



Careers Fair 2010

Stalls information and contacts

OGHG/Medsin

www.oxfordghg.co.uk

www.medsin.org

In Oxford, OGHG also represents the local branch of Medsin. Medsin is a network of students with an interest in health; there are branches in universities across the UK. Medsin's activities aim to promote local health as well as educating students about health inequalities.

If you would like to know more about Medsin in Oxford, please contact medsin@oxfordghg.co.uk.

Royal Society for Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

www.rstmh.org

RSTMH promotes and advances the study, control and prevention of disease in humans and other animals in the tropics and plays a leading role in increasing awareness throughout the world of tropical medicine and international health issues. Through their international network of Fellows they facilitate training, education and exchange of information between clinicians, health-related scientists, NDGOs and students across all disciplines in the field of tropical medicine and international health issues.

Africa Health Placements

www.rhi.org.za

Africa Health Placements is a not-for-profit project that aims to support the recruitment and retention of public sector health professionals in Africa. The project is a joint venture between the Rural Health Initiative and the Foundation for Professional Development.

AHP works to fill vacancies in the South African public sector with medical professionals qualified both abroad and locally. Foreign-qualified doctors looking to work in South Africa for at least 12 months are assisted in gaining work permits and suitable placements. The priority is to fill placements in the most disenfranchised communities.

The stall was run by Dr. Ed Moran, Clinical Lecturer in Microbiology and Infectious Disease at Oxford, who was allocated a 12-month placement in a rural hospital via AHP.

Oxford Centre for Tropical Medicine

www.tropicalmedicine.ox.ac.uk/home

Tropical Medicine is a collection of research groups within the Nuffield Department of Clinical Medicine who are permanently based in Africa and Asia. Research ranges from clinical studies to behavioural sciences, and capacity building is integral to all of OCTM's activities.

The stall was run by Dr. Chris Conlon and Dr. Sarah Atkinson.

OK Links

'OK Links' is a group of people in Oxford and in Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre in Tanzania that have forged links between both clinical and non-clinical departments in their respective institutions. Examples include Theatre Nursing, Paediatric Surgery, Radiography and Clinical Engineering. The emphasis is teaching and training to lead to sustainable benefit to patients. To this end staff from both hospitals visit the other to give and to gain new skills. For more information contact gfellows@glonalnet.co.uk.

London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

www.lshtm.ac.uk/courses

A multi-disciplinary school committed to health worldwide.

Established in 1899, the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine has been classed as a world leading centre for research, and has been ranked one of the top 3 research institutions in the country in the Times Higher Education's 'table of excellence', which is based on the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise. Teaching and training are carried out by dedicated academic staff who are leaders in their fields and have considerable links with key universities and research institutions around the world, together with extensive academic, practical and international experience.

The School offers 18 Masters (London-based) and four via distance learning. The teaching programme has a combination of laboratory-based biological courses and non-laboratory based social scientific courses to cover all areas of public and population health, epidemiology, control of infectious diseases and tropical medicine.

School provides a stimulating environment with state-of-the-art facilities in which to carry out research training (MPhil/PhD or DrPH) in three academic departments: Epidemiology & Population Health, Infectious & Tropical Diseases and Public Health & Policy.

The MPhil and PhD are aimed at students who anticipate a career in which research plays a major role and who want to focus on an independent piece of research in all areas of the school's work. Under the supervisor's guidance, students develop the intellectual and technical skills required for research and gain insight into the nature of research, which will provide the foundation for an excellent future research career.

The DrPH is intended for leaders and future leaders in public health who want a flexible career which combines high level leadership, management and research skills. It is aimed at public health professionals who see research as only part of their careers. The standard, rigour and volume of the work are doctoral level, but appropriate to the career development of senior public health professionals.

The School also offers opportunities to undertake study through a mix of London-

based, distance learning modules and short courses.

Students studying at the School have access to a wealth of knowledge, to the expertise of the staff and to unparalleled benefits gained from contact with people from diverse backgrounds and nations. The School's Library has one of the most comprehensive collections of books and journals in the field of international public health and tropical medicine in the world.

The School is located in the heart of London, immediately adjacent to the University of London campus and the British Museum. Students benefit from the facilities and events at the University of London Union and the Student Representative Council.

LSHTM Alumni are therefore incredibly well-equipped to tackle the issues of global health in a broader context and so the career opportunities available are exceptional. Graduates go on to work in a range of capacities in NGO's, ministries of health, health services in the UK and overseas, academia, charities and private industry.

