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Global Health Challenges in a World Divided by Health Inequities to be Discussed

Philadelphia meeting focuses on the relationship between migration, poverty, health and policy development. William L. Holzemer, RN, PhD, FAAN will be recognized.

Philadelphia, PA – A world divided by health inequities poses ethical challenges for global health. In its fourth Building Global Alliances Symposium, CGFNS International will bring together thought leaders, clinicians, researchers and policy makers to discuss new health system features and actions that address health inequity.

Stephen Lewis, one of North America's most respected commentators on social affairs, international development and human rights will be the keynote for the December 3-4 event at the Four Seasons Hotel in Philadelphia. Lewis is the Commissioner for the World Health Organization's Commission on the Social Determinants of Health, Senior Advisor for Health and Human Rights to the Harvard School of Public Health, and Board Member for the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative. The event will conclude with an Award Gala honoring of William L. Holzemer, RN, PhD, FAAN, as the CGFNS 2007 International Distinguished Leadership Award recipient. Holzemer is Professor of Nursing and Associate Dean for International Programs and Lillian and Dudley Aldous Endowed Chair in Nursing Science at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) School of Nursing. He is also the Director of UCSF's World Health Organization (WHO) Collaborating Center for Research and Clinical Training in Nursing and the International Center for HIV/AIDS Nursing Research.

Program

The Building Global Alliances in a World of Healthcare Inequities Symposium will feature the following topics to be addressed by experts in the field:

*Addressing Health and Health Disparities Through A Global Network of Collaboration, **Marko Vujicic**, PhD, a labor economist specializing in issues related to the healthcare sector. Vujicic is currently working in the Health, Nutritional and Population Unit of the Human Development Network at the **World Bank**.*

*The Impact of Global Inequities on Health Profession Migration, **Janet Hatcher Roberts**, BA, MSc, Director of Health Migration at the **International organization for Migration (IOM)** in Geneva Switzerland.*

*Nursing Migration and the Global Health Economy, **Mireille Kingma**, RN, PhD, Consultant for Nursing and Health Policy for the **International Council of Nurses (ICN)**.*

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Eliminating Health Disparities as Part of the Core Business of Nursing on a Global Level, Michael J. Villeneuve, RN, BScN, MSc, Executive Director, **Academy of Canadian Executive Nurses**; Scholar in Residence, **Canadian Nurses Association**; Principal, Busara Consultants.

Dialogue with Speakers: *Working Together for Solutions for Inequities in Health, Health Disparities and Migration in an Uneven World*.

Building Global Alliances Symposium participants will also be given the opportunity to debate and discuss policy issues surrounding healthcare inequities following each presentation.

Registration

Complete conference registration information and online registration are available on a dedicated section of the CGFNS International website: www.cgfns.org/globalevent.

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