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## **U21 Health Sciences United Nations Millennium Development Goal (UN MDG) Workshop**

### **The University of Hong Kong – 1st & 2nd February 2010**

More than fifty delegates from a variety of health sciences disciplines attended the workshop convened by the U21 Health Sciences UN MDG Steering Committee and led by Kendall Ho from the University of British Columbia. Presenters included Kenneth McGillivray, Secretary General of the Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU); Richard Scott from the University of Calgary; and Jacques Jeugmans, Principal Health Specialist with the Asian Development Bank. Major themes included UN MDGs and sustainable health; examples of public health engagement at Fudan University; current engagement strategies, with presentations on UN MDG faculty and student-led initiatives at the Universities of Queensland, Auckland and Hong Kong, and at Tecnológico de Monterrey in Mexico.

Full details can be found on their website at <http://www.u21health.org/meetings/unmdg2010/index.html>.

## **Video Link to Explore Water Futures**

Colleagues from Water Futures for Sustainable Cities group are working with the University of Virginia to explore the possibility of extending the UVa Bay Game to Australian water systems. The Bay Game is an interactive exercise that simulates the conditions of the bay's watershed. Players take the roles of people who live around the bay and make their livelihoods from the resources of the bay, such as watermen, farmers and developers, as well as policymakers.

A video conference has been organised between the University of Virginia and the University of Melbourne on Friday 16 April so that UVa experts can explain the potential of the game for researchers, teachers, water managers and students.

More details about the Bay Game can be found on the website:  
<http://www.virginia.edu/vpr/sustain/BayGame>

### **UVA, University of Miami Partnering to Provide Remote Care to Haitian Earthquake Victims**

Many survivors of January's earthquake in Haiti are in need of neurologists, plastic surgeons, epidemiologists and other medical specialists, but they may not be available on-site in field hospitals. A new partnership between the University of Miami Health System the University of Virginia Health System looks to bridge that gap.

The partnership will allow specialists from both universities to remotely treat patients at the University of Miami Hospital in Port-au-Prince through the Swinfen Charitable Trust (**SCT**), an organization that connects physicians and their patients in poor or remote parts of the world with specialists who offer medical advice on specific cases. The trust uses a secure server to email the patient's clinical history and other information, such as x-rays and MRIs, to its partnering specialists, who then review the case and provide feedback. Colleagues from around the U21 network will recall the many previous links between the network and SCT.

UVA physicians have partnered with **SCT** since March 2008 and will now be utilizing the service to remotely "see" the patients at the University of Miami's field hospital and provide guidance and second opinions for the physicians treating the patient.

### **Plaudits for the Casteens**

The University of Virginia is planning to name their arts precinct in honour of President John T. Casteen III and his wife, Betsy Casteen. The area will be known as the Betsy and John Casteen Arts Grounds.

Professor Casteen (currently U21 Chair) will step down as U.Va. president on Aug. 1 after 20 years. Gordon F. Rainey Jr., an alumnus and chairman of the Campaign for the University of Virginia, said naming the Arts Grounds in honour of the Casteens "will create an enduring testament to their dedication to the University and the arts as we enter the final phase of the University's \$3 billion campaign."

"In 1998, John launched an initiative to ensure that the arts hold a central place in the University experience," Rainey said. "Under his leadership, the Arts Grounds Project is bringing all of the fine and performing arts programmes together to establish a vibrant new centre of University and community life." [More information at http://www.virginia.edu/uvatoday/newsRelease.php?id=11180](http://www.virginia.edu/uvatoday/newsRelease.php?id=11180)

It has also been announced that Professor Casteen has been named Virginian of the Year, the highest citizen honour given by the Virginia Press Association. For more details: <http://www.virginia.edu/uvatoday/newsRelease.php?id=10875>

### **U21 Undergraduate Research Conference 2010**

This year's conference will run from 1-7 July 2010 at the University of Melbourne. The theme *Faculty of Imagining* is inspired by the creative genius of Albert Einstein, who celebrated imagination as being "more important than knowledge":

Full details are now on the U21 website, including a link to the conference brochure:  
<http://www.universitas21.com/event/100701URC.html>

### **U21 2010 Summer School**

The Summer School is this year being hosted by the University of Nottingham, Ningbo, China with the theme of *Food Security: Global Politics, National Policies, Local Practices*. The organisers are, in particular, interested in making contact with any academic staff who may be coming to the Summer School and who feel they could make a contribution to the programme. They are asked to contact Dr May Tan-Mullins ([may.tan-mullins@nottingham.edu.cn](mailto:may.tan-mullins@nottingham.edu.cn)) if they are interested.

Full details about the Summer School, including a link to the brochure are at  
<http://www.universitas21.com/event/100705Summer.html>

### **Call for Papers - U21Global 2<sup>nd</sup> Virtual Conference (VCOBAM 2010)**

The second global virtual conference on Business and Management (VCOBAM-2010) organised by U21Global is all set to broaden its scope and offerings for the global fraternity in the field of business and management. Themed "New Paradigms: Business and Management", the conference invites original contributions from researchers in academia as well as industry to share their insights on how emerging trends like collaborative web tools affect existing business models, policies, strategies and operating procedures. Deadline for submission of paper is July 15, 2010 and the conference will be held online on October 26 – 27, 2010. For more information on the event, please visit [www.u21global.edu.sg/vcobam](http://www.u21global.edu.sg/vcobam).

### **U21 Newsletter**

The next edition of the U21 newsletter (published 3 times a year) is about to be published. The next edition will be published in early July. If you have news or articles which may be of interest to colleagues around the U21 network, reports from U21 scholarships or fellowships, pictures from U21 activities or items of general interest, please send them to Sheila Raby ([s.raby.1@bham.ac.uk](mailto:s.raby.1@bham.ac.uk)) by Wednesday 30 June.

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