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VSO (Voluntary Services Overseas)

www.vso.org.uk

VSO (Voluntary Service Overseas) is an international organisation which sends experienced professionals to countries in Africa, Asia and South America to share their skills and experience in order to promote change. Volunteers are paid living expenses and live and work alongside the local people. Their aim is not to provide a direct service, but to enable local professionals to develop their own expertise and services.

The Schistosomiasis Control Initiative

www3.imperial.ac.uk/schisto



Professor Joanne P. Webster

Schistosomiasis is a chronic and debilitating disease, second only to malaria in terms of parasite-induced human morbidity and mortality. It continues to threaten millions of people, particularly the rural poor in the developing world. Of some 600 million people exposed, over 200 million are infected, more than half of which are symptomatic and at least 20 million exhibit severe disease manifestations. Schistosomes, the causative agents, are worms which cause anaemia, stunting, blood in urine and faeces, liver and bladder damage and for many, ultimately death.

In areas where schistosomiasis is highly endemic, the present goal to improve human health is to mitigate the burden of the disease by controlling morbidity, through safe and effective drugs. The 54th World Health Assembly set a target of treating at least 75% of school-age children in areas with high schistosomiasis burdens by 2010. Our major control programme, the Schistosomiasis Control Initiative (SCI), was therefore established at Imperial College Faculty of Medicine in 2002, in order to assist selected sub-Saharan African countries to establish nation-wide sustainable control of schistosomiasis, and thereby help reduce the burden of this disease in the developing world. From the onset we also incorporated the treatment of soil transmitted intestinal worm infections, which also cause substantial mortality and morbidity amongst the poorest populations and particularly the young. By 2009 we had delivered over 40 million treatments against schistosomiasis and over 100 million doses of deworming to school-aged children (7–12 year olds) across 8 countries (Uganda, Tanzania, Zambia, Burkina Faso, Niger, Mali, Ghana, Mozambique). Indeed, SCI has successfully delivered

90% of all treatments provided against schistosomiasis across sub-Saharan Africa.

We have recently amended our remit so that our revised vision, again working closely with Ministries of Health and Education in each disease-endemic country, is a world free of Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs). SCI is therefore now integrated to also control a range of other helminth and bacterial disease, which include river blindness, guinea worm, lymphatic filariasis and trachoma. Moreover, through a combination of the necessary drugs either coming out of patent and/or supplied through drug donation by the major pharmaceutical companies, combined with the sustainable infrastructure we have developed for carefully implemented and monitored treatment delivery, we can treat these children for all eight disfiguring and disabling diseases for a mere 25p per child.

If we can reduce the prevalence and intensity of these infections, particularly reaching out to children, then we will greatly improve the chances of the world's poorest populations to be healthier, develop fully, learn effectively, raise families, and be productive members of their communities. We would thereby help to realize the Millennium Development Goals of sustainable poverty reduction, and improved primary education, particularly for girls.

As a result of our advocacy efforts, together with World Health Organization (WHO) and other partners, NTDs are now on the international agenda. The successes we have achieved to-date in the first eight countries in sub-Saharan Africa prove that the interventions are technically feasible, immediate, visibly powerful and highly cost-effective. However, to reach the remaining 500 million people living in poverty in rural Africa, further funding is required. Money will allow us to facilitate treatment – offer training and assistance with transport for drug distributors (vehicles or even bicycles), drugs such as praziquantel or albendazole, microscopes and ultrasound machines for monitoring and evaluation. Every £100 donated allows us to treat 300 children.

These NTD infections have a significant economic impact on the family, community and country as a whole, and result in billions of pounds of lost productivity. NTDs help to maintain poverty, and hence SCI aims to help to remove these constraints and therefore lead to a better life for all.

SCI/Imperial College is a charitable institution and all donations received go straight to the country in need (e.g. see www.justgiving.com/sci).

Giving What We Can

www.givingwhatwecan.org

Giving What We Can is a society for those who care deeply about the suffering of people in developing countries, who are aware of just how much people in the rich countries can do to help, and who are thus prepared to make a pledge to give at least 10% of their income to whichever organisations they believe can do the most to prevent this suffering.

There are two main aspects to Giving What We Can: making a commitment to give a significant amount of your income, and focusing on giving the money to the causes you think are the most effective within the field of global poverty. The importance of the first of these is obvious: by giving more, we can achieve more. In addition, by making a lasting commitment to give, you can more easily see just how large a contribution you can make, and more easily stick with it.

