

## DISCOVERING GHF

## YESTERDAY TWEETS

Join the social media conversation that arise around GHF sessions. Come and take part in discussions that address the latest controversial topics: What are the key barriers facing the medical world in adopting innovation? When will we stop violence against women? How can one share medical advances in the absence of health insurance in many countries of the world?

Each day we will select tweets and reproduce them in these columns. S.P.



## An umbrella of events

– focusing on a range of public health topics

## WORKSHOPS

In autumn the Geneva Health Forum Scientific and Partner Committee convened 11 groups of experts, from all continents, to answer major questions on health issues.

A wide range of topics were addressed, including access to cancer treatment for children in the poorest countries, mental health in remote regions and telemedicine.

The aim of these workshops were to avoid the usual routine of many international conferences. These experts met a couple of times (through teleconferences) during last Winter, and they meet again in a closed session on 19 April, the first day of the GHF, to refine their findings

and recommendations. These findings will be presented in open parallel sessions, on April 20, and in the last plenary of the Forum, on April 21. The results of this work will be published after the Forum. S.P.

SUPPORT YOUNG  
RESEARCHERS :  
VOTE FOR « LES JETS  
D'OR DE GENÈVE »

Young researchers have been strongly involved in proposing their strategies on developing affordable and sustainable innovations in health. During the Forum you can vote or like on your smartphone or tablet (just download the App GHF 2016, available for free on Google and Apple Stores) for the best contributions and innovations.

Six « Jets d'Or de Genève » will be awarded at the Closing Ceremony. S.P.

FEDERAL CAFÉ,  
LUNCH SESSIONS  
AND BREAKFAST.

The Federal Café sessions are a place dedicated to Swiss organizations, especially for non-governmental organizations (NGO) and Swiss Foundations. The objective of these 30 minutes sessions is to introduce simply a topic or an initiative and to openly discuss and debate about it.

The lunch and breakfast sessions take 90 minutes and are designed in line with this spirit of the Federal Café: they allow participants to discuss new global health

perspective in an open debate.

Today, you can for example join the federal Café session “Déclaration de Berne – Globalization of clinical trials: how to ensure that the same ethical and regulatory standards are applied everywhere?”, given by the NGO AidinfoPlus that works on improving ethical rules when medical studies are done by Swiss companies in southern countries.

We recommend you to keep an eye on these sessions; they may for sure be a good way to establish a community of shared interest with people from all around the world. S.P.

## FIGURE OF THE DAY

60+

Innovations are presented in  
the « Tomorrow Affordable  
Hospital » exhibition space.

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## SPOTLIGHT



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## GHF 2016 : Looking for affordable & sustainable health

This year the Geneva Health Forum is celebrating its 10th anniversary with a opportune theme: affordable and sustainable innovation in health care.

A theme that was naturally selected as Karin Gross (Foreign Office, Switzerland), member of the GHF Scientific and Partner Committee (SPC), explains it: “ this year's event is the first since the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals ”.

In line with the traditional mission of the Geneva Health Forum that aims at bringing together professionals from many backgrounds and sectors from all over the world, this edition has been designed to face

a challenge “to accelerate the process of a more equitable distribution of the financing and benefits from innovation in global health, to encourage research and development capacities in health in all countries, especially those where populations are the most in need to achieve their right to health” as underlined Prof. Dominique Sprumont (University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland, member of GHF SPC).

The World Health Summit has been appointed as guest of honour, in order to support the 2016 event to be “an effective contribution for local, national, and global health development processes within the frame of the SDGs” as Marcel Tanner from

the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute, Basel, Switzerland acknowledged (P.2). Workshops have been designed (P.4) and Tomorrow's Affordable Hospital (P.1) has been simulated and constructed as a vast show case of affordable and sustainable healthcare innovations (with 60+ demonstrations).

This year's iteration promises to highlight the role of Geneva as the global health policy hub. It will certainly provide an opportunity to meet with a wide range of multi-stakeholders. S.P.

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## CARTOON OF THE DAY

- 61 innovations pour sauver des vies -



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## PERSPECTIVE

## Tomorrow Affordable Hospital

Besides plenaries, workshops, posters and traditional sessions, the Geneva Health Forum this year, offers a special exhibition area on the marketplace. A small hospital has been reconstructed, allowing visitors to discover more than sixty innovations. Inventions demonstrated in this Tomorrow's Affordable Hospital were selected according to two criteria: accessibility i.e. affordable to all and their low environmental impact, i.e. sustainability. Taking a tour of the hospital, you may find a pharmacy equipped to detect counterfeit drugs or a high tech and digitalised radiology unit specialised for tropical climate conditions at 10% of the market price. You may also discover how to wash your hands with soap while only consuming 10cc of water and for the more adventurous, you find how take a shower with a single litre of water... S.P.

