

WELCOME FROM THE CONFERENCE CHAIR

On behalf of the Conference Program Committee, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all participants in the International Conference on Urban Health: Knowledge Integration - Successful Interventions in Urban Health.

The theme was chosen to showcase action-oriented projects and best practices and we received an overwhelming response with over 550 abstract submissions. There are clearly many lessons for all of us to learn to affect positive change in our communities throughout the world. We have secured highly renowned, international plenary speakers for this meeting who will address the various conference tracks.

Highlights at this year's conference include:

- Five pre-conference workshops offering overviews and in-depth knowledge and exchange opportunities on this year's conference theme and tracks
- Two pre-conference tours to explore the urban agriculture movement and health service delivery to complex patients in Vancouver
- Seven highly renowned, international plenary speakers
- 180 peer-reviewed oral abstract presentations addressing the conference tracks
- Twelve concurrent workshops and panel sessions
- Four poster presentation sessions
- Numerous networking opportunities including the Welcome Reception

I would like to express my great appreciation for the work of the members of our Scientific Organizing Committee and the ISUH Executive and to all of the peer reviewers whose commitment and enthusiasm allowed us to select an interesting array of abstracts.

I am confident that this congress will deliver a high quality program and provide opportunities to build productive interdisciplinary and community partnerships to improve urban health globally.

Sincerely



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