Efficiency is more often neglected, but is just as important. It is a surprising fact that the efficiencies of different health interventions for the world's poorest people are spread over more than 4 orders of magnitude (a factor of 10,000). The least efficient of these interventions is at about the level of cost-effectiveness of treatments that the NHS will fund in the UK: about \$50,000 per quality-adjusted life-year (QALY), while the most efficient is at about \$3 per QALY, which means it has more than 10,000 times as much effect per dollar. Indeed, in a study of such interventions, the median efficiency was about \$200 per QALY, which is 67 times less efficient than the best interventions. It is thus critically important to maximise your impact by supporting efficient interventions.

Giving What We Can thus offers advice on which NGOs are working on the most effective interventions. To start with this just covers health, but in the future we will extend this to address education, sanitation, water, governance, and political action, as well as comparisons between these. In general it is not possible to find 'the best' NGO to give to, but we can certainly improve our donation effectiveness by a great deal if we try to find more and more effective groups.

To get an idea of how much can be achieved, consider the case of someone beginning an academic career at age 30. In the UK, her average salary across her career would be about £40,000 per annum, and this would be for about 35 years. This makes £1.4 million (in present terms). If she were to give 10% of this towards

the most effective health interventions (for example, using it to fight neglected tropical diseases for the \$3 per QALY figure above), that would avert roughly 70,000 QALYs, which means saving the equivalent of 70,000 life years of good health (in this case it would actually be more like a 10% improvement in each of 700,000 years of life). As this shows, we are capable of producing tremendous amounts of good if we so choose.

Health Information for All

www.ghi-net.org

HIFA2015 (Healthcare Information For All by 2015) is a global campaign and knowledge network administered by the Global Healthcare Information Network, a UK-based non-profit organisation working to improve the quality of health care in developing countries. HIFA2015 brings together more than 3000 health workers, librarians, publishers, researchers and policymakers in 1800 organisations across 150 countries worldwide, all committed to a common goal: By 2015, every person worldwide will have access to an informed health care provider. One-third of members are based in Africa, one-third in Europe, and one-third in the rest of the world. Together we are working for a future where people are no longer dying for lack of basic healthcare knowledge. We interact on three email forums: HIFA2015, CHILD2015 and HIFA2015-Portuguese. HIFA2015 has received financial support from the British Medical Association, British Nursing Index, ePORTUGUESe/World Health Organization, International Child Health Group, Lancet, Network for Information and Digital Access, Royal College of Midwives, and Royal College of Nursing. 80 health and development organisations have officially declared their support for the HIFA2015 goal, including Medsin and the International Federation of Medical Students' Associations. Join today: www.hifa2015.org

Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine

Some people have the real drive and ambition to change the world. Working overseas in developing countries can provide a fast learning experience to post grads and many organisations can assist you. LSTM students are ideally placed to take advantage of our wide networks to provide assistance on overseas projects. LSTM students are given the opportunity to work on wide ranging projects related to their areas of studies working with NGO's, Government Ministries and charities. LSTM students have worked on varied projects related to maternal health, child health, nutrition, sexual health, public health, humanitarian projects, emergency

medicine and disease projects. Our students typically work on projects throughout Africa, the Middle East and South East Asia and some students in 2010 are planning their projects in Haiti, Afghanistan and Iraq.

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Medecins Sans Frontieres

www.msf.org.uk

MSF is an independent humanitarian medical aid organization. They are committed to providing medical aid where it is most needed, regardless of race, religion, politics or gender and are also committed to raising awareness of the plight of people they help. See next page for more details about application and qualification requirements.

Name of Organisation:	Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)
Type of Organisation:	NGO
Sector:	Emergency
Description of organisation:	Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) is an independent humanitarian medical aid organisation. We are committed to providing medical aid where it is most needed, regardless of race, religion, politics or gender and also to raising awareness of the plight of the people we help.
Type of contract:	Fixed term contract through country of residence.
Who MSF is looking for:	Doctors, surgeons, anaesthetists, nurses, midwives, epidemiologists, mental health specialists, biomedical scientists. Also non medical professionals (logistics, finance, water and sanitation, administration and HR).
Average Placement length	9 to 12 months, with the exception of surgeons and anaesthetists whose placements are usually between 6 weeks and 3 months.
Costs covered	Costs are covered including pre-mission training, flights, visas, vaccinations and pre-mission health checks, accommodation and daily living allowance. Other benefits are comprehensive insurance, 28 days annual leave, an optional pension and learning and development opportunities. In addition a basic starting salary is paid of approximately £700 per month.
Essential criteria for recruitment	<input type="checkbox"/> Significant and relevant professional experience <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum of three months' travel or work experience in developing countries <input type="checkbox"/> Willingness to work in unstable areas; flexible and able to manage stress <input type="checkbox"/> Commitment to the aims and values of MSF <input type="checkbox"/> Management experience combined with ability to train others and pass on knowledge and skills
Desirable criteria	<input type="checkbox"/> Foreign languages, particularly French, Arabic and Spanish <input type="checkbox"/> Prior experience working overseas/in insecure environments <input type="checkbox"/> Tropical medicine experience
Application process	<input type="checkbox"/> Application on-line

