The Launch of the UCL International Institute for Society and Health 
and 
The IHMEC/Lancet Lecture, by Dr Lee, Director General of WHO

Friday 14th October 2005

UCL International Institute for Society and Health (IISH): 12.00 pm – 5.00 pm, UCL
The International Institute is a unique interdisciplinary collaboration of leading academics working on health and society in a global context. Its aim is to conduct research, to review evidence, to advocate, and to develop action for improving the health of populations globally, in developed and less developed countries. Its mission is to take action on the social determinants of health, to provide solutions to global health problems, and to improve the health and well being of all, especially the poorest.

The Institute will link UCL’s strengths in biotechnology and medicine with the humanities and social sciences, in order to tackle the problems of global health and will be guided by the core values of Social Justice, Sustainable Human Development and Global Commitment.

The International Health and Medical Education Centre/Lancet Lecture 2005: 
6.00 – 7.30 pm, Logan Hall, Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, London WC1H OAL
7.45 – 9.00pm, Reception and poster exhibition, Jeffrey Hall, Institute of Education

This year the annual IHMEC/Lancet lecture will be given by the Director-General of the World Health Organization Dr Jong-Wook Lee. Dr Lee has been D-G at WHO for two and a half years, following periods at Stop TB, Global Programme for Vaccines and Immunization and Children’s Vaccine Initiative.

Dr Lee’s lecture, Turning the tide: tackling the human resources crisis, will be on the subject of health worker migration. The WHO is preparing to launch its major review of the global health workforce on World Health Day 2006 and will also be the theme of the 2006 World Health Report. Dr Lee's address will give a strategic perspective on the workforce crisis currently undermining progress in health worldwide. He will discuss the investments to be made; the system performance issues to be addressed; and the equity imbalances to be redressed.

Request for posters
The post-lecture poster exhibition will showcase work being done on global health by students and academics at UCL and elsewhere, research institutes, NGOs and others. We would be extremely happy to hear from you if you would like to publicise your work by having a poster at the presentation. The poster boards we will be using are 4’ by 4’. If you would like to submit a poster, please contact Lorna Richardson (below) by Friday 1 October.

For details and to reserve a place at the IISH Launch, please contact Jane Johnson at
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If you would like to reserve a place at the IHMEC Lancet Lecture, please contact Jennifer Aves-Elliott in the UCL Development & Corporate Communications Office Email devtemp1@adm.ucl.ac.uk Tel +44 (0) 20 7679 9737

If you have any questions about the IHMEC Lancet Lecture, or would like to submit a poster, please contact
Lorna Richardson at IHMEC Email rmhajm0@ucl.ac.uk Tel +44 (0) 20 7288 3169

A confirmation of your booking and a map will be sent to you via email (or post if you do not have an email address) approximately one week prior to the event.

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