New Institutions in the GHLO Collaborative

Global Health Learning Opportunities (GHLO ®) welcomes the below listed institutions into the GHLO Collaborative for the year 2013-2014. These institutions are dedicated to shaping global perspectives and facilitating educational mobility for students and faculty. They are serving as Home (sending students for electives) and/or Host (receiving students for electives) institutions.

- Eastern Virginia Medical School*, USA
- Florida International University, USA
- Loyola University Chicago, USA
- Marmara University, Turkey
- National University of Taiwan, Taiwan
- RCSI Bahrain*, Bahrain
- SUNY Downstate Medical Center, USA
- Suez Canal University*, Egypt
- Universidad Iberoamericana UNIBE, Dominican Republic
- Wayne State University, USA
- West Virginia University, USA

*Home only institutions

Obiora’s Outreach in East Africa

GHLO’s Sub-Saharan African Specialist, Obiora Okoye, MD, recently traveled to East Africa to introduce the GHLO Collaborative to medical institutions in Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania and Zambia.

Obiora visited the following medical institutions:
- University of Makerere, Uganda
- Mbarara University of Science and Technology (MUST), Uganda
- University of Nairobi, Kenya
- Moi University, Kenya
- Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS), Tanzania
- Hubert Kairuki Memorial University (HKMU), Tanzania
- Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Center (KCMC), Tanzania
- University of Zambia, Zambia

Obiora is engaging medical institutions from East Africa which have the capacity to host international visiting students.
students in GHLO and to create formidable partnerships with institutions in the Sub-Saharan African region. The purpose of the school visits was to assess the infrastructure in place for hosting international visiting students. It was a great opportunity to clarify expectations of prospective medical institutions and answer questions about GHLO.

Obiora is diligently seeking areas for collaboration between prospective institutions in Africa and the GHLO Collaborative. GHLO is particularly important to East Africa because the region is motivated to improve their medical training standards. There is also a substantial shortage of healthcare professionals in the East Africa region and the GHLO Collaborative can help engage prospective medical students by integrating East African institutions with international standards. GHLO's mission is to assist this region in mitigating the gap in medical training quality by facilitating educational mobility of dedicated medical students, trainees and faculty members who are interested in working in resource-limited settings.

Shanaz Khan Sulejmanovic Relocates to Eurasia

Shanaz Khan Sulejmanovic, GHLO's International Education Specialist since 2010, has relocated to Turkey to engage the Eurasian region in global medical education. Shanaz will now be responsible for continuing longstanding relationships with current institutions in the GHLO Collaborative in Europe and Asia. Shanaz will also be reaching out to prospective institutions in Europe and Asia, and will seek areas of collaboration with organizations in the region. Upon moving from Washington DC to Turkey, Shanaz said “This is an exciting change that is a part of GHLO’s strategic vision, to be where East meets West, where different models of medical education blend and integrate with others to produce global physicians”. Shanaz will be conducting site visits to current and prospective institutions in 2014 and will also be assisting U.S. institutions in the GHLO Collaborative.

Upcoming GHLObinar Sessions

The GHLO Team conducts worldwide GHLObinars - an online informational session introducing the innovative global network of leading caliber institutions that acknowledge the value of cultural contexts in medical education - The GHLO Collaborative.

Please view our website for upcoming dates.

Jenny and Hiba Take on Thailand

GHLO Founding Director, Jenny Samaan, and Middle East/North Africa Program Specialist, Hiba Salih, will travel
to Thailand November 16-20, 2013 to participate in the Network for Unity conference. If you or your colleagues will be attending, please e-mail ghlo@aamc.org to connect with the GHLO representatives.

The Network: Towards Unity for Health is an organization that is one of two official World Health Organization (WHO) NGOs with access to more than 200 health professions training institutions around the world. The organization hosts an annual meeting in a different WHO region every year with participants who gather from more than 40 different countries. This year’s conference in Thailand includes community site visits, a mini workshop, as well as a thematic poster session. Hiba Salih is particularly looking forward to their impressive Task Forces, which are working groups on different subjects including: Women and Health, Interpersonal Education, Social Accountability and Accreditation, Integrating Medicine and Public Health and Community-Based Care for the Elderly.

To learn more, visit the Network: Towards Unity for Health

From Brazil to Portugal: A GHLO Alum’s experience

The GHLO collaborative made dreams come true for Bruna Paiva, a student from Universidade Cidade de São Paulo in Brazil, who recently returned from her internship at the Universidade do Minho in Portugal. She shares her motivations, experience, and personal advice at Universidade do Minho below, which was translated from Portuguese to English.

Motivation

“Several reasons have encouraged me to undertake an internship abroad, but primarily the willingness to meet different realities in the field of health and culture. I had the opportunity to be part of the team of Pediatrics from a large European hospital that welcomed me in a unique way. Here I made friendships that surely will last for the rest of my life.”

Experience

“It was an incredible experience to live with another culture, meet people from all parts of the world and learn new teaching methods. A great personal and professional enrichment, to the difficulties were relevant to become the person I am today. I would say to other medical students that maturity comes quickly and natural when we do an exchange. It was an incredible experience that must be seen with responsibility, seriousness and commitment to the GHLO project - the project that allowed me to make a dream into reality.”

Personal Advice

“I believe that the [international student] halls are the best place to stay, because there you live with people from all over the world of different courses and access to the University/Hospital is done quickly and safely. It takes
willpower to change your own reality, and through GHLO, have the opportunity to make the exchange. So don't miss this chance, it is something that is within our grasp!"

“I appreciate the opportunity and would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire team at the Rose Professor of UNICID GHLO, Professor Manuel da Universidade do Minho and Dr Isabel Cunha, who always helped me with absolutely everything it took to get here. It was without a doubt the best experience of my life. It is remarkable how much more mature, secure and great professional growth that this experience gave me.”

“Both Universidade Cidade de São Paulo and Universidade do Minho are founding institutions in the GHLO Collaborative.

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