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SYMPOSIUM

“Chronic diseases and the equity challenge”

Geneva, October 18th, 2013

Scientific Coordination: Dr. Eduardo Missoni

9:00-9:30 - Welcome address and Introduction of participants

- *Dr. Tayeb Albafez, President and founder of GHEF*

9:30-12:30 – Morning Session

Session 1 - Equity, social determinants and chronic diseases: the global challenge

9:30 – 10:30

- **Chronic disease: a multidimensional challenge to equity** (15min)
 - *Presenter: Dr. Eduardo Missoni, Coordinator, Global Health and Development, Department of Policy Analysis and Public Management and CERGAS at Università Bocconi, Milano, Italia - GHEF Scientific Coordinator*
- **Chronic diseases in an era of ecological public health: reconceptualising the prevention challenge** (15min)
 - *Presenter: Dr. Geof Rayner, Visiting Research Fellow, Department of Sociology, City University London*
- **The global burden of NCDs (Non-Communicable Diseases): how to implement effective prevention strategies** (15min)
 - *Presenter: Dr. Ernesto Burgio, President at Scientific Committee of ISDE – International Society of Doctors for Environment; Member of the Scientific Committee of ECERI- European Cancer and Environment Research Institute*

10:30-10:45 - Coffee break

10:45-12:30

- **Non-communicable diseases and social determinants - Lessons from the Priority Public Health Conditions Knowledge Network** (15min)
 - *Presenter: Dr. Erik Blas, Independent Consultant on International Health and Development*

- **The Political economy of food markets and chronic disease** (15min)
 - *Presenter: Dr. Aaron Reeves, Post-Doctoral Researcher, Department of Sociology, Oxford University, UK*

- **World Health Organization’s Global Strategy on diet, physical activity and health: the future challenges** (15min)
 - *Presenter: Dr. Francesco Branca, Director of Nutrition for Health and Development, World Health Organization*

12:30-14:00 – *Lunch Break*

Session 2 – Chronic diseases and society

14:00 – 15:30

- **Universal care for lifestyle-related chronic diseases: What are the equity challenges and how to address them?** (15min)
 - *Presenter: Dr. Xenia Scheil-Adlung, Health Policy Coordinator, Social Security Department, the International Labour Organization.*

- **Legislation for the control of chronic disease** (15min)
 - *Presenter: Dr. Solvita Olsena, Dr.iur, MD, Professor of Law, Riga Stradins University, Lecturer of Law, University of Latvia*

- **Chronic diseases management from a lifestyle perspective: a critical commentary** (15min)
 - *Presenter: Dr. Karen Newbigging, Principal Lecturer and Senior Researcher, School of Health, University of Central Lancashire, UK*

- **A Case study from the Middle East** (15min)
 - *Presenter: Dr. Kasturi Sen, Wolfson College (CR) University of Oxford and Professorial Fellow, Public Health Liverpool (H) University UK*

15:30-15:45 *Coffee break*

Session 3 – Equitable care for chronic diseases: the challenge and the practice

15:45-17:30

- **Montana Suicide Prevention Consortium (15min)**
 - *Presenter: Dr. Sarah Keller, Associate Professor, Department of Communication and Theatre, Montana State University Billings*

- **Health equity and community networks: the Connected communities approach to inclusion in mental health (15min)**
 - *Presenter: Prof. David Morris, Professor of Mental Health, Inclusion and Community, School of Social Work, Director Centre for Citizenship and Community, University of Central Lancashire, UK*

- **Burden of Non-communicable Chronic Diseases (NCD) and the current response in Pakistan (15min)**
 - *Presenter: Dr. Mukhtiar Zaman, Professor & Head of the Pulmonology Department, Khyber Teaching Hospital, Khyber Medical College & Director Research and Innovation, Khyber Medical University Peshawar, Pakistan*

- **How to reduce poverty and improve health: the Abaseen Foundation model and methodology (15min)**
 - *Presenter: Helen Bingley, Founding Member and Chief Executive, Abaseen Foundation and Managing Director, Bingley Consultancy Ltd, UK*

Concluding remarks

17:30-18:00

- **GHEF linking research to practice (15min)**
 - *Presenter: Prof. Christopher Heginbotham, Visiting Professor at the University of Cumbria, UK*

- **Concluding Remarks**
 - *Dr. Tayeb Alhafez, President and founder of GHEF*