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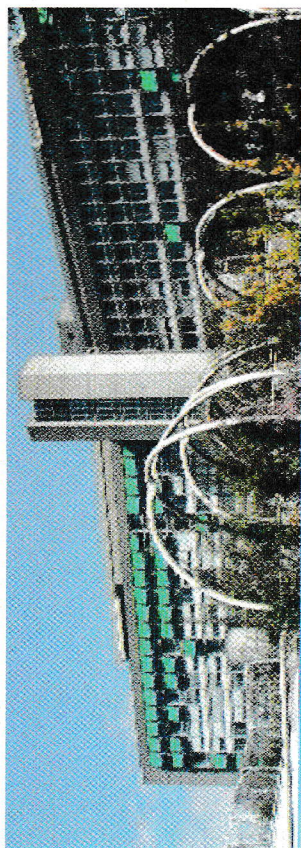
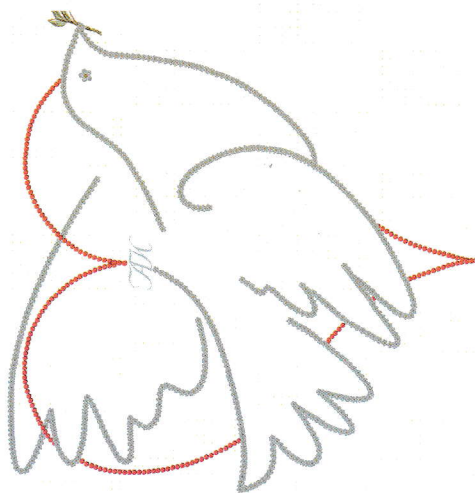


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Dear Friends,

We invite you to join the Second Global Forum on the subject of Humanitarian Medicine in Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery, to be held in Geneva from 26 to 28 May 2005 at The Geneva University Hospital. As in 2003, the humanitarian Association "Hearts for All" is organizing the Global Forum in partnership with Geneva University Hospital and the support of the World Health Organisation.

The Congress is being organised with the aim to continue to address key issues facing numerous developing countries including the shortage of financial, material and human resources, which are often aggravated by adverse economic conditions and loss of trained personnel towards richer countries, as well as, problems due to shortage of technology.

Numerous governmental and non-governmental agencies have provided excellent humanitarian medical assistance for a large number of populations in need. Nevertheless, to present, this assistance has been "reactive" and was offered as an answer to natural disasters and wars. These programmes have been certainly useful, but have only been of a punctual, time-limited nature and therefore have not resulted in long capacity-building projects.

This Global Forum is intended to continue the work of the first Forum, organized in 2003, which has the objective of becoming the international decision-taking forum to improve cooperation and assistance to the Third World in the capacity building of their health sector, and meet future and emerging challenges.

Cardiovascular diseases are the leading non-communicable diseases in industrialized countries and a rapidly growing disease in the developing countries. With the Global Forum we wish to open a dialogue among different international

partners to gather better knowledge concerning the needs of poorer populations; and target available economic, technical and human resources, in order to consolidate and coordinate these efforts in the most cost-effective and best sustainable manner.

We believe that time has come to reflect on the past failures and achievements with the challenge to create a strong partnership among us all and build a successful collaboration for the future.

For this reason, international specialists in the area of humanitarian and cardiovascular medicine have been invited, as well as, representatives from international non-governmental organisations working in the area, in order to further share their ideas and experience. By coming together, we are sure to find the best solutions for better health and quality of life to the poorer populations of the world.

The meeting will focus on plenary and panel discussions with the active participation from the audience. Regional Group meetings will be organised with the aim to establish regional centres of responsibility.

A major challenge is to build a new and strong partnership between the bio-technical and pharmaceutical industry and the local governments, NGOs and donor organisations.

The Organising Committee, wish to give you a warm welcome to Geneva and look forward to seeing you in May 2005.

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