

## **THE INTERNATIONAL FACULTY OF THE MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE INSTITUTE**

The Medical Knowledge Institutes draws on a large international faculty, from oncology, immunology (HIV and AIDS), tuberculosis, malaria, neurology, cardiology, psychiatry, surgery and anesthesiology to public health, nursing and midwifery.

*Partial list of healthcare specialist associated with the Medical Knowledge Institute*

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### **Assaf Abdelghani, ScD, MSPH, DPH (Jordan/USA)**

Dr. Abdelghani is professor and the immediate past Chair, Department Environmental Health Sciences, Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine. His current research and teaching focus is on the fate of chemical substances in the environment including point and non-point source pollution. The fate includes: human exposure (dermal, inhalation, ingestion), distribution and elimination by food chain organisms, and persistence studies. Dr. Abdelghani worked for national and international health organizations and ministries of health in many countries globally. These include Mexico, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Taiwan, Kazakhstan, Jordan, Turkey and others. Responsibilities included assessment of the impact of biological and chemical contaminants on human health and the environment, control of communicable disease, health education, immunizations, food and water protection, air quality, solid waste disposal, control of vectors of disease. He is also the director of the Environmental Health Laboratories which are an integrated part of the Department of Environmental Health Sciences School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine. Furthermore, Dr. Abdelghani is on the Editorial Board of International Journals such as the Journal of Environmental Toxicology, and Reviews on Environmental Health, Preventive Medicine and Environmental Health. He has more than 100 publications and presentations.

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### **Susan Hershberger Adelman, M.D. (USA)**

Dr. Adelman is a pediatric surgeon who is president of Physicians for Responsible Negotiations, a labor organization created by the AMA. She has served on the prestigious Council on Medical Service and on the AMA Board of Trustees. While an active surgeon, Dr. Adelman is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and has participated in national decision making on managed care, utilization of services and public access healthcare. Dr. Adelman received numerous awards and has published over 40 articles, as well as over 300 columns and editorials.

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### **Joseph Ndemana Enebieni Ana, B.M., B.Ch., F.R.C.S., D.Urology, D.F.F.P. (Nigeria)**

Dr. Ana is a medical graduate of the University of Nigeria, and the managing editor of BMJ West Africa edition; proprietor and Chief Executive of BMJ West Africa Edition Ltd. He worked in several hospitals, in general and surgical practice in Nigeria until he immigrated to the United Kingdom where he specialized in general surgery and urological surgery. Dr. Ana is a member of several medical and scientific societies, including the Royal society of medicine, London and New York academy of sciences. An accredited trainer of UK general practice Registrars, he is also clinical tutor to medical undergraduates from Cambridge University and Royal free hospital medical schools in the U.K. Dr. Ana is a pioneer trustee-director of the Nigerian Medical Forum since 1991. He was appointed Commissioner of Health in Cross River State of Nigeria on June 1, 2004. Dr. Ana has written and published extensively in medical journals and mass media.

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### **Brian Alper, M.D., M.S.P.H. (USA)**

Dr. Brian S. Alper has considerable experience in conducting and teaching evidence-based medicine. He has planned, conducted and published two systematic reviews. Dr. Alper has presented and conducted workshops related to evidence-based medicine and using the Internet at numerous local, regional and national meetings.

In addition to "academic" efforts, Dr. Alper is focused on "practical" efforts to meet current information needs of practicing clinicians. During a rural medicine rotation in medical school, he saw his medical school notes (which were stored electronically) make differences in patient care daily. He saw the need for this type of information in practice and has been working to meet the need ever since. He developed a team and converted those notes into a database called DynaMed.

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#### **Doreen Babo, MBA, DrPH (USA)**

Doreen Babo is both a health educator and practitioner. She has directed hospital information systems and management engineering functions in U.S. hospitals, and a host of public health programs in Africa and Latin America. She currently serves as International Director and CEO for a group of four hospitals in Nigeria, West Africa. She is actively involved in the design and construction of appropriate, sustainable health facilities in developing nations. Babo has participated in numerous development and management projects including current projects in Egypt and Afghanistan. She has taught a variety of courses in health systems management placed in the international non-profit context. Her expertise includes program management, financial accounting, financial management, human resources, and grant writing. Babo holds an MBA in health care administration from Oral Roberts University and a Doctor of Public Health in health systems management from Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine.

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#### **Abayomi Bolaji Ajayi, M.D. (Nigeria)**

Dr. Ajayi is the Managing Director of Nordica Fertility Centre in Lagos West Africa, an Assisted Conception Centre in collaboration with Nordica International in Denmark. At the Nordica Fertility Centre Dr. Ajayi achieved the first Laser Assisted pregnancy in West Africa. Dr. Ajayi has many scientific publications to his credit and belongs to many professional associations, including obgyn.net (a network of Obstetricians & Gynecologist all over the world) where he is the country's representative.

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#### **Donika Beba, M.D. (Albania)**

Gynecologist Dr. Beba is a reproductive specialist for the Ministry of Health in Albania. She is also the national coordinator of the "Safe Motherhood" program in collaboration with WHO, UNICEF and UNFPA. Dr. Beba is a member of several professional societies and very involved in projects which goal is to improve perinatal care. Dr. Beba has been very instrumental in drafting the reproductive health law and the national guidelines for reproductive health services for her country.

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#### **Maya Begalieva, MD, PhD, MPH (Kyrgyz Republic)**

Dr. Begalieva's background includes clinical training and research in nuclear medicine combined with public health workforce development, analysis of health systems, health marketing, study of public administration and development of social systems in Central Asia. She has worked both with the government of the Kyrgyz Republic and with international organizations such as the World Bank and the International Federation of the Red Cross. She holds an MPH in International Health Systems Management. Currently, Dr. Begalieva works with the Louisiana Office of Public Health (LOPH), where she assisted in the planning of the LOPH Workforce Development Program, and is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Community Health Sciences at Tulane School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine. She serves as a liaison between the Louisiana Office of Public Health and Tulane's School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine to coordinate collaborative efforts in public health practice. Dr. Begalieva also directs the student internship programs at various agencies for School of Public Health interns. In addition, she works with the South Central Center for Public Health Preparedness activities. The Center serves the public health workforce in the State health departments in the South Central Region of the US.

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**Hugo.J. Bellen, D.V.M, Ph.D. (USA)**

Hugo J. Bellen is Professor in the Department of Molecular and Human Genetics. He is also Professor and Director of the Developmental Biology program. Dr. Bellen's current research may lead to therapies that will help the deaf and the balance impaired. He has published more than 80 scientific papers and has edited a book on Neurotransmitter release.

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**Ulrich (Ueli) Bollag, M.D. (Switzerland/France)**

Ueli Bollag is a seasoned pediatrician and general practitioner. Today, he is also a wine grower in the south of France. Dr. Bollag is a faculty Professor of Community Health and Medical Education. Dr. Bollag has worked in almost all kinds of health settings all over the world. He believes in a comprehensive view of medicine and a team approach to the solution of health problems without neglecting the more targeted professional tasks of medical education and research. Dr. Bollag holds also a degree in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene and holds a Masters degree in Education. He has published more than eighty articles in peer reviewed international journals, and addressed many international conferences. Dr. Bollag his tenet is to link practical with theoretical, vocational with academic activities in medicine.

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**Katrina Bramstedt, Ph.D. (USA)**

With 10 years experience as a cardiac medical device engineer, Dr. Bramstedt consults industry and academia on topics such as patient selection criteria for clinical trials and technology assessment. She also lectures and gives employee training seminars on the ethical conduct of research. Her numerous publications involve transplantation, mechanical assist devices and artificial organs.

