

## **National Institute of Health Launched the Council of Science Editors' 2007 Global Theme on Poverty and Human Development**

An event, sponsored by the Fogarty International Center, the National Library of Medicine, and the Council of Science Editors (CSE), was held on the campus of the US National Institutes of Health (NIH) on October 22, 2007, to promote the simultaneous publication of new articles devoted a global theme on poverty and human development. The articles highlighted how the latest scientific research on poverty and human development can impact global health. New research in these articles examines interventions and projects to improve health and reduce inequities among the poor.

More than 230 journals from 34 countries participated in the Global Theme event, including the participation of 45 nursing journals. Eight of the most outstanding research articles from these journals were selected by a panel of NIH and CSE experts for presentation. A list of all journals participating in the Global Theme is available at <http://www.councilscienceeditors.org/globalthemeissue.cfm>. Presentation subjects included: childbirth safety, HIV/AIDS, malaria treatment, food insufficiency and sexual behavior, interventions to improve child survival, physician brain drain from the developing world, influenza's impact on children, and use of satellite technology to predict disease outbreaks.

Speakers included: NIH Director Elias A. Zerhouni; Fogarty International Center Director Roger I. Glass; CSE President Ana Marusic; and National Library of Medicine Deputy Director Betsy Humphreys. Researchers with papers to be published in eight representative participating journals and moderated by: Catherine DeAngelis, Editor in chief, JAMA and Fiona Godlee, Editor in chief, BMJ.

The Global Theme Event was web cast through RealMedia and included closed captioning for the deaf. The web cast will be archived in two additional video formats to ensure access for people in different parts of the world. The web cast is available from <http://videocast.nih.gov/summary.asp?live=6239> or <http://videocast.nih.gov/FutureEvents.asp>.

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