Announcement

CALL FOR PAPERS: GLOBAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT

Interprofessional collaboration (IPC) has been recognized by the World Health Organization and other international bodies as an important global health strategy for strengthening health systems and improving health outcomes. Recently promoted as an approach to mitigating the global shortage of health workers, research and experience have also highlighted the importance of effective IPC for managing chronic conditions, improving maternal health, and combating intractable communicable diseases such as HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria. Maximizing the strengths and skills of all available health workers is equally essential in times of pandemic and humanitarian crisis (WHO, 2010).

Researchers, academics, and health care leaders have an important role to play in applying the principles and practices of effective IPC to the global health sphere. Indeed, if policies that support and sustain IPC are going to succeed, they must be informed by high-quality evidence that can be applied to decision-makers’ local contexts. Underlying assumptions must be critically challenged and innovative approaches and theories applied from every discipline to test relevant hypotheses and generate new understanding. Innovative thinking and the courage to transform insight into action is necessary to strategically maximize the contributions of existing evidence on IPC and knowledge that will be discovered in the future.

We are therefore pleased to announce a call for papers on collaboration in the context of global health and development issues. Articles will form part of an on-going theme that generates new research, analysis, and commentary. Submissions related to institutional and system-level mechanisms that shape IPC are particularly welcome, as well as the metrics, tools, and strategies necessary for its appropriate implementation in national and global policy environments. Papers can focus, for example, on a single developing country, regional comparisons, or the work of international health organizations, with submissions from multi-country, cross-cultural, and/or interprofessional/interdisciplinary research teams particularly encouraged. All manuscripts should be submitted following the Journal’s usual guidelines (see: http://informahealthcare.com/jic) and will be peer-reviewed for rigour and relevance. Global health and development will form one of the Journal’s ongoing themes; papers will therefore span a number of issues published over time. For informal inquiries, contact Steven Hoffman (steven.j.hoffman@gmail.com) or Scott Reeves (scott.reeves@utoronto.ca).

Steven J. Hoffman & Scott Reeves
(On behalf of the other members of the InterEd Global Affairs Committee, including Gillian Barclay, Andrea Burton, John Gilbert, Jacqui Lunday, and Sari Ponzer)

REFERENCE