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**Domenico J. Cavaiuolo, Ph.D. (USA)**

Dr. Cavaiuolo is an expert in the areas of special education, mental retardation and physical disabilities. He is co-author of the "Successful People with Disabilities" seminar, and has participated in panel discussion on issues of self-determination for individuals with disabilities. Dr. Cavaiuolo also provides rehabilitation and educational consulting to families, schools, and providers of services.

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**David Cella, Ph.D. (USA)**

David Cella, PhD, is Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. He is Cancer Control Program Leader and Director of the Center on Outcomes, Research and Education. Dr. Cella is also Research Professor at the Institute for Health Services Research and Policy Studies. Dr. Cella has written over 125 articles that have appeared in such journals as Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology, Journal of Psychosocial Oncology, and Journal of Clinical Oncology. He is co-editor of Journal of Psychosocial Oncology and ad hoc reviewer for a number of other journals.

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**Arlen D. Collins, M.D. (USA)**

Dr. Collins has spent his working career as a practitioner, an executive, an entrepreneur, and a consultant. He has served as Medical Director and Vice President of US Health Care, one of the earliest and generally regarded as the most innovative of the for-profit HMOs. Dr. Collins has also served as CEO of Critical Care Analytics, Inc. which developed specialized statistical models for hospitals, drug companies, and professional societies. Dr. Collins is currently a consultant in the areas of managed care, physician behavior modification and health care systems development and improvement.

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**Jorge Cortés, MD, MBA (Costa Rica)**

Dr. Jorge Cortés' primary specialty is internal medicine. He gained experience as Head of Services and Medical Director in several rural hospitals throughout Costa Rica. This allowed him to experience the country's health issues first-hand, as well as to gain insight into the limitations and challenges of the national social security program. In the early 1990's, he was called upon to work in the emergency department at the Hospital Clínica Bíblica (HCB), a period which also marked the beginning of this institution's modernization and expansion into the national market. At that time access to private healthcare was exclusively accessible to a mere 10% of the country's population. During 1995 he was promoted to Deputy Medical Director position in which he participated in the HCB's expansion project. As part of the project, HCB has successfully begun to integrate the nation's public healthcare services with the private and, for the first time ever, a private institution has become accessible to a much larger segment of the population. Currently underway is a US\$40,000,000 expansion and development project that is designed to triple the number of patients that are able to receive private healthcare at the HCB. This would make this hospital the largest, most modern institution in the region. Dr. Cortés is a pioneer in the introduction of biomedical research and academia in the private sector. Within the HCB and in collaboration with some of the best private institutions in the country, he founded facilities for graduate and undergraduate research. His most recent development is a plan to partner with the Costa Rican Insurance Company to provide health care services to the customers of the Insurance Company.

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**Mary Ann Gardell Cutter, Ph.D. (USA)**

Dr. Cutter is Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy. Throughout her professional career she has held a wide range of academic and administrative positions. Dr. Cutter has published numerous articles and book reviews, and current works in progress include: Disease and the Limits of Knowing; Philosophy of Medicine; Bioethics in the New Millennium; Genetics, Mental Illness, and Complex Disease. She is an accomplished speaker and has given over 120 presentations to date on a variety of health care issues.

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**Rosy Daniel, M.D, B.Sc, M.B.Bch. (United Kingdom)**

Dr. Rosy Daniel trained as a GP and then specialized in holistic, mind-body medicine. She currently works as a freelance Holistic Medical Consultant guiding patients in London and in Bristol on how best to use holistic therapies and self-help approaches to tackle their health problems. Dr Daniel lectures nationally and internationally and broadcasts regularly on the holistic approach to health, nutrition and psycho-neuro-immunology (the science of the mind-body connection). Throughout 2001 she will be conducting a seminar series called 'Living with Cancer' nationally and internationally to introduce those with cancer and their supporters to the steps they can take to restore their health and well-being. Dr. Daniel has published four books and is currently working on a self-help 'Life Revival Kit' for people with cancer.

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**Michael DeVita, M.D. (USA)**

Dr. DeVita is Assistant Medical Director, Institute for Quality and Medical Management a position he has held since February 1997.

The Institute is charged with evaluating the effectiveness and efficiency of clinical care, and creating and analyzing data sets that trigger redesign of care processes. As a clinician Dr. DeVita has practiced critical care in all of the Medical Center's intensive care units, is a member of the Hospital's palliative care physician team, and is the Medical Co-Director of the Respiratory Care Department. An experienced consultant in ethics, Dr. DeVita is well published and is a widely recognized speaker on ethical issues confronting physicians, especially regarding end-of-life care and non-heart beating organ donation. He was recently appointed to the Lay Review Panel and the Clinical Affairs Advisory Board of the International Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. The Lay Review Panel has final authority over their annual multimillion-dollar granting process.

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**Jeanette M. Dunn, R.N, Ed.D, C.N.S. (USA)**

Clinical Nurse Specialist, educator, medical publisher, international lecturer, and nurse entrepreneur, Dr. Dunn has authored and published books on nutrition, newsletters, and research monographs. She has lectured in 22 countries,

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and set up schools of nursing in six. Since 1995, she has directed the worldwide activities of the Foundation for Care Management, a non-profit foundation fully accredited as a provider of continuing professional education for physicians, nurses, and pharmacists.

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### **Timothy Dye, Ph.D. (USA)**

Dr. Dye is Chief of the Division of Public Health Practice and Associate Professor of Community and Preventive Medicine. Both a medical anthropologist and epidemiologist by training, Dr. Dye concentrates on the blending of qualitative and quantitative methods in assessing local health needs and services. His international work has focused upon the social epidemiology of maternal and child health and community health informatics.

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### **M. Joycelyn Elders, M.D.\* (USA)**

Former U.S. Surgeon General. Dr. Elders is a pediatric endocrinologist and professor of pediatrics. She also holds a Master of Science degree in biochemistry. Based on her studies of growth in children and the treatment of hormone related illnesses, she has written many articles for medical research publications. She has won many awards such as the Arkansas Democrat's Woman of the Year, the National Governor's Association Distinguished Service Award, the American Medical Association's Dr. Nathan Davis Award, and the National Coalition of 100 Black Women's Candace Award for Health Science.

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### **Richard van Emmerik, Ph.D. (USA)**

Dr. van Emmerik teaches in the Exercise Science Department. His research background is in motor control and learning, with a special emphasis on movement coordination issues in posture and locomotion. His research activities focus on aging, movement disabilities (Parkinson's Disease, Stroke, Down's Syndrome), and the effects of space flight on perceptual-motor functioning in astronauts. Dr. van Emmerik is also a visiting scholar with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

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### **Jenifer Ereth, Ph.D (USA)**

Jenifer Ehreth is the Director of Economics and Reimbursement for Medtronic Europe, Sàrl, with its European office in Switzerland. In this position, she is responsible for economic analyses in support of health care treatments in the context of government payers. She meets with policy-makers and thought leaders across Europe on issues of system reform and patient access. Prior to this position, she was Vice President for Economics and Pricing World-wide for Aventis Pasteur in Lyon, France. Here she completed numerous evaluations of the economic impact of vaccination and published over thirty articles on the topic. From 1995 to 1999, she was responsible for the Corporate Health Economic Departments of SmithKline Beecham and then Bristol Myers Squibb. Prior to joining industry, she spent 15 years as a professor teaching and conducting Outcomes and Economic Research at the University of Washington and has over 30 peer-reviewed articles in this area. She received a Robert Wood Johnson Faculty Fellowship in Health Care Financing and spent a year at the Prospective Payment Commission in the US Government evaluating the implementation of DRGs. Before receiving her PhD, she was a Coronary Care nurse working in special care units and in open-heart surgery in hospitals in the US and in the Philippines. Jenifer has one personal aspiration and that is to be a bridge between payers and clinicians to improve access to appropriate patient care. She has been active in the Academy of Management, the International Health Economics Association, the Health Economics Study Group, and ISPOR.

