000 and Full Professor in July 2005.

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### NGDI News

## NGDI SPONSORS TOP UAEM STUDENTS FROM CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

On Aug 17-18, 3 executive members of the Universities Allied for Essential Medicines from CMU were toured around UBC and sponsored by NGDI. This dynamic group visited the UILO, the Brain Research Centre, and Pharmaceutical Sciences. They also met with some outstanding students and researchers on campus. They were hosted by UAEM-UBC students. [<read more from NGDI>](#).

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## NGDI-UBC TRAVELSHIPS AWARDED FOR AAPS 2011 ANNUAL MEETING

NGDI-UBC is pleased to announce their sponsored travelships for eligible students presenting papers at the 2011 AAPS Annual Meeting and Exposition to be held on October 23-27 in Washington, D.C.

### **Congratulations to the 2011 Travelship Winners**

- Ruhi Ubale, Mercer University: "Novel microparticulate polysaccharide meningitis vaccine for enhanced innate immune response"
- Ramzi Shawahna, INSERM U705: "Impact of socioeconomic status on physician's prescribing behavior and patient's health behavior: perspectives from a developing country"
- Tao Zhang, University of Missouri Kansas City: " Spray Drying Tenofovir Loaded Mucoadhesive and pH-Sensitive Microsphere for HIV Prevention"

For more information on the [annual meeting](#).

For more information on the [Pharmaceuticals in Global Health Focus Group](#).

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## THE MITACS GLOBALINK PROGRAM

The Globalink Program is designed to fund research internships for some of the top students in the world. The mandate of the program is to provide these international students with a glimpse of some of Canada's exciting research opportunities and to improve Canada's innovation capacity through attracting these interns to return to Canada for further studies. Globalink students undertake a research project under the supervision of a university faculty member, meet with local entrepreneurs and business leaders and build their professional skills and network. A participant's experience is further enriched with the guidance of a supporting student advisor and a host of meaningful educational and social experiences during their stay. To learn more about the programs benefits and faculty supervisor expectations: [<read more from NGDI>](#).

Faculty members may submit up to four project proposals that, upon assessment for scientific merit,

will be made available to students for application.

- Please note that in order to provide all interested faculty members with an opportunity to participate in the program, **student placements will be limited to one per faculty member.**
- Please note that **Mitacs Inc. is unable to guarantee that each submitted project will receive a student placement.**
- Final student placement numbers per province will be dictated by the funding available in that area.
- To submit an application in English, please go to <http://mitacs.ca/2012-globalink-faculty-application>
- To submit an application in French, please go to <http://mitacs.ca/fr/demande-d-inscription-au-programme-globalink-2012-pour-le-corps-enseignant>

Deadline for submission of proposals is **October 1, 2011.**

For further information about the Mitacs Globalink program and how to apply, please contact me at [lchristensen@mitacs.ca](mailto:lchristensen@mitacs.ca). [\[top\]](#)

## Previous NGDI Talks and Events

### NGDI MEMBERS EDUCATE SHAD VALLEY STUDENTS

On July 12<sup>th</sup> Kish Wasan and Richard Lester gave talks on their research to this year's batch of Shad Valley high school students. The enthusiasm from the students was high; the talks provided a positive impact which will encourage some of them to pursue health sciences in the future. [\[top\]](#)

### DR. CLIVE ONDARI FROM THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION VISITS UBC

The Neglected Global Disease Initiative and the School of Population and Public Health co-sponsored a roundtable and discussion on **June 16** with Dr. Clive Ondari. He is the Head of Policy, Access and Rational Use of Medicines (PAR), Department of Medicines Policy and Standards (HTP/PSM) at the World Health Organization and a world expert in essential drug, indigenous medicines and medicines for children. Before the roundtable event, Dr. Ondari met with Dr. Kishor Wasan and Jocelyn Conway to discuss collaboration possibilities. They then toured the new UBC Pharmaceutical Sciences building and Dr. Ondari was impressed by its capacity. The building will be home to 220 pharmaceutical sciences students, making it one of the largest of its kind in North America.

