Dr. Julio Frenk to Deliver 2009 David E. Barmes Global Health Lecture

Dr. Julio Frenk, Dean of the Harvard School of Public Health, will deliver the 2009 David E. Barmes Global Health Lecture on Tuesday, December 15 at 11:30 a.m. on the NIH campus. Dr. Frenk will discuss "Globalization and Health: The Role of Knowledge in an Interdependent World." The event also will be videocast at: http://videocast.nih.gov/ <http://videocast.nih.gov/>.

A leading authority on global health, Dr. Frenk became Dean of the Faculty and T & G Angelopoulos Professor of Public Health and International Development at the Harvard School of Public Health on January 1, 2009. He previously served as the Minister of Health of Mexico from 2000 to 2006. During his tenure he introduced a program of comprehensive national health insurance, known as Seguro Popular, which expanded access to health care for tens of millions of previously uninsured Mexicans.

Dr. Frenk also was the founding director-general of the National Institute of Public Health in Mexico, one of the leading institutions of health education and research in the developing world. In 1998, he joined the World Health Organization (WHO) as executive director in charge of Evidence and Information for Policy, WHO’s first-ever unit explicitly charged with developing a scientific foundation for health policy...
to achieve better outcomes.

Most recently, Dr. Frenk served as a senior fellow in the global health program of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and as president of the Carso Health Institute in Mexico City.

Dr. Frenk holds a medical degree from the National Autonomous University of Mexico, as well as three advanced degrees from the University of Michigan: a master's degree in public health, a master's degree in sociology, and a doctorate in medical organization and sociology.

In 2008, he received the Clinton Global Citizen Award for changing the way practitioners and policy makers across the world think about health.

NIDCR and the Fogarty International Center jointly host the annual Barmes Lecture, which honors the late David E. Barmes. Dr. Barmes was a special expert for international health at the NIDCR. Prior to joining NIDCR, he served in senior management positions related to oral health, health promotion, and non-communicable diseases at the World Health Organization.

The 2009 Barmes lecture will be held in the Masur Auditorium in the Clinical Center (Building 10) and is free and open to the public. A reception will follow, hosted by the Friends of the NIDCR.

Sign Language Interpreters will be provided for the lecture. Individuals with disabilities who need reasonable accommodation to participate in this event should contact Jody Dove, 301-594-7558 and/or the Federal Relay (1-800-877-8339).

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