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**Ms. Ilsemarysol Ferket, RN (Netherlands)**

Ms. Ferket followed her study of nursing and midwifery in Antwerp, Belgium, followed in 1995 by a study tropical medicine at the Tropical Institute of Antwerp. In 1996 she worked for a short while as midwife in a hospital in Venlo after which she started to work for Medicins Sans Frontieres (MSF) from 1996 onwards, for a period of 5 years. She worked mainly as project coordinator in different projects, amongst others in a refugee camp in Kenya; she started a family planning program in a rural area in Armenia; was involved in organizing a KAP study (Knowledge, Attitude and Practice) on reproductive health matters; planned and organized an updating training course for midwives on reproductive health and contraception; organized an information campaign on Dengue fever and a training for trainers in a southern district in Vietnam; did an exploratory mission on Buru island (Molukken/Indonesia) after the clashes in 2000; coordinated a rather large general program in South Sudan, Upper Nile district. This included support of the remaining medical structure, managing a Shigella outbreak, measles vaccination campaign, nutritional survey, supplementary feeding program (SFP) for 3400 children, and therapeutic feeding program (TFP) of 85 children. Since 2001 Ms. Ferket is working as a midwife in The Netherlands.

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**Marvin A. Fishman, M.D. (USA)**

Dr. Fishman serves as the Vice-Chairman for Administrative Affairs in the Department of Pediatrics. He also acts as the Director, Section of Child Neurology, and is a Professor of Pediatrics and Neurology. Dr. Fishman serves as the Chief of Neurology Service. He has published extensively in a variety of medical journals on topics ranging from child neurology to developmental neuropsychology.

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**Patricia S. Fleming, (USA)**

With a background of 25 years in the Carter and Clinton Administrations and on Capitol Hill, Ms. Fleming is an expert in government relations, issue advocacy and strategic planning to achieve policy change. Her extensive experience as a public speaker on HIV/AIDS issues has prepared her to present and advocate for compassionate and high quality care and services for persons living with HIV and AIDS, as well as for effective prevention interventions and a heightened commitment to research.

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**Robert Gallant, (USA)**

Mr. Gallant is an Executive of Highland Valley Elder Services, a company that links elders to a variety of resources of Quality Long Living. Nationally recognized for his innovative, empowering, and positive approaches to aging, Mr. Gallant developed a national model for consumer direction in Community-Based Long Term Care. A graduate of the national Leadership Institute on Aging, Mr. Gallant shares his knowledge through presentations on increasing participant and community empowerment.

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**Peter J. Gill, M.B.A. (USA)**

Peter Gill has operated managed care organizations. Mr. Gill consults to physician practices on the impact of variation in clinical practice on the cost of healthcare.

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**Gerald Gui, P.H., M.S., F.R.C.S., F.R.C.S.(Ed) (United Kingdom)**

Mr. Gerald Gui is Consultant Breast Surgeon to the Royal Marsden Hospital and Senior Lecturer to the Institute of Cancer Research, London, United Kingdom. His specialist interest in breast cancer is early diagnosis, breast cancer genetics, minimal invasive surgery and breast reconstruction. He runs an active research program in the tumour biology of breast cancer, in particular cell adhesion molecules and the cellular and molecular mechanisms underlying breast cancer invasion and metastasis. Mr Gui is co-editor of two surgical journals and is on the teaching faculty of training programmes for various disciplines of breast cancer care. He serves on committees of the British Association of Surgical

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Oncology and British Breast Group, is a Fellow of the Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland, and is a member of the British Oncological Association and Surgical Research Society.

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**Wade Hanna, MD, MPH** (*Jamaica/USA*)

Dr. Wade Hanna is a physician with 25 years experience in both clinical medicine and public health. The last 10 years have been spent in operational level health systems research, development of health policy and evaluation of health services delivery. His clinical background is in Anesthesia and Critical Care. Dr. Hanna worked with the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention between 1998 and 2005. He established the WHO Collaborating Center for Public Health Practice at the CDC and was its Deputy Director. Dr. Hanna was one of the lead developers of the methodology for the Performance Measurement of Health Systems/Essential Public Health Functions project that was completed in collaboration with the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO). The wealth of data gathered, provided a road map for public health renewal in the Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) region, and has restructured the way the region now thinks about Public Health for the 21st Century. The data collected represented one of the most significant pieces of research that PAHO has done on health systems in the region. Dr. Hanna is bilingual, speaking both Spanish and English.

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**Richard D. Hays, DBA** (*USA*)

The professional background of Dr. Hays incorporates a unique combination of academic, executive, and consulting experiences. He received a Doctorate in Business Administration from Indiana University in 1969. This was preceded by a Masters in Industrial Administration and a Bachelors in Mechanical Engineering, both from Purdue University. He has been professor of management at the Graduate School of Business and at the School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine at Tulane University. He has been Executive Vice President of First Commerce Corporation and President and CEO of First Commerce Service Corporation which housed FCC's internal service units. As a consultant, he has spent over a decade helping many Fortune 500 clients such as ExxonMobil, Tenneco, and Hilton Hotels as well as banks, utilities, and health care companies achieve higher organizational effectiveness. Some of his success in working with the turnaround of internal service units has provided the basis for his successful book, *Internal Service Excellence: A Manager's Guide to Building World Class Internal Service Unit Performance* (Summit Executive Press, 1996).

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**Kathy Hebert, MD, MMM, MPH** (*USA*)

Dr. Hebert is a board certified specialist in cardiology and is Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine at Louisiana State University (LSU) Health Sciences Center, in New Orleans. She is also the State Task Force Director for Congestive Heart Failure Disease Management at the LSU Health Care Services Division, in Baton Rouge, and Director of Cardiology at the Chabert Medical Center, in Houma, Louisiana. Dr. Hebert received her medical degree from LSU School of Medicine. Her additional postgraduate training includes a fellowship in cardiology/nuclear medicine at the Alton Ochsner Medical Foundation and a fellowship in interventional cardiovascular medicine at LSU Medical Center. She recently was awarded her Masters in Medical Management from Tulane School of Public Health and a Masters in Public Health from the Harvard School of Public Health. Her interest is in heart failure outcomes research in disease management, the uninsured and underinsured, disparities in care, improving access to care and quality, implementing electronic medical record technology, population medicine and developing international cardiovascular guidelines and web based learning in developing countries. Her heart failure disease management program received the 2002 National Association of Public Hospitals Safety Net Award for accountability and quality improvement. PBS plans to feature this program in the spring of 2006 during a series devoted to chronic disease in America. Dr. Hebert is a Fellow of the American College of Cardiology and a member of the Heart Failure Society of America. As a Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellow, she is currently serving on the Senate Bioterrorism and Public Health.

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**William A. Hensel, M.D. (USA)**

Dr. William Hensel is Clinical Professor of Family Medicine. In addition to teaching family medicine to medical students for over 20 years, Dr. Hensel has promoted the professional, ethical and moral development of aspiring physicians. Through his own expertise in medical ethics, care of the dying and the emotional impact of difficult clinical situations, Dr. Hensel has focused on identifying sentinel events and supporting emotional growth for physicians in training.

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**Rene Herrera, Ph.D. (USA)**

Dr. Herrera is an active investigator and internationally known authority in the fields of genetic engineering, cloning, human evolution, HIV research, forensic DNA fingerprinting, and the moral, ethical, religious, legal and political considerations of the New Biology. He holds a B.S. in Biological Sciences, an MS in Biochemical and Population Genetics and a Ph.D. in Biochemical and Cytogenetics. Dr. Herrera is a frequent plenary speaker at world wide international venues.