The roundtable was facilitated by Dr. Jerry Spiegel, Director, Global Health, Liu Institute of Global Issues, Associate Professor, SPPH and Benjamin Warren, JD, LLB, PhD Candidate, Global Health Research Program, SSPHT. Twelve attendees participated in the successful event and received information about how WHO works with consultants and experts at UBC. [\[top\]](#)

## Upcoming NGDI Lectureship

### DISTINGUISHED LECTURESHIP SEMINAR FEATURING STEPHEN LEWIS

The NGDI is pleased to invite you to attend our third Distinguished Lectureship Seminar. Stephen Lewis is a Co-Director of **AIDS-Free World**, a Distinguished Visiting Professor at Ryerson University in Toronto, and the board chair of the Stephen Lewis Foundation. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Clinton Health Access Initiative and Emeritus Board Member of the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative, as well as the author of the best-selling book, *Race Against Time*. Furthermore, he has worked with the United Nations for over two decades and holds more than 35 honorary degrees.

Stephen Lewis will be discussing **the topic of neglected global diseases**. The lecture is co-sponsored by the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences.

**Date:** Friday, October 21, 2011

**Time:** 1:00-2:30 p.m.

**Location:** [Old Auditorium](#), 6344 Memorial Road, UBC Vancouver Campus

Registration is **required** and space is filling up fast. To access the registration form, [click here](#).

To download the poster for the seminar, [click here](#).

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## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### CIHR – UPCOMING DEADLINES

Several CIHR grants have upcoming deadlines between Oct 1 and Oct 17<sup>th</sup>. Check the [find funding](#) page for more details.

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### BURROUGHS WELLCOME FUND - CAREER AWARDS FOR MEDICAL SCIENTISTS

Faculty of Medicine Internal Deadline: **September 19, 2011**

BWF Deadline: October 3, 2011

Awards foster the development and productivity of physician-scientists who are early in their careers and help them make the critical transition to becoming independent investigators. Five-year \$700,000 awards for physician-scientists bridge advanced postdoctoral/fellowship training and the early years of faculty service. Proposals must be in the area of basic biomedical, disease-oriented, or translational research. Proposals in health services research or involving large-scale clinical trials are ineligible. Awards are made to degree-granting institutions in the U.S. or Canada on behalf of the awardee.

For more information, go to [www.med.ubc.ca/research/dfo/faculty/bwf.htm](http://www.med.ubc.ca/research/dfo/faculty/bwf.htm). Please send your applications to Adrienne Hammond at [adrienne.hammond@ubc.ca](mailto:adrienne.hammond@ubc.ca) or 317-2194 Health Sciences Mall, Vancouver, BC, V6T 1Z3.

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### GRAND CHALLENGES CANADA: CANADIAN RISING STARS IN GLOBAL HEALTH, ROUND 2 - REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

On July 4, 2011, Grand Challenges Canada announced "Canadian Rising Stars in Global Health Request for Proposals, Round Two". This unique program is a call to action for Canadians to make their contribution to global health. Grand Challenges Canada's goal is to tap into the creativity, knowledge and skills of Canadian scientists, entrepreneurs and social innovators to solve some of the most persistent health challenges in the developing world through Integrated Innovation.

Round Two provides \$100,000 in seed grants for up to 20 successful proposals. If the ideas are robust, effective, and proven, the innovators will be eligible for an additional scale-up grant of up to \$1 million for each proposal.

There will be three rounds of Canadian Rising Stars for a total of \$20 million dollars. Of this amount, approximately \$14 million will be available for scale-up grants. Canadians are required to involve developing world innovators.

The deadline for proposals is **September 19, 2011 11:59 p.m. EDT**. Proposals must include a 2 minute video segment outlining the health problem, the proposed solution, and why it is innovative and bold.

