



**World Health
Organization**

THIRD GENEVA CONFERENCE ON PERSON-CENTERED MEDICINE
University Hospitals of Geneva May 3 – 4, 2010

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

We would like to invite you to participate in the Third Geneva Conference on Person-centered Medicine that will take place at the University Hospitals of Geneva on May 3-4, 2010, co-organized by the International Network for Person-centered Medicine (INPCM), the World Medical Association (WMA), the World Organization of Family Doctors (Wonca), and the World Health Organization (WHO), in collaboration with other major international medical and health organizations, and with the auspices of the Geneva University Hospitals.

The Third Geneva Conference follows two successful Geneva Conferences on Person-centered Medicine in 2008 and 2009, which in turn followed relevant programmatic developments from the World Psychiatric Association (WPA) and other organizations around the world. These initiatives that place the person in context at the center of health care are built on a number of recent clinical developments and public policy statements that call for a paradigmatic shift in our professional priorities.

The Third Geneva Conference on Person-centered Medicine, under the overall theme of *Collaboration across Disciplines, Specialties and Programs*, will pointedly examine the tension between person- and people-centeredness, ethical aspirations, basic communication skills, fundamental clinical care activities, the challenge of surgical and acute procedures, the opportunities of the life cycle, and the need to attend to cultural diversity. Contributed posters presenting initiatives and studies on person-centered medicine are also welcome. The enclosed program outline provides further information.

We look forward to greeting you personally in Geneva for what should be an important and exciting event in cultivating the scientific and humanistic core of medicine and health care.

Cordially yours,

Prof. Juan E. Mezzich, WPA President 2005-2008

Prof. Jon Snaedal, WMA President 2007-2008

Prof. Chris van Weel, Wonca President 2007-2010

Dr. Wim van Lerberghe, WHO Health Systems Director

for the Organizing Committee of the Third Geneva Conference



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**L' Auditoire Marcel Jenny, University Hospitals of Geneva
Rue Micheli du Crest 24, 1205 Geneva, Switzerland**

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CONFERENCE PROGRAM OUTLINE

Organizing Committee

J.E. Mezzich (World Psychiatric Association President 2005-2008), J. Snaedal (World Medical Association President 2007-2008), C. van Weel (World Organization of Family Doctors President 2007-2010), I. Heath (Royal College of General Practitioners President), M. Botbol (WPA French Member Societies Association President), I. Salloum (WPA Classification Section Chair), and W. van Lerberghe (WHO Health Systems Director).

Conference Participants

Physicians, other health professionals, and persons interested in the health field.
Registration fee: 300 Euros for persons residing in World Bank Classes A & B Countries; 150 Euros for persons residing in World Bank Classes C & D Countries

Conference Secretariat

International Network for Person Centered Medicine Secretariat at International Center for Mental Health, Mount Sinai School of Medicine, Fifth Ave & 100th St, Box 1093, New York, New York 10029-6574, USA.
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December 20, 2009

DAY ONE, MONDAY MAY 3, 2010

8:00 – 8:30 am. Registration and check-in

8:30 – 9:00 am. Conference Opening

- Welcoming words from local authorities and organizing committee
- Perspectives from the International Network for Person-centered Medicine:

Organizational Note for all Symposia. *Unless otherwise noted, each session will have chair and cochair, three or four brief presentations (15-10 minutes each), ample general discussion time, and a 5-minute conclusions/rapporteur's summary. Each session should focus on what we know and what gaps we have, what should we achieve, and how to do it in different settings).*

9:00 – 10:30 am. WHO Symposium on Person-centered Medicine to Enhance Primary Health Care.

10:30 – 11:00 am. Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:30 pm Symposium on Ethics and the Person-centered Approach.

- Science and human values for person-centered care
- Epistemological Bases of Person-centered Care
- Shifting the focus of medicine from disease to the person
- Ethics and the social determinants of health

12:30 – 1:45 pm. Lunch (Open)

1:45 – 3:15 pm. Symposium on Person-centered Basic Communication Skills.

- Overview of basic communication skills
- Empirical research on communication skills
- Best evidence teaching of communication skills

3:15 – 3:45 pm. Coffee Break

3:45 – 5:15 pm. Symposium on Person-centered Clinical Care Activities.

- Person-centered diagnostic assessment
- Person-centered treatment planning
- Person-centered therapeutics
- Person-centered clinical services

5:15 - 5:30 pm. Coffee Break

5:30 – 6:30 pm. Panel on Special Initiatives for Person-centered Care

- International Alliance of Patients' Organizations New Strategic Plan Involving Person-centered Care
- INPCM Person-centered Integrative Diagnosis Model and Related Regional and National Developments
- Ambrosiana University Person Centered Medicine Program
- Birmingham University Masters Program on Medicine of the Person

- Geneva University-Mongolia Ulan Bator Hospital's Person-centered Intensive Medical Care Unit

6:45 pm. **Conference Reception** (Open to all conference participants)

7:30 pm **Conference Dinner** (By invitation)

DAY TWO: TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2010

9:00 – 10:15 am. **Symposium on the Team Approach in Person-centered Health Care.**

- Physician's perspectives
- Nurse's perspectives
- Social Worker's perspectives

10:15 – 10:30 am. **Coffee Break**

10:30 – 12:00 noon **Symposium on Person-centered Care in the Context of Surgical Procedures**

- Surgeon's perspectives on person-centered care
- Anesthesiologist, gynecologist or ophtalmologist's perspectives on person-centered care
- IAOMC Perspectives on person-centered surgical education

12:00 – 1:15 pm. **Lunch (Open)**

1:15 – 2:30 pm. **Symposium on Life Cycle and Person-centered Care**

- Child-centered Medical Care
- Old-age Person-centered Care
- Human Development and Person-centered Care

2:30 – 2:45 pm. **Coffee Break**

2:45 – 4:00 pm. **Symposium on Cultural Diversity and Person-centered Health Care.**

- Culture and Medicine
- Person-centered Care and Economic Deprivation:
- Person-centered-care and gender diversity

4:00 - 4:45 pm. **Conference Summary and Next Steps**

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP ON PERSON-CENTERED MEDICINE
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Saturday and Sunday, May 1 (9:00 am. – 5:00 pm.) and May 2 (9:00 am. – 5:00 pm.), 2010

Venue: Rooms adjacent to the Marcel Jenny Auditorium, University Hospitals of Geneva, Rue Micheli du Crest 24, 1205 Geneva, Switzerland.