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**Peggy Honoré, DHA, MHA (USA)**

Dr. Peggy Honoré holds Doctorate and Master degrees in Health Administration. She is the Chief Science Officer for a state health department where she leads a major nation-wide project funded by The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to advance fields of study in public health systems research and public health finance. Dr. Honoré serves on the Editorial Board of the Journal of Public Health Management and Practice and developed two special finance issues as guest editor for the journal. Prior positions include a university Vice President for Finance, medical corporation Chief Operating Officer, founding Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Public Health Finance Program, and Financial Analyst for Exxon Co USA and McDonald's Corporation. Dr. Honoré also serves on the U S Department of Health and Human Services Healthy People 2010 Public Health Infrastructure Chapter Committee.

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**Michael T. Isaac, M.D. (United Kingdom)**

Dr. Isaac combines a busy clinical and legal psychiatric practice with research and teaching. He is in demand as a lecturer to medical, paramedical and lay audiences, expert and non-expert alike. He has a particular interest in stress and mood disorders, and especially in problems related to the workplace. He has developed an interest in psychiatric and psychological problems in the performing and visual arts. He has long experience in clinical and research ethics, and is a longtime member of local and national research ethics committees in the UK. He sits on the Fitness to Practice Committees of the UK General Medical Council, which regulates the medical profession in the UK. A graduate of Cambridge and London Universities, he trained in pathology before he became a psychiatrist. In addition to working as a Consultant Psychiatrist in Britain's National Health Service (NHS) in London's world-renowned Maudsley Hospital, he holds academic appointments in the University of London (Guy's Hospital). He is an experienced broadcaster, with appearances on BBC and commercial radio and television, and been featured in both the local (London) and national UK press.

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**William E. Jones, Ph.D. (USA)**

Dr. Jones is a past executive director of the American Association of University Affiliated Programs for Persons with Developmental Disabilities. During the past 15 years, he has worked at the national level to develop federal policy, legislation, and appropriations to support individual states in the provision of high quality services to people with disabilities. Dr. Jones' worked with a number of countries to improve health, education, medical care and vocational opportunities for people with disabilities.

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**Mahmud Khan, PhD (Bangladesh/USA)**

Dr. Mahmud Khan is a professor in the department of Health Systems Management, Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, New Orleans. He received an M.S.S. in Economics from Dhaka University, Bangladesh, prior to attending Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA, where he earned an M.A. and a Ph.D. Before joining Tulane University faculty in 1988, he was a visiting Assistant Professor of Economics at the University of Washington, Seattle. Dr. Khan currently is associated with a number of research studies including economics of childhood immunization, cost-effectiveness of health interventions for Turkey, economic evaluation of alternative interventions for chronic care and care of elderly, and WHO's Integrated Management of Childhood Illnesses (IMCI) module. His consultancies include the World Health Organization, the World Bank/Bangladesh and South Asia, USAID/ Dhaka, UNICEF/Dhaka, the Hanoi School of Public Health, and projects in Sri Lanka and Madagascar, among others. At Tulane University, he teaches courses on health and economic development, comparative health systems, cost-benefit and cost-effectiveness analysis in the health sector and econometrics for health services research. He was named Outstanding Faculty of the School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine in 1994 for excellence in teaching and received the Teaching Scholar Award of the School in 2003. Dr. Khan has published more than 40 research articles in national and international journals.

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#### **Tatyana Kamardina, M.D., Ph.D. (RUSSIA)**

Dr. Tatyana Kamardina was educated at the Moscow Medical Institute as a physician/epidemiologist. She is the Leading Researcher at the Department of Policy and Strategy Development in Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, National Center for Preventive Medicine, Ministry of Health in Russia. Dr. Kamardina is also the Coordinator of the World Health Organization project on development of regional policy on healthy nutrition in Russia, and the National Coordinator for the WHO/CINDI International smoking cessation project "Quit and Win".

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#### **Hank Kearney, M.H.P., R.H.U. (USA)**

Since 1997 Hank Kearney has been president of PHM International, a global consulting practice providing expertise and performance enhancement resources in the insurance and managed care sectors. Prior to founding PHM International, Mr. Kearney worked with leading US and international managed care and healthcare organizations.

Mr. Kearney was a product manager at Blue Cross Blue Shield where he developed the company's managed care wellness program, the USA's first technology driven program that today's serves over 350,000 individuals. He has a BA in Economics and is one of only a handful of individuals with both a MHP (Managed Healthcare Professional), and a RHU or Registered Health Underwriter from The American College.

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#### **Janko Kersnik, M.D, M.Sc, Ph.D. (Slovenia)**

Dr. Kersnik is an associated professor at the department of family medicine in Slovenia, and a member of the national health board at the Ministry of Health in his country. For nearly ten years he served as a member of the Medical Chamber Assembly of the Government. Currently he is the Chairman of the organising committee in charge of the European congress of the society of family medicine which will be held in Slovia in 2003. Dr. Kersnik is presently the President of the executive committee of the society of family physicians. He has been involved in the following EU projects, PRIMACOM, EUROPEP.MATRA, ECATODE and IMPROVE.

Dr. Kersnik has published more than 150 papers, and one book on the quality in health care.

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#### **Kamal Kishore, M.D., Dip. Hlth. Mgt. (Akl), Cert. Appl. Epi. (FSM), DPH (FSM) (Fiji Islands)**

Dr. Kishore is Associate Professor & head of the microbiology section at the Fiji School of Medicine, where he teaches students of medicine, using problem based learning mode, as well as allied health students. He has strong research interest, and has been involved in many projects. His particular fields of interest are biological issues of HIV & STI, and

health promotion and prevention. He also has keen interest in hospital infection control, antimicrobial resistance prevention, and traditional medicine. He has been invited as expert in various committees, and holds membership of many international associations. Dr. Kishore has attended a number of conferences and presented papers as panel speaker.

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**Georges B. Kutukdjian, Ph.D. (Egypt)**

Dr. Kutukdjian is Professor of a graduate seminar on international organizations and on biotechnology law. He is the author of several articles, essays and publications on contemporary literature, social anthropology, human rights issues, bioethics and the ethics of science.

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**Dr. Mercedes Lassus (Uruguay/Italy)**

Dr. Lassus received her doctoral degree from the University of Uruguay, where she was a Faculty member in the department of Internal Medicine. She performed post graduate studies in Internal Medicine and Medical Oncology in the United States. She integrated the faculty in the department of Internal Medicine of the Uruguayan Faculty of Medicine, and was a member of the Department of Medical Oncology of the Mount Sinai Hospital in NYC and of the Cancer Therapy Evaluation Program at the National Cancer Institute, Bethesda Md. She has been head of oncology clinical development in Farmitalia CarloErba and Pharmacia, (Milan, Italy) and in Ciba/Novartis (Basel, Switzerland). She is currently founder and director of MLC, an international Italian based consulting group for development of new oncology therapies, that collaborates with academic groups and industry throughout the world. Dr. Lassus has been involved with the development from first in man studies of more than 50 novel therapies ranging from traditional cytotoxics to targeted molecules, immune therapies and gene therapy. She has also been responsible for the approval process of several current major agents such as the aromatase inhibitor Letrozole the cytotoxics epirubicin, idarubicin, gemcitabine, alimta and others. Since 2004 she is the Director of the Oncology Program at MKI.

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**Leonard Laster, M.D. (USA)**

Dr. Leonard Laster is currently Distinguished University Professor of Medicine and Health Policy, and Chancellor Emeritus. His former posts include President of the Oregon Health Science University; Vice-President, Downstate Medical Center, State University of New York; Assistant Director, President's Office of Science and Technology, Washington, D.C.; Assistant Surgeon General, U.S. Public Health Service; and researcher at the National Institutes of Health. He speaks, writes, and publishes articles and books on aspects of biomedicine, and consults on medical care and biomedical research for corporations and not-for-profit foundations.