For more information about Canadian Rising Stars Request for Proposals, Round Two, please visit [www.grandchallenges.ca/grand-challenges/gc1-explorations/canadian-rising-stars-program-information/](http://www.grandchallenges.ca/grand-challenges/gc1-explorations/canadian-rising-stars-program-information/)

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### THE MARTHA PIPER RESEARCH FUND DEADLINE: OCTOBER 1, 2011

Deadline: **October 1, 2011** (funding term Oct. 1, 2011 to March 31, 2013)

The Martha Piper Research Fund provides UBC faculty members with seed funding for collaborative research projects with an emphasis on interdisciplinary and international activities. The program seeks to strengthen UBC research by supporting the creation of teams of talented researchers in two or more disciplines, as well as to establish new international links. Awards should enable researchers in the Tri-Council communities (i.e., NSERC, CIHR and SSHRC) to collaborate and integrate their expertise and research activities within Canada and with international partners.

A \$5 million portion of the Trek Endowment has been dedicated for this purpose for five years until 2011, providing \$250,000 per year to be awarded to UBC faculty in semi-annual competitions (October and March). Results of the October 1 competition will be announced on November 1, and funding will be available for 18 months from October 1 of that year to March 31 of the following year.

For more information and to download forms, go to <http://research.ubc.ca/vpri/martha-piper-research-fund>

Note: The Martha Piper Research Fund will not be offered after 2011.

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## CANADA GAIRDNER AWARDS DEADLINE: OCTOBER 1, 2011

Internal UBC requirement: Please inform [Brenda Carrier](#), UBC Faculty Awards Coordinator, if you are planning to nominate a candidate and if you require further information.

Nomination deadline to Canada Gairdner Awards : **October 1, 2011**

Website for more information and forms: <http://www.gairdner.org/tonominate>

Canada Gairdner Global Health Award. The Canada Gairdner Global Health Award is directed at health issues pertaining to developing countries. It recognizes those who have made major scientific advances in any one of four areas; namely basic science, clinical science or population or environmental health. These advances must have, or have potential to make a significant impact on health outcomes in the developing world. CAD \$100,000.

Canada Gairdner International Award. The Foundation's aim is to honour and reward outstanding biomedical scientists who have made original contributions to medicine with the ultimate goal of contributing through research to the conquest of disease and relief of human suffering. The Foundation invites the scientific community to nominate qualified scientists from every branch of biomedicine. CAD \$100,000.

Canada Gairdner Wightman Award. A special annual award will be given to a Canadian who, in the opinion of the Foundation, has demonstrated outstanding leadership in medicine and medical science consistent with the purpose of the Foundation. CAD \$100,000.

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## GRAND CHALLENGES CANADA: INTEGRATED INNOVATIONS IN GLOBAL MENTAL HEALTH

From social, scientific, and business researchers for significantly improved treatment and increased access to care for patients with mental disorders in low- and middle-income countries. Research proposals should overall address the issue of stigma and specifically address one or more of the following challenges:

- Integrate screening and core packages of services into routine primary health care
- Reduce the cost and improve the supply of effective medications
- Provide effective and affordable community-based care and rehabilitation
- Improve children's access to evidence-based care by trained health providers
- Develop effective treatments for use by non-specialists, including lay health workers with

minimal training

- Incorporate functional impairment and disability into assessment
- Develop mobile and IT technologies (such as telemedicine) to increase access to evidence-based care

Website: [Innovations in Mental Health Call](#)

**LOI Deadline: October 4, 2011**

Total program funding - \$20M CAD. Approx 15-25 proposals will be funded. Values will vary depending on project need. The majority of the budget must be spent in low- and middle-income countries. [\[top\]](#)

## CIHR - LAP-CHEE TSUI PUBLICATION AWARD

The CIHR Institute of Genetics (IG) is pleased to announce the launch of the 2011 Lap-Chee Tsui Publication Award (2011) that recognizes outstanding health research carried out by trainees in all fields and disciplines working within the IG's mandate. Deadline for submission is: **October 3, 2011**.

The Lap-Chee Tsui Publication Award consists of a one-year, non-renewable \$1,000 award. Each year, a total of up to four awards are made available for published, peer-reviewed, scientific articles led by graduate students, postdoctoral fellows and medical residents:

- Two awards for peer-reviewed publications in the area of biomedical research
- Two awards for peer-reviewed publications in the area of clinical, health services, population health, or genetic ethical, legal and social issues research

Website: <http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/41179.html>

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## 2011/2012 BANTING POSTDOC FELLOWSHIPS

The 2011/2012 Banting Postdoc Fellowship (PDF) information has been released. As the most prestigious PDF award in Canada, the Banting Fellowship provides the opportunity to recruit, or retain, top talent as part of the UBC research community. The SPARC Office is working with the PostDoc Office to promote and support this program.

