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The Geneva Health Forum (GHF), created in 2006 by the University Hospitals of Geneva and the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Geneva, is the Swiss flagship event in relation to global health. Every two years, GHF attracts both Swiss and internationally renowned stakeholders, and brings together participants from all sectors (health, academia, politics, civil society and private sector professionals).
NEW APPROACHES TO GLOBAL HEALTH ARE REQUIRED

The remarkable progress made in recent decades has enabled a reduction in mortality rates, particularly in the fight against major pandemics (HIV, tuberculosis, malaria, and more), as well as in mother and child health. Despite these successes, many challenges remain, including the development of resistance to anti-infective drugs, the threat of epidemics, and the high cost of certain treatments. The epidemiological transition currently underway in many countries, plus the globalisation of trade and migration, urbanisation, climate change, and the ageing population, all require us to revise our traditional approaches and offer more effective treatments that take better account of social and environmental factors. Major global health agendas such as the sustainable development goals, universal health coverage, improvements in medical research, and better access to health products cannot be properly addressed unless we are prepared to change the ways in which we work.
New tools are revolutionising the landscape

Meanwhile, information and communication technologies are disrupting our everyday life.

Healthcare is very much a part of this information revolution. The major players in digital and communications technology (Google, Apple, IBM, Facebook, Microsoft, Orange, etc.) are investing heavily in the medical sector. From the internet to data science, artificial intelligence, the Internet of Things and satellites, numerous tools are being developed. But such technologies are much more than just tools; they are profoundly changing the way in which we work. The entire organisation of the health system, treatment practices, and relationships between stakeholders are all affected.

These changes apply to rich countries but also to those with limited resources, where new technologies are already helping to overcome certain structural deficiencies.

Some see it as a mean to achieve more precise, participatory, and effective health interventions. Others doubt, stressing the importance of the relationship with the patient and the influence of public health policies.

Good or bad, change is underway. Such tools can represent opportunities, but also dangers if clear rules are not set and new strategies are not properly evaluated. Legal, ethical and economic issues must be addressed.

In the future, we will need to develop decision-making tools to ensure more efficient and effective healthcare, and to establish a more specific, appropriate and targeted approach through what can be referred to as “Precision Global Health”.
GHF 2018 HIGHLIGHTS

1,200 expected participants

80 countries

96% of GHF 2016 participants plan to attend

RUSSIA
Guest of Honor

KEY FIGURES

240 Speakers
350 Expected abstracts
5 Plenary sessions
25 Parallel sessions
10 Workshops
3 Global Health Leaders Lunch Dialogues

6 Breakfast sessions
6 Lunch sessions
40 Innovations at the Global Health Lab
1 Geneva Health Tour
The complexity of global health requires an integrated and multi sectoral approach; the GHF fosters inclusive partnerships among various parties active in global health.

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