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Dear Madam, Sir,
Dear Friends,

Sending and receiving news by e-mail is a good thing. A much better thing however is to meet each other from time to time. Towards the end of May, you will have a good opportunity to meet the people and organizations constituting the Medicus Mundi International Network. It would be great to see you then in Geneva!

Best regards,

Guus Eskens, President
Thomas Schwarz, Executive Secretary
Medicus Mundi International

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1. MMI Technical Meeting at the WHA, Geneva 22nd May 2008
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Geneva, 22nd May 2008

Experiences with contractual arrangements in the health sector
MMI Technical Meeting at the World Health Assembly

- *“Formalizing the relationship between Government and the private health sector is a mandatory step.”*
- *“Contracting is like a leaving train. If you do not catch it, you will remain in the station.”*

Medicus Mundi International has been strongly advocating the development of contractual arrangements between private not for profit facilities and Ministries of Health. In order to promote this approach, MMI organized, on 19th May 1999, a meeting on “Contracting NGOs for Health” as a side event to the 52th World Health Assembly.

In May 2003, the World Health Assembly adopted a resolution on “The role of contractual arrangements in improving health systems’ performance” (WHA 56.25) promoted by MMI. On the other hand, MMI developed and published in 2003 its “Guidelines for contract procedures for a healthcare structure within a health district in partnership with a Ministry of Health and an NGO”.

Five years later, MMI invites you to a technical meeting on contracting experiences. As a side event to the 61st World Health Assembly, the technical meeting organized will allow interested WHA delegates and other participants to obtain an insight into the experiences of private not for profit health facilities with contractual arrangements and to discuss technical and political implications for the future.

Register now! During the World Health Assembly (WHA), the UN Palais des Nations is not open for the general public. Therefore participants at the technical meeting have to register as WHA attendants. Registration deadline for MMI members: Monday, 5th May, 4 p.m. (If this message reaches you too late and you already missed registration, please contact our secretariat.)

> *Invitation, program, registration:*

www.medicusmundi.org/conferences/Geneva2008

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Geneva, 23rd May 2008

MMI Annual General Assembly and Executive Board Meeting

We invite you to participate in this year's General Assembly of Medicus Mundi International and in the other events scheduled for Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd May. The MMI meeting of 23rd May will be split into the General Assembly and, for the continuing business and strategic planning, the Executive Board Meeting to which we also invite our members and partners attending the Assembly. We are looking forward to a day of reporting, discussing and deciding about the past, present and future of our Network. For the hotel reservation and the preparation of our Assembly, your early registration for the MMI meetings would be very helpful.

> *Downloads: invitation, agenda, registration form*

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2. MMI Network News: Members and Partners

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MMI Network News: Stop Malaria Now!

"We appeal to the international community to join forces"

In the run up to the first World Malaria Day, an International Malaria Conference took place from April 21st - 22nd 2008 in Bonn, Germany. 120 experts from 20 African, European and North-American countries contributed to the Final Communiqué for the global fight against malaria. The European-African Malaria Campaign "Stop Malaria Now!" who co-organized the conference is a consortium coordinated by action medeor and including five MMI members and four organisations from outside the MMI Network.



> *Campaign and Communiqué:*

www.stopmalaria.org

> *25 April 2008: World Malaria Day*

www.rbm.who.int/worldmaliaday

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MMI Network News: Medicus Mundi Switzerland

Workshop on: "Paid or not – we all work professionally"

Bienne, Switzerland, 29 May 2008



Opportunities and limitations of cooperation between voluntary and employed staff within

an organization. A technical workshop for smaller organizations working in the field of international cooperation. In German and French language (no translation).

> *Program and registration:*

www.medicusmundi.ch/mms/services/events/meeting20080529

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MMI Network News: Medicus Mundi Switzerland

Call for papers: "AIDS and Livelihoods. Securing property and inheritance rights"

The aidsfocus conference "AIDS and Livelihoods" of 10th April 2008 looked at the complex inter-relationship of HIV/AIDS, poverty and securing livelihoods in the countries of Africa, Asia and Latin America crystallizing in the issue of property and inheritance rights of women, children and old people. The conference showed that we need a comprehensive and multisectoral approach and the cooperation of organizations in international health and AIDS with organizations that rather focus on agriculture and economic development.

For the conference reader (Bulletin 109/2008) Medicus Mundi Switzerland is looking for additional papers. Reports of experiences, background papers as well as discussions and reflections on the topic are most welcome. Deadline for contributions: 15 May 2008.

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> *aidsfocus.ch conference*

www.aidsfocus.ch/platform/conference/Symposium.2008-03-04.5449

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MMI Network News: Doctors with Africa Cuamm
First Global Forum on Human Resources for Health

We already reported on the first Global Forum on Human Resources for Health which was held in Kampala, Uganda from 2-7 March, 2008. The Forum called for immediate and sustained action to resolve the critical shortage of health workers around the world. Doctors with Africa Cuamm attended the Forum and published a short news (in Italian language only) on their website.

> *Cuamm news report (Paolo Giambelli) on the Kampala Forum:*

www.mediciconlafrica.org/ita/rassegna_zoom.asp?t=news&tp=News&sezione=147&ID=166



> *Global Forum on Human Resources for Health:*
www.who.int/workforcealliance/forum/en/

We invite you to contribute to the next news briefing with your own short "network news".

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3. MMI Key Issues: Reports, Events, Resources
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MMI Key Issue: Human Resources for Health
Regulating international health workforce migration

"The negative consequences arising from the migration of health workers presents an ethical dilemma for both source and recipient countries. Should the migration of health professionals from countries facing a human

resources crisis be restricted, thus taking away the right of workers to emigrate, and if so, how can migration be regulated?" (Eldis Health Systems Reporter, April 2008)

> PDF: www.eldis.org/go/topics/resource-guides/health-systems/health-systems-reporter/april-2008

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MMI Key Issue: Human Resources for Health

A review of codes and protocols for the migration of health workers

"This Equinet paper reviews current multi-lateral, bilateral and regional agreements, Codes of practice, strategies and position statements that govern the migration of health workers from East and Southern African countries. The authors recommend that in order to develop more effective instruments for the ethical recruitment of health workers, the relevant countries and international organisations should implement strategies to mitigate the factors pushing health workers out of their home countries, and should implement codes of practice that address country-specific or region specific needs. They also stress the importance of building North-South collaborations to move the agenda for ethical recruitment ahead." (Eldis RSS, April 2008)

> www.eldis.org/go/display&type=Document&id=36614

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MMI Key Issue: Primary Health Care

Africa focuses on primary health care, health systems

"Primary health care and health systems in Africa are the focus of an international conference in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso this week. The conference aims to renew the commitment of governments and development agencies to primary health care in Africa." (WHO News)

> WHO AFRO Press Release: <http://afro.who.int/press/2008/pr20080428.html>

> WHO Health Topic: PHC: www.who.int/topics/primary_health_care

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Contribute: The next news briefing is scheduled for 4th June 2008 – please send us your eventual contributions before the end of May. Thank you!

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Within the Medicus Mundi International Network,
we share our know-how and our commitment for
accessible, equitable and sustainable health care."*

