



## Third Global Summit of Schools of Public Health

Washington, DC, October 31, 2011

### *Declaration on promoting collaboration in education, research, and capacity-building in Global Health*

The Latin American Global Health Alliance (ALASAG), the Asia-Pacific Academic Consortium for Public Health (APACPH), the Association of Schools of Public Health in Africa (ASPHA), the Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region (ASPHER) with its hosted European Academic Global Health Alliance (EAGHA), the Network of Schools of Public Health in Canada (NSPH-Canada) and the Association of Schools of Public Health (ASPH) have organized the Third Global Summit of Schools of Public Health during the 2011 ASPH Annual Meeting to renew their commitment to fostering collaboration in education, research, and capacity-building in Global Health.

#### As international associations of schools of public health, we declare that:

- Global Health is Public Health.
- Schools of public health are well-positioned to address Global Health issues.
- Schools of public health have the responsibility of promoting education, research, and capacity-building in Global Health.
- ALASAG, APACPH, ASPHA, ASPHER and EAGHA, NSPH-Canada and ASPH will promote integration of the recommendations of the Global Commission on the Education of Health Professionals in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century—competency-based curricula, creative use of information technology, transformative learning, inter-professional teamwork and a systems approach to institutional reforms—throughout schools of public health.
- ALASAG, APACPH, ASPHA, ASPHER and EAGHA, NSPH-Canada and ASPH will collaborate in advocating for evidence-based policy and increased resources for improving Global Health.
- ALASAG, APACPH, ASPHA, ASPHER and EAGHA, NSPH-Canada and ASPH recognize the importance of forging sustainable partnerships with institutions in low and middle-income countries in response to their priorities and supporting the development of capacity in areas such as research, teaching, administration and infrastructure.

The signatories of this declaration pledge to promote Global Health actions across regions by forging links, sharing experience and continuing to seek opportunities to collaborate on Global Health initiatives in research, education, and capacity-building. We envisage creation of a “World Federation for Global Health” which would gather academic alliances and groups at a national, regional or international level working in the field of Global Health, and would suggest that this initiative should be led by a network from South countries. We commission ASPHA to foster initiatives in that direction for the next Summit which will be hosted during the ASPHA annual meeting in 2012.



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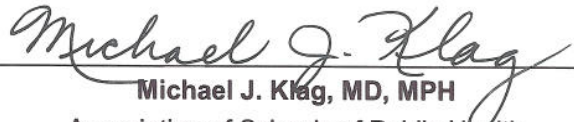
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