# DOCTORS FOR AFRICA

## MASTER IN INTERNATIONAL HEALTH AND MEDICINE FOR COOPERATION WITHDEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Focus on Emergency and Essential Care (EEC) at District Hospital



February 2010 - December 2010
2nd Academic year
University of Parma
Faculty of Medicine and Surgery
University Centre for International Cooperation



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#### **Objectives of the Masters Program**

The objective of the Master is to create the figure of a doctor able to operate in organizations linked to international cooperation, who can carry out general medical and surgical procedures in a context with poor infrastructures and management, mainly in ambulatory or small health assistance centres, which are typical in areas of high poverty, facing cases of emergency and ordinary needs of various nature.

The trained doctor will operate primarily in out-patient clinics, being also competent to deal with ordinary and extraordinary emergencies of various entities.

This objective has interested the World Health Organization (WHO), who has given support to the scientific and technical structuring of the Master's Program and that will be further actively involved both as a consultant and as an implementing partner once the Masters Program is running, through the Geneva Foundation for Medical Education and Research, one of the main partners of the University of Parma in this program.

The main goal of the Master's program is to increase capacity of medical doctors who work or aspire to work in developing countries with local sanitary structures, NGOs or missionaries

## Who should participate?

The Master's Course is designed for medical doctors who have graduated in medicine and surgery and who originate from developing countries, especially from Africa, that are already working in health facilities/ hospital/ sanitary/ health structures or are involved in international cooperation sanitary/health projects; who wish to further develop their capacity to deal with the many difficulties that district hospitals often pose.

difficulties that district hospitals often pose, namely because of lack of resources and equipment.

The Master is also open to Italian and foreign graduates in medicine, possibly already competent in their specific fields, who wish to extend their personal and professional horizons in order to work in resource-constrained settings.





#### What are the main themes that will be addressed?

The Master programme offers theoretical and practical training involving the diverse branches of medicine and surgery. The surgical component is adapted from the **WHO** Integrated Management for Emergency & Essential Surgical Care (IMEESC) toolkit avilable at <a href="https://www.who.int/surgery">www.who.int/surgery</a>. Intercultural and anthropological, as well as linguistic and communicative aspects are also strongly emphasized in the program. Moreover, organizational and managerial skills of medical infrastructures form the core of different subjects dealt with in the Master Program.

## How is the program organized?

The M.S. will be held in Parma for a period of 10 months at the University of Parma and Hospital of Parma: direct didactic activities in class and other forms of teaching classes, guided study and interactive didactic teaching followed by a period of internship at Parma Hospital: all these activities will be mainly held in English language.

The program will be flexible consistent with the schedules of the Hospital's activities.

#### **Technical Aspects**

Credits: 60

Working Language: English

Final Exam: yes

Number of Participants: Min 12 max 15 (upon application and selection process)

Scholarships: The Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs will finance 12 scholarships for the first 12 candidates residing in Developing Countries (priority: African countries) classified in the final selection rating, covering:

- enrolment tax
- 1 round trip ticket
- Accommodation (room and board) in a boarding house, which have an agreement with Parma's University (ex: www.collegiogiovanni.it)
- Little monthly pocket money
- Transports costs in Parma
- Medical insurance



## **Program and Professors\***

1) Emergency and Essential Surgical Care: policy management, quality & safety research (University of Parma, WHO)

Professors: Sandro Contini, WHO experts

2) Emergency Room (University and Hospital of Parma)

Professors: Cervellin Gianfranco, Marcello Zinelli, Carlotta Bellini, Francesco Scioscioli

3) Themes of General Surgery (University and Hospital of Parma, World Friends)
Professors: Sandro Contini, Paolo Soliani, Paolo Carbognani, Raffaele Dalla Valle, Nicola Pietra, Edoardo Caleffi, Matteo Azzarone, Antonio Frattini, Paolo del Rio, Andrea Ghirarduzzi, Francesca Arcuri, Gian Franco Morino.

4) Themes of Traumatology – Orthopaedics (University and Hospital of Parma)

Professors: Alessio Pedrazzini, Francesco Ceccarelli, Antonio Melotto, Filippo Calderazzi, Cesare Faldini, Alessandro Faldini, Michele Verdano, Enrico Vaienti, Massimo Pompili

- 5) Themes of Anaesthesia and Principles of reanimation (University and Hospital of Parma) Professors: Mario Mergoni, Paolo Stefanini, Annalisa Volpi, Guido Fanelli, Marco Berti, Maria Barbagallo, Luciano Bortone
- 6) Themes of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (University and Hospital of Parma, GFMER) Professors: Alberto Bacchi Modena, Dandolo Gramellini, Giambattista Nardelli, Alessandro Grignaffini, GFMER experts
- 7) Themes of Paediatrics (University and Hospital of Parma )

Professors: Maurizio Vanelli, Enrico Volante, Raffaele Virdis, Carmine Del Rossi

8) Imaging and Principles of Distance medicine

Professors: Bresciani, Nicola Gaibazzi, Claudio Reverberi, Vito Moccia, Francesco Sicurello

9) Themes of Maxillo facial surgery and dentistry (University Hospital of Parma)

Professors: Enrico Sesenna, Bruno Brevi, Paolo Vescovi

10) Themes of Ophthalmology (University Hospital of Parma)

Professors: Stefano Gandolfi, Marco Vecchi, Claudio Maccaluso, Gabriella Orsoni

11) Themes of Otorhinolaryngologry - ENT (University and Hospital of Parma)

Professors: Salvatore Bacciu, Vincenzo Vincenti, Andrea Bacciu

12) Themes of Internal Medicine

Professors: Maurizio Vanelli, Riccardo Volpi, Luigi Vignali, Elisabetta Dallaglio, Gian Paolo Ceda

13) International Cooperation (International NGOs, MAE)

Professors: Raffaele Salinari, Francesco Aureli, Uber Alberti, Eligio Gandossi, Mario Merialdi, Elisa Dallatana

14) Infectious and Tropical Diseases (University and Hospital of Parma, World Friends)

Professors: Carlo Ferrari, Federico Gobbi, Adriana Calderaro

15) Data base management, computer science and bibliographical research

Professors: u.d.

\* to be updated

**16)** Health Management and Planning Professors:u.d.

## How to apply?

Call for applications is published on University of Parma website www.unipr.it (section formazione post laurea 2009 – 2010, Master Universitari)

or direct link:

www.unipr.it/www.php?info=Studenti&tipo=elen master0910

## Deadline 2nd November, 2009

## **Information**

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#### **Responsibility of the Masters Program and partners**

This Master's program is organized by the University of Parma: University Centre for International Cooperation, whose President is Prof. Cesare Beghi (Director of the M.A. Program), with the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Parma and the Hospital of Parma (Azienda Ospedaliera di Parma), in partnership with:

Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Geneva Foundation for Medical Education and Research (WHO Collaborating Centre)

Collegio Universitario Internazionale "Giovanni XXIII" in Parma

International NGOs

World Friends ONLUS

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