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**Robert J. Levine, M.D. (USA)**

Dr. Robert Levine is Professor of Medicine and Lecturer in Pharmacology, and Co-Chair of a Interdisciplinary Bioethics Project. He holds fellowships and memberships in numerous professional societies, and most of his research, teaching and publications over the past 25 years have been in the field of medical ethics with particular concentration on the ethics of research involving human subjects. He also has participated on national and international committees in the areas of ethics and biomedical research.

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**Maureen Lichtveld, MD, MPH (Surinam/USA)**

Maureen Lichtveld has a 24 year career in public health and currently is Professor and Chair of the Department of Environmental Health Sciences, Tulane School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine. In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, Dr. Lichtveld served as Tulane University's leading scientist in environmental health. Along with her faculty, she

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provided frontline expertise in environmental health to State and local health officials during the response and recovery phases. Dr. Lichtveld recently completed a successful 18 year career at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in several leadership capacities. As Associate Director for Workforce Policy and Planning, Dr. Lichtveld provided leadership in the development and implementation of the CDC/ATSDR National Public Health Workforce Development Strategic Plan. Her efforts combined biomedical, social, epidemiological, behavioral, and policy data to address issues of science, policy and public health practice associated with public health workforce preparedness. Dr. Lichtveld provided expertise and key authorship in the development of several competency development programs nation-wide and internationally. Examples of workforce and educational competencies addressing an array of health disciplines include the following: general public health, environmental health, maternal and child health, injury prevention and control, terrorism preparedness, epidemiology, and cancer care.

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### **Judith Lipton, M.D. (USA)**

Dr. Judith Lipton, M.D. is a psychiatrist who specializes in the emotional care of people with major medical illnesses. She is a specialist in psychoOncology, the psychiatric care of cancer patients and their families. She directs the psychosocial support program at the Comprehensive Breast Center in the United States of America. She is also an expert in human sociobiology, the study of the evolutionary basis of human nature. She is an author, with her husband David P. Barash, of two books about sex: "Making Sense of Sex: How Genes and Gender Influence Relationships", and "The Myth of Monogamy: Fidelity and Infidelity in Animals and People".

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### **George D. Lundberg, M.D.\* (USA)**

A 1995 "pioneer" of the medical internet, Dr. Lundberg is the author of Severed Trust: Why American Medicine Hasn't Been Fixed. In 1999, Dr. Lundberg became Editor in Chief of Medscape, the world's leading site for health and medical information on the Internet and the founding Editor in Chief of both Medscape General Medicine and CBS HealthWatch.com. A frequent lecturer, radio and television host and guest, and a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences. He is past President of the American Society of Clinical Pathologists. Dr. Lundberg has worked in tropical medicine in Central America and forensic medicine in New York, Sweden and England. His major professional interests are toxicology, violence, communication, physician behavior, strategic management and health system reform. In 2000, the Industry Standard dubbed Dr. Lundberg the Healthcare Internet's Medicine Man.

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### **Jeanette Magnus, MD, PhD (Norway)**

Jeanette Magnus' is a practitioner/ educator who bridges the practice of medicine, clinical basic science, epidemiology, public health, and community research. She holds MD and PhD degrees from the University of Tromsø, Norway, and is a Board Certified Specialist in Rheumatology in Europe. In Norway, she worked as physician and associate professor in the Departments of Rheumatology and Preventive Medicine, Institute of Community Medicine, University Hospital of Tromsø, and served as Public Health Officer in Nedre Eiker, Norway. Her research included such topics as population-based studies on osteoporosis and rheumatology. She has worked in the US since 1999 and currently is the Director of the Tulane Xavier National Center of Excellence in Women's Health, whose mission is to "support innovative national model program projects for comprehensive and coordinated women's health care, public and health care professional education, and research." She is Professor of Public Health and Head of the Maternal and Child Section of the Department of Community Health Sciences at Tulane School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine; and Professor of Medicine at Tulane Medical School in New Orleans, Louisiana. She has secured funding for and established programs to build interdisciplinary research careers in women's health (BIRCWH); to educate doctoral candidates to be competent in maternal and child health and in application of epidemiologic methods to conduct research in the field; and to improve the health status of women, infants, youth, and their families by supporting training of public health professionals for leadership in maternal and child health in accredited schools of public health. Dr. Magnus has more than 58 peer reviewed research papers and more than 105 book chapters and papers, including work and collaboration in Europe and the US.

**Robert McCaffrey, Ph.D. (USA)**

Dr. McCaffrey holds a doctorate in health services and is considered a national expert on community delivery systems in areas of health, disability and human services. He has lectured widely on inclusion of handicapped individuals in the mainstream environment and has consulted with both the federal and many state governments in the United States.

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**Prof. dr. Chris Meijer (Netherlands)**

Chris J.L.M. Meijer received his medical doctor degree at the State University of Leiden in and his PhD at the Vrije Universiteit in Amsterdam. He is certified as surgical Pathologist and as medical immunologist. He was staff member and head of the Laboratory for Experimental Pathology at the Dept. of Pathology, State University of Leiden before he moved to Delft where he became staff member and head of the Laboratory for Immunopathology in the SSDZ in Delft (1980-1982). In 1983 he became head and director of the Department of pathology at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam and was appointed as Professor in Pathology, where he integrated basic and translational research in clinical practice. He is in the board of several medical journals and member of the research council of the Dutch society for the fight against cancer. His research interests are in the field of oncology and immunology and more specifically concern the relationship between viruses and cancer. At present HPV and cervical cancer, EBV and Lymphomas and the development of immunotherapeutic strategies against cancer have his main interest. He holds patents on HPV detection techniques and is evaluating several molecular techniques for screening on cervical and colonic cancer.

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**Alan Meisel, J.D. (USA)**

Alan Meisel is the director of the Center for Bioethics and Health Law and Professor of Bioethics, and Professor of Law. Mr. Meisel is an authority on the law and ethics of medical decision making in general and of end-of-life decision making in particular. He has published widely in the fields of health law and bioethics, and is author of the two-volume treatise, *The Right to Die* (1989), and co-author of *Informed Consent: Legal Theory and Clinical Practice* (1987).

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**Krassimir Metodiev, M.D., Ph.D, D.Scmed, F.U.I.C.C., F.H.M.O. (Bulgaria)**

Professor of immunology and microbiology. Professor Metodiev`s major professional and research interest are: fundamental immunology, cancer immunology, infectious immunology, transplantation immunology, microbiology, and chemotherapy. He has been a guest-professor and invited lecturer in many university hospitals and institutes in over 50 countries world-wide. He is a supervisor of research projects at the Norwegian Radium Hospital and Inst. Cancer Research. He is well known as an International Cancer expert reviewer. Professor.Metodiev received a number of awards such as the Golden Medal for outstanding achievements in science the Jubilee Medal of the International Medical Association Bulgaria (IMAB) and the Medal and Diploma "Doctor of the Year 2000". Prof. Kr.Metodiev has been invited personally by His Holiness The Pope John Paul II in Vatican at a meeting with recognized medical specialists in the field of organ transplantation.

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**Lucia F. Miree, Ph.D., M.P.H. (Bulgaria/USA)**

Dr. Miree has over twenty years experience in health care and in business management. She has a doctoral degree in Organizational Management and Communication, and has completed post- graduate studies in Public Health and Health Services Management. With over twenty years experience as a professor and consultant, Dr. Miree has worked with all levels of managers and in a wide variety of organizations, including health insurance companies, health systems, hospitals, group practices, and other health-support companies. She has provided training and development services for professional associations, educational institutions, health delivery organizations, and businesses. She currently lives in Bulgaria, teaching at the American University in Bulgaria, and has lived and worked in a number of other countries.

