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GLOBAL HEALTH: Reconsidering its Meaning and Purpose to Everyone

Presented by Dr. David Zakus, Director, Global Health, University of Alberta
January 24, 2014—Noon to 1:00 PM, reception to follow
London Drugs Theatre, Pharmaceutical Sciences, 1st floor—2405 Wesbrook Mall at Agronomy

Please join us for our Tenth Distinguished Lectureship Seminar featuring Dr. David Zakus, BSc, MES, MSc, PhD.

Dr. Zakus is the Director, Global Health at the University of Alberta, and a Professor of Preventative Medicine. Prior to joining the University of Alberta, Dr. Zakus was the Director of the Centre for International health and Associate Professor in the Departments of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation & Public Health Services, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto. He has knowledge and experience with both non-governmental organizations and institutions. He was previously the President and CEO of Canadian Physicians for Aid and Relief (CPAR), a medium size Toronto based NGO with field offices in three African countries. He has worked in some 20 countries in Latin America, Africa, Asia and Eastern Europe, both as an academic and as a consultant.

His previous work in Africa included: a review of primary health care in Tamale/Northern Regions, Ghana; leading a team of evaluators of a UNICEF sponsored and CIDA funded health education program in Uganda; a study of the role of the nurse in community participation and primary health care in Botswana; the implementation of nursing information systems in Swaziland and Lesotho; a three year stay in Ethiopia as a professor at Addis Ababa University and the director of the McGill-Ethiopia Community Health Project which helped establish a masters degree in public health at AAU, a six month training program for district health managers, and research programs (including HIV/AIDS); and directed various health projects as part of his role as the chief executive of CPAR.

From 1995 to 1999, Dr. Zakus was the director of International Health and director of the World Health Organization Collaborating Center for International Nursing Development at Mount Sinai Hospital, Toronto. Dr. Zakus has served as a member of the board of directors of USC Canada, a member of the International Programs Advisory Board and the President’s Taskforce for Internationalization at the University of Toronto, and a founding member of the Canadian Network for International Surgery.

Dr. Zakus earned a BSc in biochemistry at the University of Saskatchewan (1975), a master’s degree in environmental studies (MES) at York University (1978), and an MSc (1987) and PhD (1992) in community health/health services management at the University of Toronto.

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