- [Eligibility](#) regulations are strict. Please ensure you refer to the Degree Completion dates and emphasis on recruiting International and National scholars (only in exceptionally rare circumstances will a Banting Postdoctoral Fellowship be awarded to an applicant who is staying at the same institution where they completed their PhD, PhD- equivalent or health professional degree).
- For international applicants, immigration assistance is available. Information on the work permit process for postdocs is found on the [Faculty Relations](#) website. PDFs are welcome to contact Jayne Booth ([Jayne.Booth@ubc.ca](mailto:Jayne.Booth@ubc.ca)) with regards to [relocation](#) information.
- A mandatory UBC internal review service for the Banting Fellowship applications will identify the strongest applications and select a maximum of ten per Tri-Council area (CIHR, NSERC & SSHRC chaired by Dr. Janice Eng, Dr. Rabab Ward and Dr. Darrin Lehman, respectively) to receive the necessary institutional endorsement.
- For this review process, we will allow the application package to be in draft form, (i.e. bullet points are okay), as long as it adequately addresses the Banting [program objectives](#) and [selection criteria](#). Applicants who are selected for institutional support will be provided feedback in order to develop a powerful and compelling full application.

**Oct 5** – Deadline for applicants to submit internal review package to SPARC at [sparc.ir@ubc.ca](mailto:sparc.ir@ubc.ca)

Oct 26 – Letters sent to candidate

Nov 2 – Banting application deadline



Any general Banting inquiries (including Common CV and ResearchNet support) can be directed to Banting [contacts](#). The [Postdoc office](#) is also here to help. Any UBC Internal Review process inquiries can be forwarded to the SPARC Office, [sparc.ir@ubc.ca](mailto:sparc.ir@ubc.ca).

Key reference documents:

- [2011-2012 Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships – Memo](#)

[UBC document for Banting fellowship applicants](#)

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## BURROUGHS WELLCOME FUND: INVESTIGATORS IN THE PATHOGENESIS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Awards for assistant professors to study infectious disease pathogenesis, with a focus on the intersection of human and pathogen biology. The program is intended to shed light on the overarching issues of how human hosts handle infectious challenge.

Application Deadline: **November 1, 2011**

Five-year awards provide \$500,000 for opportunities for accomplished investigators at the assistant professor level to study pathogenesis with a focus on the intersection of human and microbial biology. The program is intended to shed light on the overarching issues of how human hosts handle infectious challenge. The awards give recipients the freedom and flexibility to pursue new avenues of inquiry and higher-risk research projects that hold potential for advancing significantly the biochemical, pharmacological, immunological, and molecular biological understanding of how infectious agents and the human body interact.

Candidate eligibility and institutional nomination requirements [\[information\]](#)

For other grant programs, see [www.bwfund.org](http://www.bwfund.org).

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## Grand Challenges Round 8 – The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is now accepting grant proposals for Round 8 of Grand Challenges Explorations, an initiative to encourage innovative and unconventional global health and development solutions. Applicants can be at any experience level; in any discipline; and from any organization, including colleges and universities, government laboratories, research institutions, non-profit organizations and for profit companies.

Grant proposals are being accepted online until **November 17, 2011** on the following topics:

- NEW - Protect Crop Plants from Biotic Stresses From Field to Market
- NEW - Design new approaches to optimize immunization systems
- NEW - Explore New Solutions in Global Health Priority Areas
- Explore Nutrition for Healthy Growth of Infants and Children
- Apply Synthetic Biology to Global Health Challenges

Initial grants will be US \$100,000 each, and projects showing promise will have the opportunity to receive additional funding of up to US \$1 million. Full descriptions of the new topics and application instructions are available at: [www.grandchallenges.org/r8\\_gce](http://www.grandchallenges.org/r8_gce).