Details of the exhibition can be  
found online :  
<http://bit.ly/1qrQaYW>



# ZOOM OF THE DAY



Credit: World Health Summit

## 10<sup>th</sup> GHF: World Health Summit Honour Guest

For its 10th edition the Geneva Health Forum (GHF) hosts the World Health Summit (WHS) as guest of honour.

Rather than competing with GHF, the WHS decided to gather all forces and voices, bringing its additional network of health professionals, including those from the academia, public policy and the private sector with the

ambition to improve health all over the planet in an « open dialogue ». Held each autumn in Berlin, the WHS is a collaboration between the M8 Alliance members coming from Academic Health Centers, Universities

and National Academies under the patronage of the German Chancellor, the French president and the President of the EU Commission. During the 3 day conference, the WHS will offer sessions where major Global Health issues will be discussed. Today (04/19), the University of Sao Paulo, Brasil will

highlight the global Public Health Challenges of Chikungunya and Zika virus. Tomorrow (04/20) the University of Geneva and the University of Montreal will question innovative solutions regarding migration and health. Besides the scheduled events on the agenda, a large space will be given

to discuss health care and research funding, putting sustainability and affordability at the core of the debate and bringing together actors with different backgrounds from all over the world. Together, these events echo the mission of the GHF: integrated and global health. S.P.

### LA VOIX DE LA FRANCOPHONIE

## English-speaking welcomed too

Toutes les sessions plénières feront l'objet d'une traduction simultanée anglais/français, ainsi qu'une douzaine de sessions parallèles, permettant de disposer

d'une conférence accessible de bout en bout à un public tant francophone qu'anglophone. Even for a Francophone session, welcome to join if the topic is of interest

to you because there will be simultaneous translation of all plenaries, and a dozen parallel sessions taking place in French on the thirty programmed. C.P.

### TOMORROW

The World Health Summit session on Migration & Innovation will review the role of key stakeholders such as role of academics, and universal health coverage. 04/20, 11 am – 12:30 pm. The 10th GHF Anniversary Night of

Innovation in Health will give the floor to researchers, entrepreneurs and politicians to discuss how to help the development of more sustainable and affordable health innovations. 04/20, Room 1, 5.45 pm – 8 pm.



### PUBLIC HEALTH CHALLENGES

### PS1-3

## Surveillance networks

The development of surveillance networks is essential for improving health care practices.

How are localized health information systems developed through research initiatives? Examples include the INDEPTH surveillance sites in low and middle income countries, and ameningitis surveillance system in hospitals in Cameroon, which are integrated into national and international health information systems for sustainability purposes.

surveillance systems, and their use of program planning effectiveness and decision-making purposes at the local or national levels.

Come and listen to the voice of the countries, and share your own experience of public health challenges in these various sessions. C.P.

Public health experts discuss research initiatives related to health, demographic and disease



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### IMPROVING CLINICAL CARE & ACCESS

### PS2-1

## Diabetes

With the increasing burden of non-communicable diseases, there will be a focus on diabetes at the Parallel PS2-1. How do we translate scientific skills from Western countries to low-income settings in order to improve quality of life and life

expectancy in patients with diabetes? How can we foster more effective collaboration? An example of MSF collaborating with academic institutions to provide innovative solutions in Mali will be presented. Do join the session and contribute!

“The results presented during this session and anticipated discussions may potentially change the way diabetes is managed in humanitarian emergencies and low income countries...they are groundbreaking!” -David Beran, HUG- C.P.

### ADDRESSING SPECIFIC NEEDS

### PS3-2

## Highly specialized medicine in the south?

What are the needs, interests and obstacles for highly specialized medicine in the South? The PS3-2 parallel session address this issue. It presents surgery of malformations of the urinary tract and the management

of hemophilia patients. For the latter, plasma-derived medicines are scarce and expensive, as they are produced by a small number of manufacturers and are usually inaccessible and unaffordable to countries in the South, “New technology called

Mini-Pool Plasma Fractionation (MPPF) which is being locally produced (where?) is providing high technology at low cost. MPPF can help increasing global accessibility to treatment, e.g. in Egypt.” C.P.

### VIEWS FROM THE FIELD

### PS4-3

## Le pharmacien: quel rôle?

Venez-vous joindre à une discussion sur la vision stratégique nationale et l'évolution du rôle du pharmacien hospitalier sur l'usage du médicament, la prévention et le contrôle des infections ainsi que sur des actes qui concernent des maladies chroniques, dont par exemple, le diabète et l'hypertension artérielle.

Maroc, au Burkina Faso, et en Suisse.

The session is English-speaking only but you are welcome to join this lively exchange about the pharmacists' new role and value. Sessions in French benefit from simultaneous translations. C.P.

La formation des pharmaciens sera l'une des questions cruciales abordées dans cette session.

La session sera par ailleurs émaillée de regards croisés sur des expériences conduits au