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**Marine Mkhitarian, M.D. (Armenia/USA)**

Dr. Marine Mkhitarian is an experienced obstetrician/gynecologist with trainings of laparoscopy/hysteroscopy and Family Planning/Reproductive Health. She also has a Masters degree in Public Health with special concentration in International Health. Dr. Mkhitarian has over 10 years of clinical (mostly in operative gynecology) and public health experience with MSF AIDS/HIV prevention and STI treatment project. Since studying in the USA, she has a good understanding of the US health care system, contemporary issues in Maternal Child Health in the country as well as HIV/AIDS issues.

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**Sunil Moreker, M.S. (India)**

Dr. Moreker is an Associate Professor in Ophthalmologist, and a Senior Lecturer in Ophthalmology in Bombay, India. Dr. Moreker is known for his special skills in complicated cataract surgeries with phacoemulsification, and non phaco suture less techniques, and complex eye injury surgeries

Dr. Moreker has conducted various eye camps in rural India, supported by Lions Club International, where he has done all kinds of complicated cataract surgeries. He holds numerous memberships of professional societies both ophthalmic and those concerned with medical education.

Presently, Dr. Moreker is Vice President of the New Bombay Raigad Ophthalmology Association.

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**E. Haavi Morreim, Ph.D. (USA)**

Dr. Morreim is a Professor of Bioethics. Her research spans a variety of topics, but particularly focuses on the ethical and legal implications of medicine's changing economics. She is the author of numerous publications in journals of law, medicine and ethics, and has made hundreds of presentations to audiences in those fields. Dr. Morreim also works in the field of research ethics, and she is chair of the Independent Patient Advocacy Council (IPAC).

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**Mrs. Nester Tirimunhamo Moyo (Zimbabwe/Netherlands)**

Nester Moyo is a registered nurse midwife educator from Zimbabwe, working for the International Confederation of Midwives (ICM) as a Program Manager coordinating the activities of 85 midwife associations in 70 countries. She has a Masters Degree in Maternal and Child Health/Midwifery and a Bachelors Degree in Adult Education specializing in material development. Since joining the International Confederation of Midwives in January 2001, she has been exposed to the health systems of the 70 countries where ICM has member associations, has developed a comprehensive understanding of global health in general and issues in Maternal and Child Health and Reproductive Health in particular. Nester Moyo has worked in government, mission and private hospitals in rural, district, urban, periurban settings.

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**Timothy F. Murphy, Ph.D. (USA)**

Dr. Timothy Murphy is Professor of Philosophy in the Biomedical Sciences. As a bio-ethicist Dr. Murphy has taught and written widely on ethical issues in the theory and practice of medicine, and has lectured on ethical aspects of genetics, research oversight, reproductive technologies and sexuality and medicine. He is the author or editor of six books, and the author of 40 articles and book chapters. He also serves on several editorial boards of professional journals and serves as a reviewer for many journals and university presses.

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**Reggie Mutetwa (Zimbabwe)**

Reggie Mutetwa is a biomedical research scientist, graduated with an Honors Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Sciences in 2002 from the University of Zimbabwe, College of Health Sciences. Reggie has worked in the HIV and AIDS VCT setting at Population Services International as a quality control officer and trainer for over three years. Since 2002 up to date, he has been a national trainer and member of the exams committee for the national prevention of parent to child transmission of HIV infection (PMTCT). At both organizational and national level, he has been involved in the Monitoring and Evaluation of projects at operational level. Reggie has special interest in HIV and AIDS population based interventions in prevention, care and mitigation of impact. Currently, Reggie is a senior biomedical research scientist at the Biomedical Research and Training Institute (BRTI-Zim) and to strengthen his research capacity is doing an MSc in Epidemiology with the London School.

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**Benona Lillian Natorff, M.D., F.F.P.M., M.B.A.R.Q.A. (Poland/USA)**

Dr. Natorff is a specialist in Pharmaceutical Medicine with sixteen years experience gained at Lilly, Glaxo and Pharm-Olam. Prior to that she trained in psychiatry at The Royal London Hospital and worked in the Human Psychopharmacology Unit of The Medical College of St. Bartholomew's Hospital as Clinical Research Fellow.

Dr. Natorff is today an independent consultant in Pharmaceutical Medicine. She is a Fellow of the UK Faculty of Pharmaceutical Medicine, a Member of BARQA, ACRP, DIA and British Institute of Directors. She was given the Outstanding Service Award in appreciation and recognition of services to the DIA and the pharmaceutical industry.

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**Charlie Ncube (Zimbabwe)**

In 2003 Charlie Ncube graduated with honours in Sociology of Medicine at the University of Zimbabwe. He is an expert in HIV and AIDS home based care programmes in rural areas, and today a 'Workplace Trainer and Capacity Building Officer'. His duties are to train peer educators, workers' representatives, managers, and any other persons or groups in the workplace in HIV and AIDS. The areas of focus usually are (but not confined to these): Basic facts about HIV and AIDS – modes of transmission, prevention strategies, disease progression, ARVs, regimen compliance, VCT, STIs, positive living, counselling, home based care, to mention but a few. He also assist workplaces to plan, implement and monitor their own HIV and AIDS programmes, thereby building their capacity to stand on their own. He assists workplaces set up the policy formulation steering committees and then help the committees to "walk" through the whole process of policy formulation.

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**Rowland Ndoma-Egba, FRCS,FWACS,FICS,FIMC (Nigeria)**

Dr. Ndoma-Egba is the chief medical director and CEO of the University of Calabar, Nigeria, West Africa. He is the first in his generation to be so elevated in Southern Nigeria. His surgical interest are, Colo-rectal and other gastro-intestinal tumors, Breast tumors especially cancers and Peptic Ulcer disease. As a healthcare administrator, he has been concerned with problems of `Health Financing` and `Quality Assurance in Health Care Delivery`. Dr. Ndoma-Egba is a foundation member of the World Association for Hepato-biliary and Pancreatic Surgery. A widely traveled man, he has attended many seminars, workshops and conferences round the world. He has many papers in International and Local journals to his name. He is editorial adviser to some medical journals including BMJ West Africa.

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**Mark Neuenschwander, (U.S.A.)**

Mark Neuenschwander is president of The Neuenschwander Company. He is being viewed as the world's leading publisher and consultant in the field of pharmacy distribution and dispensing automation and barcode point-of-care systems. He is best noted for his up-to-date review and assessment of automated dispensing technologies, known as The Neuenschwander Report. Neuenschwander, an engaging communicator and insightful consultant, has clients across the United States and throughout the world in Canada, Australia, and Italy and The Netherlands. Neil Davis, Editor of Hospital Pharmacy, says, "I don't know of anyone more knowledgeable about dispensing automation than Mark Neuenschwander. Before you commit in this area, it makes sense to consult with the expert."

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**Anna Norinder, Ph.D, B.Sc. (Sweden/Netherlands)**

Dr. Norinder primarily works within health economic evaluations of pharmaceuticals at her position at The Swedish Institute for Health Economics (IHE). Her work is focused on economic evaluations of pharmaceuticals, performing cost-of-illness, cost analysis and cost-effectiveness studies. Dr. Norinder is a member of the Euroqol group and has been involved with valuing EQ-5D health states as well as methodological work regarding elicitation methods. Much of her work involves developing methods for valuation of risk reductions of road traffic accidents. This has predominantly been done by willingness to pay methods using stated preference methods; contingent valuation, choice experiments and risk-risk trade-off methods. This work is the basis for her dissertation at the Department of Economics at Lund University. Dr. Norinder is also a member of the International Health Economics Organisation and the Nordic Economic Study Group.

