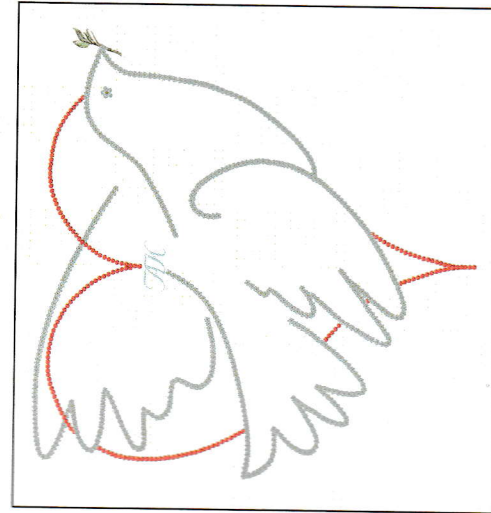




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Welcome address

Geneva May, 2007

Dear friends,

We welcome you to join the Third Global Forum on the subject of Humanitarian Medicine in Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery, in Geneva, May 24 to 26, 2007.

Cardiovascular diseases are rapidly emerging as a major threat for the health of populations in the developing world. They could offer both a challenge and an opportunity, provided the international community fully understands that by organizing the response now, at the point of emergence, we can prevent them turning into a widespread disaster.

It was with this background we in May 2003 organized the 1st Global Forum on Humanitarian Medicine in Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery. The forum focused on how to best cooperate and assist in capacity building within the health sector of the South. The Forum successfully brought together high-level representatives from governments, international organizations, and non-governmental organizations from all continents. The first Forum focused on achievements and failures of the past in order to create a vision that would ensure the success of partnership and collaborative efforts. Several fruitful projects were initiated as a result.

In May 2005 the 2nd Global Forum was organized in Geneva. The main focus this time was to establish an international decision-making body with the aim to improve cooperation and assistance to the Third World in their thrive for capacity building in their health sector within the field of cardiovascular diseases. As a result a closer collaboration with bodies like the WHO has been initiated. Various projects regarding transfer of knowledge and technical skills from North to South was established and regional continental working groups were started.

The 3rd Global Forum on Humanitarian Medicine in Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery is intended to continue the work of the previous two Global Forum and we therefore wish to welcome you to actively participate in shaping the future during this gathering.

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.

For this reason, international specialists in the area of humanitarian and cardiovascular medicine have been invited, as well as, representatives from international non-governmental organizations working in the area, governments and international organizations, in order to further share their ideas and experience. We believe this is one way to find the best solutions for better health and quality of life to the poorer populations of the world, in other words to lessen the increasing gap between the North and the South.

During several years now, two independent international humanitarian meetings devoted to improving cardiac care in developing countries have been initiated, the Global Forum (Cœurs pour Tous, Geneva, Switzerland) in 2003 and the International Cardiac Outreach Conference sponsored by the World Heart Foundation in 2004. Since both conferences have been quite successful and both are committed to the same goals and agreement between World Heart Foundation and Cœurs pour Tous was reached in 2005 to combine the two meetings into a single one to be held annually with alternating sites in Geneva and in the USA. The initial meeting under this agreement the 3rd Global Forum on Humanitarian medicine will be held in Geneva in May 2007 with the fourth Global Forum being held at a site to be determined in the USA in May 2008.

The meeting will focus on plenary sessions addressing important issues, with room for plenty of panel discussions and active participation from the audience. In addition regional Group meetings will be organized with the aims to address specific issues for the various regions.

The organizing Committee, wish to give you a warm welcome to Geneva and look forward to an intensive and fruitful discussion over the coming 3 days.

Sincerely yours

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