

GLOBAL HEALTH EQUITY FOUNDATION WILL HOLD ITS 1ST INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM IN GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

“Making Tangible Improvements Toward Global Health Equity: A Consensus Building Forum” will take place on May 19, 2010.

(SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, US ~ April 12, 2010) -- Global Health Equity Foundation will be holding its first international symposium at the Fondation Brocher in Geneva, Switzerland. “Making Tangible Improvements Toward Global Health Equity: A Consensus Building Forum” will be presented in collaboration with an esteemed group of international governmental and non-governmental health leaders, researchers, academicians, and grassroots actors. Approximately forty additional attendees will participate in interactive discussion forums focused on contemporary, critical issues facing the global health community, such as providing health aid to displaced populations.

The themes explored during the symposium will be framed by looking at the ethical implications of research, the social implications of displacement, and by investigating the crossing of boundaries inherent in knowledge discovery and distribution. The founder will share his insights on the role of science toward equitable health and the barriers to equitable global health governance.

The symposium provides the opportunity for Global Health Equity Foundation to apply its model for collaboration and consensus building, intended to simulate real-world conditions for making decisions in a brief, concentrated timespan. An introductory “Report on Consensus Building Forums”, the first in a series of reports, will summarize the outcomes of the symposium and will be released to the press and posted on the foundation's website.

The symposium is sponsored by the Fondation Brocher, whose mission is to encourage pluridisciplinary thought on the ethical, legal and social implications for humankind of recent medical research and new medical technologies.

ABOUT GLOBAL HEALTH EQUITY FOUNDATION

Global Health Equity Foundation is a philanthropic organization with the intent of making tangible improvements toward global health equity by engaging in and interlinking Research, Advocacy and Capacity Building. It aspires to become the source for knowledge on health equity and a major contributor to human and community development worldwide. The foundation stands for global health equity as an essential and core discipline for global public health education and application in global health governance.

The non-profit was founded in San Francisco, California by Tayeb Al-Hafez, MD, who immigrated to the United States after completing his medical school education in his native country, Syria. Dr. Tayeb Al-Hafez, a hospital-based Internist with more than a decade of wide experience across the U.S., specializes in health care stewardship, global health diplomacy and health equity.

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