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**Multidisciplinary Panel discussions
Free communications- Posters- Films**

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New Frontiers – from Healthcare Providers to Healthcare Managers
Coordination – Consolidation – Partnership for
Capacity Building in Developing Countries
Reflection, Open Dialog and Creation of a Future Vision

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The key issues facing a number of developing countries include shortage of resources; financial, material and human, which often is aggravated by adverse economic conditions and loss of trained personnel to other countries. Shortage of technology is also predominant in many countries. Numerous governmental and non-governmental agencies have provided excellent humanitarian medicine since long time and for large populations in need worldwide. However, most of the actions taken have so far been concentrating on aid during and following natural disasters and wars. Even though these interventions have been excellent in providing acute aid whenever and wherever required, such programs are punctual, most often time-limited, with a specific purpose and therefore do not result in local capacity building. Cardiovascular disease is the leading non-communicable disease in industrialized countries, and a rapidly emerging disease in developing countries. Rather than to sit and wait the fulminate impact of this emerging threat, we should start a dialog today on how developing countries could be prepared to meet tomorrow's challenges. Since this type of medicine is cooperative rather than competitive, we believe time has come to gather better knowledge and understanding of needs as well as available global resources (economical, material and human) in order to consolidate and coordinate these efforts in a more cost efficient and more locally sustainable manner.

This conference will address the issues like how to best cooperate and assist in capacity building within the health sector in the third world, to be able to meet future and emerging challenges. Time has come for reflection on the achievements and failures in the past in order to create the vision for partnership and collaborative efforts in the future. It is therefore we have invited many different actors to come together to freely exchange ideas and experiences. The meeting will focus on round table discussions with active participation from the audience. Your active participation in this event will therefore be most welcome.

The local organizing committee greets you welcome to Geneva in May 2003

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