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Interview if successful at screening stage <input type="checkbox"/> Post interview checks (two professional references, criminal record bureau check, medical registration) <input type="checkbox"/> Matching process based on the needs of the field and candidate's availability, skills and experience <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-departure course and comprehensive briefings following a confirmed position
Top 5 countries where MSF operated in 2009:	Based on project expenditure: Sudan, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Somalia, Ethiopia, and Niger. Based on UK field staff presence: Sudan, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Zimbabwe, India, and Ethiopia.

Oxfam

www.oxfam.org.uk

Oxfam works in over 100 countries with more than 3,000 local organisations to help people living in poverty exercise their human rights, assert their dignity as full citizens and take control of their lives. We work with communities in long term development projects as well as responding to emergencies, such as the recent disaster in Haiti. In addition, we campaign for global change by raising public awareness of the causes of poverty and encouraging ordinary people to take action for a fairer world.

Oxfam believes that:

1. Poverty and powerlessness are avoidable and can be eliminated by human action and political will.
2. Basic human needs and rights can be met. These include the rights to a sustainable livelihood, and the rights and capacities to participate in societies and make positive changes to people's lives.
3. Inequalities can be significantly reduced both between rich and poor nations and within nations.
4. Peace and substantial arms reduction are essential conditions for development.

Being healthy and educated is an essential step along the route out of poverty, yet

millions of people have no access to health services, schooling or safe water. They are constantly at risk from illnesses that are easily prevented or treated, or are unable to read and write, which means exclusion from their society. We campaign for more and better aid, with a focus on basic services. At the program level, Oxfam provides health training and clean water supplies, as well as funding schools and teacher training.

The importance of Oxfam's work can clearly be seen in the help we have recently given to the people of Haiti. Following the tragic earthquake in Haiti on January 12, we successfully raised approximately \$100 million for our emergency work, with donations received from the public, governments and institutional donors across the world. We plan to spend around \$18 million within the first six months after the earthquake, to carry out our immediate relief operations. The money we have received is making a real difference to people's lives in Haiti and will continue to make a real difference as we help Haitians to re-build their lives. To date, we've provided assistance to 170,000 people in Haiti and continue to scale up operations, planning to reach at least 500,000 people by the end of July. We are providing clean water, sanitation, shelter, seeds and running cash for work programs.

Oxfam has also launched several cash-for-work projects, which give those living in camps a chance to earn an income while improving their environment by building latrines and clearing rubble. Cash in hand helps earthquake survivors stay in the driver's seat in their own recovery – able to purchase what they most want and need, such as the food that is now available on the streets of Port-au-Prince. We focus on respect and sustainable development.

You have the power to fight against poverty and injustice today.

Oxfam

Be Humankind.

Anthrologica

www.anthrologica.com

Anthrologica is a research-based company specialising in the applied anthropology of healthcare. We work cross-sector to help achieve appropriate and sustainable healthcare delivery and uptake.

Anthrologica uses the rigorous methodology of critical medical anthropology within a framework of practical application to better understand healthcare and improve healthcare provision. In addition to conducting new empirical research, we contribute to health policy and programming with a specific focus on the interface between biomedical healthcare provision and local contexts. Our expertise lies in working with minority and disenfranchised peoples, often under difficult conditions in developing countries.

Anthrologica is led by Dr Juliet Bedford and draws on an established network of anthropologists, regional experts and healthcare specialists whom we engage on a consultancy basis. Juliet will be manning the Anthrologica stall at the Oxford GHG Careers Fair.

CURE

Professor Chris Lavy ran this stall. He has information about the Cure International group of hospitals and was available to talk to those interested in surgery in developing countries as an elective or as a career.

Cure International is a Christian Charity that was established in 1996. It has 9 hospitals around the world that specialise in surgery for children, especially orthopaedics, plastics and neurosurgery. The hospitals all have a fourfold aim:

- 1 To show Gods love in a world of need.
- 2 To give the best available surgical care to children with disabilities.
- 3 To train national surgeons and paramedics, in conjunction with local universities and colleges.
- 4 To research the causes of surgical pathology and improve available treatments.

Although the hospitals are all set up with a Christian basis they employ staff from many religious and non religious backgrounds. Many of the hospitals take elective students.

