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PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD MEDICAL ASSOCIATION TALKS ABOUT CHILDREN'S HEALTH CARE AT OHSU

Public presentation on Thursday, March 11 at 7 p.m.

PORTLAND, Ore. — The president of the World Medical Association, James Appleyard, M.D., F.R.C.P, F.R.C.P.C.H, will share his wisdom about the health of children around the world as the keynote speaker for Oregon Health & Science University School of Medicine's Global Health Week March 8 - 11.

A British pediatrician, Appleyard is also dean of clinical sciences at Kigezi International School of Medicine in Kabale, Uganda, and serves on numerous British and international committees addressing critical aspects of global health.

Appleyard will be the keynote speaker for the week, which kicks off with his presentation to medical students at **noon on Monday, March 8, in the OHSU Auditorium, Marquam Hill Campus**. His presentation — "How Does the World Treat Our Children?" — will focus on the burden of disease in the developing world, the widening gap between rich and poor nations, and how health care professionals can help bridge that gap. In honor of International Women's Day, a photo exhibit of women and children from around the world will accompany Appleyard's address.

Other activities throughout the week include the showing of a film about the struggle to eradicate polio, a discussion about foreign aid by an international medicine expert from the University of Washington, and a panel discussion by OHSU psychiatrists and refugees on refugee health.

The week will culminate with a public presentation by Appleyard on **Thursday, March 11, at 7 p.m. in the OHSU Auditorium**. Appleyard will present "Child Health Divide — A Gathering Doom." He will discuss UNICEF mortality rates and numerous factors that impact children's health to demonstrate the increasing divide between children's health in rich nations versus poor nations. He will also address how poverty, particularly in the wake of armed conflict, breeds new diseases such as AIDS, SARS and chicken flu, which threaten to strike at the heart of the rich countries.

Global Health Week at OHSU is being organized by the Global Health Interest Group in the OHSU School of Medicine.

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