

News & Events



Social Medicine
Health For All

11th World Congress on Public Health

The World Federation for Public Health Associations (WFPHA) and the Brazilian Association of Collective Health (ABRASCO) invite public health leadership from all parts of the world to discuss the theme "Public Health in a Globalized World: Breaking down Political, Social and Economic Barriers." This conference will take place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil from August 21-25th.

"The theme of the 8th Brazilian Congress on Collective Health and the 11th World Congress on Public Health is an invitation to build answers to the key challenges in the field of social development and the protection and promotion of health and life. The theme's relevance, complexity, scope, and currency both renew and encourage the discussion and expand the capacity to call on other governmental and

nongovernmental sectors (beyond that of Health) at the national and international levels."

For more information:
www.saudecoletiva2006.com.br/

International Society for Equity in Health 4th Biennial International Conference "Creating Healthy Societies through Inclusion and Equity"

The overarching theme for the ISEqH 4th International Conference reflects the central role of social, political, and economic determinants in creating health. We have over 100 presentations scheduled from various regions of the world plus our keynote address by Dr. Shane Houston, special plenaries, and workshops.

The conference will be held at the Adelaide

University in the Union House Complex from Sept 11 - 13, 2006.

For more information, see:
<http://www.iseqh.org/>

History of the Social Determinants of Health

A conference on the History of the Social Determinants of Health is being organized by The Wellcome Trust Centre for the History of Medicine at the University College London (UCL) in collaboration with Professor Bernardino Fantini and Professor Sir Michael Marmot. The conference will take place in London from September 19-21.

For more information:
<http://www.ucl.ac.uk/histmed/events/index.html>

WIDER to host conference on Advancing Health Equity

The World Institute for Development and Economics Research (WIDER), part of the United Nations University is hosting a conference on

"Advancing Health Equity."

"Comparisons of life styles and living standards increasingly pay attention to non-income dimensions of well-being. Health in particular is recognized for both its intrinsic and instrumental value, contributing directly to an individual's level of well-being as well as indirectly via its impact on other components. Substantial and widespread improvement in health outcomes has taken place during the past century. But despite this progress many individuals suffer health deprivation, with outcomes falling far short of those commonly accepted elsewhere. This conference will bring together researchers and practitioners, from both developed and developing countries, to analyze the causes and consequences of health deprivation and inequality, to examine patterns and trends in these outcomes, to evaluate alternative policy options, and to identify future research directions."

The conference will take place in Helsinki from September 29-30.
For more information:
<http://www.wider.unu.edu/>



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SAÚDE COLETIVA
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Society for Equity in Child Health [US]

"In 2001 the American Academy of Pediatrics and the UK Royal College of Pediatrics and Child Health implemented the **Equity Project**. The intent of this initiative has been to work collaboratively toward a better understanding of the critical determinants affecting children's health in our respective countries, and to learn how to frame a response using the principles and practice of children's rights, equity and social justice. In the process of implementing the Project, we have been introduced to a number of international organizations engaged in similar efforts. The European Society for Social Pediatrics; the Argentina Committee on Social Pediatrics; organizations in Australia, Chile, Columbia and Uruguay; the International Society for Equity in Health; and the International Children's Center in Turkey.

"The goals of the Society focus on generating new knowledge through research, promoting education and training, transforming pediatric practice, and developing public policy and advocacy. The Society will use a rights-based framework built on the foundation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child to organize its work. The Society will link with the expanding global network of Social

Pediatrics Societies and nurture involvement with other disciplines. Close ties will remain with the AAP and APA. We see the Society as complementary to the work of these two organizations.

"We are just beginning this endeavor and very much need your support and involvement if we are to succeed. Please consider joining us. We are centered at the University of South Florida's College of Public Health. For more information and to be placed on our listserv, please contact Hope Tackett at: htackett@health.usf.edu, or [Jeffrey Goldhagen, M.D.](#), [Peter Gorski, M.D.](#) or [Paul Melinkovich, M.D.](#)"

The Society will hold an informational event at the American Academy of Pediatrics National Conference and Exhibition, on Sunday, October 8th, 2006 from 3:30 to 4 PM.

Social Medicine at the Association of American Medical Colleges [AAMC]

In December 2005 the Association of American Medical Colleges organized a meeting at the New York Academy of Medicine on "Teaching Social Medicine." Six medical school departments with the words "Social Medicine" in their department titles were invited. As a follow-up to that meeting, a session on "Social Medicine" has been scheduled

for Monday, October 30 at the 2006 AAMC Annual Meeting in Seattle.

For more information about this session, please contact [Desmond Runyan](#), MD, DrPH, MPH, Department of Social Medicine, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill or [Victor W. Sidel](#), MD, Department of Family and Social Medicine, Montefiore Medical Center and Albert Einstein College of Medicine.



ALAMES

ALAMES 10th Conference Brazil 2007

ALAMES (the Latin American Social Medicine Association) will hold its 10th conference in Bahia de Salvador, Brazil from July 15th to 18th of 2007.

The conference entitled "Equity and Law in Health: A Global Ethical Imperative" is co-hosted with The International Association of Health Policy (IAHP) and the Brazilian Association of Collective Health (ABRASCO). For information contact: congresso2007ba-

hia@gmail.com.br or www.geocities.com/alamesgeneral

Latin American Bioethics Blog

Dr. Luis Justo of the Comahue National University in Argentina has started a Bioethics Blog. The blog aspires to be a place for debate in and from Latin America. Latin America's bioethical problems are many and require a perspective beyond that of the bioethics of the colonizing powers.

The blog is located at:
<http://biolatina.wordpress.com/>