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INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY for **URBAN HEALTH**

The International Society for Urban Health (ISUH) is the pioneer global organization bringing together experts from across academia, government, NGOs and business to improve the health of cities. The ISUH was founded in 2002 as an organization primarily concerned with building the field of urban health through its annual scientific meeting, the International Conference of Urban Health (ICUH). As the only nongovernmental global conference of its kind, the ICUH advances understanding and action to improve urban health by addressing its broad determinants. As such, ICUH is a critical platform for sharing lessons, both successes and problems, to promote learning and progress. Because more than half the world's population lives in cities in all regions of the world, and since this number is increasing each year, the roles of the ISUH and ICUH in global health will only become more significant.

The ISUH is at an exciting point in its evolution. As recognition of the social, economic, and environmental determinants of health has grown, attendance at ICUH has expanded to include urban planners, architects, geographers, climate change scientists and others who recognize the value of collaborative research, policy and interventions that promote urban health. The ISUH has formed relationships with global organizations like the United Nations University and the International Council for Science to broaden our networks and enhance the global discussion of urban health challenges and their solutions. It has an active working group with the aim of strengthening urban health education, policy and practice, and is currently exploring engagement in advocacy at the UN level to maintain sustained attention to urban health as part of the Sustainable Development Goals.

As more and more organizations worldwide begin to focus on urban health challenges, we believe ISUH has a unique role to play. The Academy is working to develop the relationships and knowledge built from our 12 years of conferences to create and support: a network of urban health experts from the North and South for mutual learning; a platform for donors to support collaborative research involving N-S partnerships; and working groups and task forces to strengthen global capacity in research, education, and practice that improves urban health worldwide.

The ISUH Secretariat

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Past ICUH Hosts, Locations, and Themes

- **2014: The University of Manchester, Manchester, England, *Crossing Boundaries –Partnerships for Global Urban Health***
- 2011: The School of Medicine of the Federal University of Minas Gerais, Belo Horizonte, Brazil, *Urban Health Action Towards Equity*
- 2010: The New York Academy of Medicine, New York, *Good Governance for Healthy Cities*
- 2009: The African Population and Health Research Center, and the Government of Kenya, Nairobi, Kenya, *Meeting Urban Health Needs through Innovative Research, Policies and Interventions*
- 2008: University of British Columbia: Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, *Knowledge Integration - Successful Interventions in Urban Health*
- 2007: The Johns Hopkins University and the University of Maryland, Baltimore, Maryland, *Harnessing the Power of Technology to Achieve Behavior Change and Improve Health*
- 2006: Municipal Health Service of Amsterdam, The Netherlands: Population mobility and its effect on urban health
- 2005 Centre for Research on Inner City Health, St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, Ontario, *Achieving Social Justice in Urban Communities*
- 2004: Northeastern University, Boston, Massachusetts, *The Global Urban Health Agenda: Setting Priorities and Building Infrastructure*
- 2003: The New York Academy of Medicine, New York, *Urban health as an emerging multi-disciplinary area of study*
- 2002: Toronto, Ontario, *The First International Conference on Urban Inner City Health*