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## CALL FOR PAPERS

### CMMT SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM: FRONTIERS OF GENETIC MEDICINE

As part of the Centre for Molecular Medicine and Therapeutics's (CMMT) 15 year anniversary celebrations, they are hosting the first [CMMT Scientific Symposium](#) on Monday, November 7, 2011, from 9:00 am - 7:00 pm, at the [Child & Family Research Institute \(map\)](#).

They invite you to submit an [abstract](#) for presentation during the poster session. The poster session is



open to all faculty, postdoctoral fellows, research associates, trainees and technicians. The deadline for submission of abstracts is on **Wednesday, September 14, 2011, at 4:30 pm.**

For more information on the CMMT Scientific Symposium, please go to:

[www.cmmt.ubc.ca/events/2011/11/frontiers-genetic-medicine](http://www.cmmt.ubc.ca/events/2011/11/frontiers-genetic-medicine).

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## THE INTER-AMERICAN CONFERENCE ON SOCIAL SECURITY (CISS) AND THE UNIVERSIDAD IBEROAMERICANA (IBERO)

Conference: Social Determinants of Health – 7 November, 2011 - Mexico City

Website: <http://equity.posterous.com/call-for-papers-determinantes-sociales-de-la>

Deadline **September 15, 2011**

The main aim of this conference is to help systematize and socialize the evidence in relation to principles, methods, and strategies for the development of interventions that impact the social determinants of health and health equity at both the community and country level, especially in the region of the Americas.

Organizers will pay plane tickets in economy class, food, and accommodations during the conference for those authors whose articles are accepted and who consent to publish their work in the journal Well-Being and Social Policy.

Proposals should be sent to [bienestar.politicasocial@gmail.com](mailto:bienestar.politicasocial@gmail.com)

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## Upcoming Conferences

### 2011 Global Health Conference – November 13-15, 2011

Mark your calendars for November 13-15 when the Canadian Society for International Health, the Consortium of Universities for Global Health and the Global Health Education Consortium jointly present the 2011 Global Health Conference in Montreal, Canada. Website: <http://2011globalhealth.org/>

#### Featured speakers include:

George ALLEYNE, Chancellor of the University of the West Indies and Director Emeritus of the Pan American Health Organization

Romeo DALLAIRE, Senator, Lieutenant-General of the Canadian Armed Forces (retired) and former commander of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda (UNAMIR)

Eric GOOSBY, Global AIDS Coordinator, PEPFAR

Roger GLASS, NIH, Fogarty International Center

Harold VARMUS, Director of the National Cancer Institute at the National Institutes of Health

Conference registration information: <http://2011globalhealth.org/registration.html>

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### 12<sup>TH</sup> IUSTI WORLD CONGRESS, 2-5 NOVEMBER 2011, NEW DELHI

IUSTI (International Union Against Sexually Transmitted Infection) For more information please visit our website [www.iusti2011.org](http://www.iusti2011.org).

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### 2012 WORLD CONGRESS ON PUBLIC HEALTH TOWARDS GLOBAL HEALTH EQUITY: OPPORTUNITIES AND THREATS

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia April 22-27, 2012

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS: <http://wfpha.confex.com/wfpha/2012/cfp.cgi>

**Abstract Submission Deadline is Friday, October 21, 2011 - Midnight Pacific time**

Website: <http://www.etpha.org/2012/>

“...The World Federation of Public Health Associations and the Ethiopian Public Health Association invite local, national and international public health leaders, service providers, advocates, trainers and students to submit abstracts dealing with major issues related to opportunities and threats in realizing global health equity. [\[top\]](#)

## GLOBAL HEALTH & INNOVATION CONFERENCE 2012

Presented by Unite For Sight, 9th Annual Conference

Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, USA

Saturday, April 21 - Sunday, April 22, 2012

Website: <http://www.uniteforsight.org/conference>

The Global Health & Innovation Conference is the world's largest global health conference and social entrepreneurship conference. This must-attend, thought-leading conference annually convenes 2,200 leaders, change-makers, students, and professionals from all fields of global health, international development, and social entrepreneurship. [Registration](#).

Interested in presenting at the conference? [Submit an abstract](#) for consideration. [\[top\]](#)