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**Michael P. Osborne, M.D., F.R.C.S., F.A.C.S. (USA)**

Dr. Osborne is President and CEO of Strang Cancer Prevention Center, as well as Chief of the Breast Service and Attending Surgeon in the Department of Surgery. He also holds the academic position of Professor of Surgery, Dr. Osborne has received numerous honors and awards, and he heads a research group studying new diagnostic methods and the processes by which breast cancer occurs and its prevention.

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**Judy Overall, M.Ed, MSHA, JD (USA)**

Director HRH Division

Judith W. Overall's career combines education, health law, public health, and health management. Her education career spans the continuum from teaching mentally handicapped children at the elementary school level, to teaching and directing paralegal programs for undergraduate students, to designing, teaching, directing, and consulting for graduate programs and training in public health in 22 countries. Graduate level teaching includes courses in principles of administration and management in public health; health law; public health law; health policy; and management of elder care facilities.

Her legal career includes prosecution of fraud in government health care payment systems and of cases of elder abuse in nursing homes. She has owned, managed, and consulted for facilities for elder care in the US and has consulted on elder care issues in Russia, China and Latin America.

Professor Overall is the immediate past Chair and the Director of International Programs for the Department of Health Systems Management, Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine in New Orleans, USA. She is the Chair of the Board of Trustees and President of DOBRA, Inc., a non-profit organization whose mission is to help to foster quality of life for the elderly, disabled, and terminally ill and whose initial work includes projects in Mexico and teaching programs for nurses in Russia. She is a member of Delta Omega, the honor society for Public Health in the US.

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**Gregory Payne, Ph.D., M.P.A. (USA)**

Dr. J. Gregory Payne is Director of the Center for Ethics in Political and Health Communication. A Fellow of the National Endowment for the Arts, Dr. Payne has lectured extensively on health communication, political communication, public relations, advocacy, negotiations and mediation to governments, organizations and corporations worldwide. He also does personal and group communication skills training and speechwriting.

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**Rose Perenboom, MD, Ph.D (Netherlands)**

Dr. Perenboom, specialist in internal medicine and infectious diseases, was trained at the Radboud University Hospital in Nijmegen, The Netherlands. She worked for many years as Medical Officer in a Mission Hospital in Northern Tanzania and later as University Lecturer and Specialist in Internal Medicine at the Muhimbili Medical Centre in Dar Es Salaam. Since 1985 she was and is involved in infectious diseases, especially HIV/AIDS, in patient care as well as in teaching and training in Tanzania as well as in The Netherlands. Since 1996 she is member of staff in the Department of Medicine at the University Hospital of the VUmc, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Since 2002 she is involved in the National ARV Treatment Program in Botswana, training and teaching health care workers, by giving courses as well as acting as preceptor (on the spot training and supervising).

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**Prof. dr. Richard Peto (United Kingdom)**

Richard Peto is professor of Medical Statistics & Epidemiology at the University of Oxford. In 1975, he set up the CTSU, (MRC/Cancer Research UK/BHF Clinical Trial Service Unit & Epidemiological Studies Unit ) of which he and Rory Collins are now co-directors. Professor Peto's work has included studies of the causes of cancer in general, and of the effects of smoking in particular, and the establishment of large-scale randomized trials of the treatment of heart disease, stroke, cancer and a variety of other diseases. He has been instrumental in introducing combined 'meta-analyses' of results from related trials that achieve uniquely reliable assessment of treatment effects. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of London in 1989, and was knighted (for services to epidemiology and to cancer prevention) in 1999. Professor Peto is joint statistician for HPS with Dr. Sarah Parish.

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**Thomas F. Plaut, M.D. (USA)**

Dr. Thomas F. Plaut has spent more than 20 years developing tools and techniques to help people with asthma manage their disease at home. He conveys his knowledge to patients, professionals and the public through books, articles, presentations and appearances on radio and television. In this work, he focuses on the practical steps that people can take to improve their asthma care immediately. Dr. Plaut contributes to more than a dozen publications for physicians, respiratory therapists, and nurse practitioners and has served as an editor or reviewer for several others. Dr. Plaut has

published three major books including "One Minute Asthma: What You Need to Know" which has sold more than a million copies.

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**Scott C. Ratzan, M.D., M.P.A. (USA)/Belgium)**

Dr. Ratzan, is Editor-In-Chief for the Journal of Health Communication: International Perspectives and holds faculty appointments in the department of epidemiology, public health, family medicine, community health and international public health. Dr. Ratzan has appeared on Good Morning America, Nightline and other programs and has published numerous articles.

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**Thomas M. Reardon, J.D. (USA)**

Thomas M. Reardon is the CEO of a nationally known healthcare turnaround and performance improvement company. Mr. Reardon is experienced in all aspects of mergers, acquisitions and other affiliations; on integration and consolidation efforts related to such affiliations; and on the development of interfaces among physician groups, faculty practice plans and integrated health systems.

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**Ahmad Risk, M.D. (United Kingdom)**

Ahmad Risk is an former medical practitioner based in Brighton, England. He has more than 10 years experience in consulting, speaking and writing on all aspects of eHealth. He has worked on consultancy assignments for the World Health Organization, the European Commission (where he is an eHealth R&D Expert Evaluator), the National Health Service in Scotland, and numerous public and private bodies and enterprises.

Risk was a founding member and immediate past Chair of the Internet Healthcare Coalition, and the Chair of the British Healthcare Internet Association. He is the Editor-in-Chief of the acclaimed online journal 'Health Informatics Europe'. Risk speaks English and Arabic fluently, and holds the British nationality.

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**Diaa Essam El-Din Rizk, M.B. BCH (Hons), M.Sc (Hons), MRCOG, FRCS, M.D. (Egypt)**

Diaa Essam El-Din Rizk is an Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the United Arab Emirates [UAE] University, Al-Ain, UAE with a career commitment to academic medicine. Dr. Rizk is an Egyptian with postgraduate qualification in both Obstetrics and Gynecology and Surgery and a postgraduate diploma in both Healthcare Administration and Medical Education. Dr. Rizk's interest is Urogynaecology and Reproductive Health and History of Medicine. He has published more than 85 articles in peer-reviewed medical periodicals, and was awarded several prizes for his work. Dr. Rizk is a member of several international medical societies.

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**Carol L. Roberts, M.D. (USA)**

Dr. Carol Roberts practiced ENT for ten years, followed by ten years of Emergency Medicine. During much of that time, she practiced and taught the principles of healthy living. In 1994, she opened her private practice, WELLNESS WORKS so that she could devote her career to the integration of conventional medicine with the natural and holistic techniques. Dr. Carol Roberts feels her function is to be a mentor, educator and a role model to her patients. WELLNESS WORKS provides nutritional counseling, natural hormone replacement therapy, chelation therapy, and anti-aging medicine. Nutritional therapies, oxidative therapies and classes in lifestyle change are offered, including yoga and Tai Chi. Additionally, WELLNESS WORKS offers massage therapy, acupuncture and chiropractic care. With her extensive experience in both conventional and holistic medicine, Dr. Carol Roberts is a sought after national speaker.

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**William H. Rosenblatt, M.D. (USA)**

Dr. Rosenblatt is an Associate Professor of Anesthesiology and Surgery. He is President and Founder of the not-for-profit organization, REMEDY (recovered medical equipment for the developing world), which now has more than 250 participating U.S. hospitals. Dr. Rosenblatt has developed a unique series of continuing education courses for physicians, nurses and paramedics. He also produces teaching videotapes and CDs. Dr. Rosenblatt has written more than 50 articles, abstracts and book chapters, and has lectured at more than 200 meetings on REMEDY and Anesthesia.