Chris will also has information on COSECSA, the College of Surgeons of East Central and Southern Africa.

Christian Medical Fellowship

www.cmf.org.uk

Christian Medical Fellowship (CMF) brings together 5,500 doctors and medical students from all over UK, and is connected to sister organisations in over 80 countries through the International Christian Medical and Dental Association (ICMDA). One of our aims is to encourage doctors and medical students to get involved in international health and in working in needier parts of the world. We run various events to raise awareness and give training, and produce resources for students planning electives and doctors investigating work abroad. We don't send staff or arrange electives ourselves, but provide information and contacts through our website www.cmf.org.uk/. Take a look to find details of events as well as a directory of relevant organisations and notices of current vacancies and opportunities overseas.

Who is my Neighbour? Is a one-day workshop exploring medical mission, run in different venues around the country. Its next appearance will be in Oxford on March 20, at the John Radcliffe Hospital. See

<http://www.cmf.org.uk/internationalministries/events.asp?id=302>

The Developing Health Course is a two-week course run annually in the summer for health professionals of all disciplines preparing to work in resource-poor settings. It covers a wide range of topics and practical skills – a residential course in London, but it is possible to attend for specific days on relevant subjects. See <http://www.cmf.org.uk/internationalministries/dh.asp>

UCL Centre for International Health and Development

www.ucl.ac.uk/cihd

UCL Centre for International Health and Development

CIHD is an interdisciplinary collaboration of leading academics working on health and development in a global context. We are based at the Institute of Child Health within University College London and work closely with the UCL Institute for Global Health

Our main research themes are:

- maternal and newborn health
- nutrition and livelihoods
- early childhood development
- disability and children in difficult circumstances

Cross cutting topics include HIV prevention and treatment, the evaluation of community interventions, and the analysis of health systems and policies.

We collaborate with a number of centres of excellence (especially in Africa and Asia) and share results of research widely so that they can contribute to the improvement of the health, nutrition and development of people in poor communities. We also work with a range of international agencies and NGOs promoting the use of evidence-based good practice.

Our Postgraduate Programmes

- 4 International Child Health
- 5 Global Health and Development
- 6 European MSc in International Health (Erasmus Mundus scheme)
- 7 TropEd Postgraduate Programmes
- 8 Short and Taster Courses

Why study at CIHD?

UCL CIHD is located in the heart of Bloomsbury in central London. Here students can benefit from the many social and cultural experiences that the vibrant capital has to offer. Now drawing on UCL's research and teaching excellence from across the university's departments our Masters programmes aim to raise awareness of key factors influencing health in the global context and to meet the changing needs of the health and development agenda. The course content draws on the strong international consultancy, research and teaching experience of the Centre's multidisciplinary staff.

Applicants can either complete a postgraduate programme or choose individual modules as short and taster courses. We also offer excellent research

opportunities in a challenging and inspiring environment.

Our graduates include students from over 70 countries worldwide who come from a variety of professional backgrounds including the health professions, policy and the NGO sector giving students the opportunity to benefit from each others' skills, experiences and perspectives.

Contact Us

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Medecins du Monde (Doctors of the World)

www.doctorsoftheworld.org.uk

Doctors of the World is an international humanitarian aid organisation that recruits medical and non-medical volunteers, who provide healthcare for vulnerable populations around the world.

In addition to medical care, our volunteers "bear witness" to any obstacles to health care or human rights abuses that they see. This gives a voice to vulnerable people whose stories may not otherwise be heard. Our projects take place in both developed, as well as developing, countries.

Our long-term objective is to **make health a human right**.

Our work falls into three categories:

I **Emergency**: responding to humanitarian crises, natural disasters and wars/conflict situations.

I **Post-emergency and rehabilitation**: helping local people to restore their health care system in the aftermath of emergencies by reconstructing clinics and hospitals, providing medical supplies and training local healthcare workers. Our

projects also help with the physical and psychological recovery of people affected by disasters.

Long-term development: these projects aim to bring lasting and sustainable solutions by tackling the long-term effects of poverty and exclusion from healthcare. This involves supporting local health systems with prevention techniques, promoting health education and training local healthcare workers re: transferable skills.

Doctors of the World is a non-governmental organisation (NGO) which means that we operate independently, responding to genuine needs and not political motivations.

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Disclaimer: OGHG does not accept any responsibility for the accuracy of information in this document. Please visit the sites of individual organizations for the most up-to-date information. If there is anything that needs amending, or you would like further information about careers in global health or who to contact, please don't hesitate to email us on info@oxfordghg.co.uk

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