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**Lakshman (Sam). P. Samaranayake, B.D.S., D.D.S.(Glas.), F.R.C.Path. (Thailand)**

Professor of Oral Microbiology and the Associate Dean for Research at a Faculty of Dentistry. Professor Samaranayake's major research interests are oral infections in compromised patients, oral candidiasis and infection control in dentistry, and consultant to the AIDS Programme of the Rural Oral Health Project of Thailand. He is the author of five scholarly books and more than 230 peer reviewed research/review articles and 22 book chapters. The monograph on 'Oral Candidosis', which he has edited, is a classic in the area, and the most authoritative source on this subject. Professor Samaranayake has been an invited speaker in more than 20 countries in Asia, America, Europe and Australia. Professor Samaranayake, is currently serving in the Scientific Commission of the International Dental Federation.

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**Saliyou Sanni, MD, MPH (Togo, Africa)**

Dr. Saliyou Sanni is an MD trained in internal medicine who holds a MPH in International Health Systems Management. Dr. Sanni's career spans medicine and public health training and management in Africa. Much of his career has been devoted to the HIV/AIDS arena. He began his professional career as a physician and medical officer in Togo and Cote d'Ivoire. He has provided consultation and technical assistance to UNICEF HIV/AIDS in Sierra Leone and has worked with SIDA in its CCISDA/CIDA HIV Prevention Project for West Africa. He has served as Health and Nutrition Coordinator and HIV Focal Point for the UNHCR Programme of Care and Maintenance to Liberian refugees in Sierra Leone. As Health Promotion and Training Project Coordinator for PLAN International, he managed the health program in the field for development and implementation of strategies and activities aimed at improving provision of primary health care services in Togo. His consultancies include: Family Health International Institute for HIV/AIDS, where he provided expertise to the countries of Benin, Burundi, Guinea, Madagascar, Senegal, and Sierra Leone; INTRAH /PRIME, where he led training of trainers in reproductive health for staff of 6 provinces in Togo, researched pharmacy follow up in contraceptive technology, and conducted workshops for pharmacy personnel in contraceptive technology; the Center for African Family Studies, where he assessed training needs and developed a curriculum for training in STI control and HIV/AIDS prevention in Togo, Mali, and Sierra Leone; and CARE International, where he organized and facilitated training in STI management as strategy to fight HIV/AIDS in Niger.

**Prof. dr. Fritz H. Schröder** (*Germany/Netherlands*)

Fritz H. Schröder is professor of Urology at the Erasmus University Medical Center Rotterdam. After completing his department chairmanship in January 2002 he concentrates on his professional hobbies: translational and clinical research in the field of prostate cancer and patient care in the field of oncological urology. Schröder had a lifelong interest in prostate cancer which is reflected in more than 500 peer reviewed publications. Many of these have been published in top journals such as the Journal of the National Cancer Institute, the New England Journal of Medicine, the International Journal of Cancer and Cancer Research. Translational research coming from his group has for years concentrated on the identification of optimal ways of endocrine treatment in the various stages of prostate cancer. Part of his work is based on the development of human prostate cancer lines transplantable in nude mice which presently serve as model systems in new drug development. Schröder has been the secretary and chairman of the EORTC Genito-Urinary group. He has initiated and co-ordinated several important clinical trials. At present he is the chairman of the European Randomized Study of Screening for Prostate Cancer (ERSPC), a co-operation of 8 European countries. This study has randomised between screening and control more than 180,000 men in these centers, more than 42,000 in the area of Rotterdam. While the endpoint of the study, prostate cancer mortality is not likely to be reached before 2006-2008, important findings already now determine screening technologies and policies in men who after careful informed consent desire to undergo early detection for prostate cancer. Schröder is considered an expert in the field by academic colleagues, company officials and governmental agencies.

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**W. George Selig, Ed.D.** (*USA*)

George Selig is Professor of Educational leadership He previously served as provost of a University, where he led the strategic planning process for a number of years. In that capacity, he oversaw the accreditation process, and was involved in international expansion into Africa, South America, and Europe; he also initiated a cooperative program with universities in Korea. Dr. Selig has specialized in learning disorders and is a national leader in long distance learning.

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**David J. Shulkin, M.D.** (*USA*)

David J. Shulkin, M.D. is Chief Quality Officer at a University School of Medicine and Chief Medical Officer of at Medical College in the US, where he leads the faculty and the hospital in implementing strategies to improve clinical and operational performance. As the founder and first CEO of DoctorQuality, Inc. Dr. Shulkin created one of the Internet's most credible sources of information to help select and obtain high quality healthcare. Prior to this Dr. Shulkin was the Chief Medical Officer and Chief Quality Officer of the University of Pennsylvania Health System. Here he led the health system in building its` integrated delivery system through developing and managing disease management strategies, quality systems, managed care operations, and medical management capabilities. Through these efforts, the organization was awarded the National Healthcare Quality Award. Dr. Shulkin has established himself as one of the country's foremost experts in quality of care, patient safety, medical management, information technology, and consumer directed healthcare services. He has served in numerous national leadership roles, such as the Board of the JCAHO's Academy for Quality. Dr. Shulkin is the Founder and President of the The Patient Safety Officer Society.

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**Mark D. Siegel, M.D.** (*USA*)

Dr. Siegel is an Assistant Professor of Medicine and Director of a Medical Intensive Care Unit. He has lectured widely on a broad range of ICU topics including the management of near fatal asthma, massive hemoptysis, ARDS, sepsis, and ethics. In addition he regularly provides comprehensive reviews of the recently published critical care literature.

**William A. Smith, Ed.D. (USA)**

Dr. Smith is Executive Vice President at the Academy for Educational Development where he has been responsible for directing AED activities in the area of behavioral science and social marketing. Dr. Smith, who has 25 years experience in health communication and social marketing, has helped pioneer the application of behavioral research, communication, and consumer education to AIDS prevention and control in more than 50 countries.

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**Vuk Stambolovic, M.D., Ph.D. (Yugoslavia)**

Dr. Stambolovic is an Associate Professor for Community Medicine. His particular interest is in human rights and health, and his work includes the development of civil society and empowerment of marginalized groups in the population. Dr. Stambolovic's publications include six books and nearly fifty papers in local and foreign journals.

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**Joni S. Steinberg, MPH, PhD (USA)**

Joni S. Steinberg is Clinical Associate Professor at the Department of Health Systems Management, Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine. She has taught graduate students in health systems management for over 30 years. She has also taught in MBA. programs as well as internationally in Taiwan and Costa Rica. Her teaching has been in the areas of quantitative decision models, management science, decision analysis, financial management of health institutions, information technology, management information systems, computer simulation models, working capital management, and principles of health services management. Her current research and consulting efforts are in the areas of cost effectiveness analyses of alternative medical treatment options as well as systems and process improvement in health institutions. She has consistently received best faculty member awards. Dr. Steinberg holds a B.S. in Mathematics, an M.S. in Industrial Engineering, an M.P.H., and a Ph.D. in Management Science (Finance minor).

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**Beth Sulzer-Azaroff, Ph.D. (USA)**

Dr. Sulzer-Azaroff is a Professor Emeritus, Adjunct Professor and President of the Browns Group, a Training and Performance Management Consulting Organization. She emphasizes behavioral systems for promoting quality of production and services and of healthy and safe performance on the job. Her work includes a dozen books and monographs, over a hundred published papers and national recognition for the application of methods of behavioral change in healthcare, education and manufacturing.

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**Ted Tulchinsky, MD, MPH (Canada/Israel)**

Ted Tulchinsky is a medical doctor graduated from University of Toronto with an MPH from Yale University. He has been in public health practice for many years in Canada as Deputy Minister of Health in Manitoba, and in the Israel Ministry of Health in charge of health for the Palestinians, including immunization policy, nutrition, maternal and child health and other topics. He has co-authored a textbook of public health published in the US and now in seven languages as well English and used world wide. He is based in the Braun School of Public Health at the Hebrew University-Hadassah and is a consultant to newly developing schools of public health in a number of countries in eastern Europe, Russia and central Asia.

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