

# International Street Medicine Symposium XII

## October 20-22, 2016

### Geneva, Switzerland

July 1, 2016

#### Great News!

The Street Medicine Institute is excited to announce the 12<sup>th</sup> annual International Street Medicine Symposium, to be held October 20-22, 2016, in Geneva, Switzerland! A special pre-symposium *Street Medicine 101* workshop will also be offered on October 19, 2016 for interested participants. *Fondation Calcutta Espoir* ([www.calcutta-espoir.ch](http://www.calcutta-espoir.ch)), a Swiss-based NGO that supports the world-renown Street Medicine work of Dr. Jack Preger and Calcutta Rescue in India, has generously agreed to serve as the local sponsoring organization.

#### Learning Activities

The International Street Medicine Symposium (ISMS) is the world's premier educational event dedicated to the health care of rough-sleeper (unsheltered) homeless populations. As always, the ISMS will offer an impressive slate of homeless health care experts from around the globe presenting clinical topics, innovations, research outcomes, and best practices relevant to Street Medicine through the popular format mix of large-group lectures, small-group workshops, and poster presentations. Clinicians and non-clinicians are welcome to participate; we encourage and celebrate the diversity of professional roles and disciplines represented among participants. We intend to offer continuing medical education credits for eligible clinicians.

#### Host City Spotlight

Geneva was chosen to host this year's ISMS from a group of outstanding international host city candidates, not only because Switzerland's central European location makes it readily accessible to the enlarging international network of Street Medicine practitioners, but also because it is home to multiple leading global health organizations whose reach extends to millions of people experiencing severe poverty and social exclusion, including rough-sleeper homeless populations.

To highlight the outstanding work these Swiss-based organizations direct locally, regionally, and internationally, the ISMS is privileged to welcome expert presenters from:

- *Medecins du Monde – Suisse* (Doctors of the World – Switzerland; [www.medecinsdumonde.ch](http://www.medecinsdumonde.ch)), an international humanitarian organization dedicated to providing emergency and long-term medical care for vulnerable populations, especially refugees from conflict zones in the Middle East and other asylum seekers
- *Universite de Geneve. Institut de Sante Globale* (University of Geneva, Institute of Global Health; [www.unige.ch/medecine/isg/en](http://www.unige.ch/medecine/isg/en)), an academic center of excellence dedicated to global health education and practice, which also sponsors local health outreach services for homeless and migrant populations
- World Health Organization (WHO; [www.who.int](http://www.who.int)), the highly-influential public health arm of the United Nations

Finally, hosting the ISMS in Geneva this October presents a very special opportunity for participants to celebrate a revered champion of the Street Medicine movement, Dr. Jack

Preger, with a special pre-release viewing of *Docteur Jack*, a feature-length documentary film by Benoit Lange about Jack's life and work with pavement dwellers in India. (The film's trailer can be viewed at [www.drjack.com](http://www.drjack.com).)

## Reconnect and Re-energize

As consistently reported by past participants, one of the most valuable experiences of the ISMS is the opportunity to interact with Street Medicine colleagues from around the world. Again this year, program activities will incorporate time to reconnect with old friends, make new contacts, and share stories of the triumphs and challenges of this important work. Participants will be inspired and re-energized as they renew a common commitment to improving the lives of their brothers and sisters living on the streets.

## Call for Presenters

Presentation proposals are still being accepted until July 27, 2016. Full details about the proposal guidelines and submission process are available at [streetmedicine.org](http://streetmedicine.org).

## Program Schedule (preliminary and subject to change)

Wednesday, October 19, 2016; 9:30am – 5:00pm

- Special pre-symposium *Street Medicine 101* workshop for interested participants (see description below)

Thursday, October 20, 2016; 8:30am – 5:00pm

- Local sponsoring organization presentations (large and small-group formats), including welcoming keynote address
- Poster session
- Lunch included
- Evening social reception included, with a special viewing of the film *Docteur Jack*

Friday, October 21, 2016; 8:30am – 5:00pm

- Invited presentations (large-group lecture format)
- Keynote address (internationally-renown speaker with core Street Medicine values)
- Invited presentations (small-group, interactive workshop format)
- Poster session
- Lunch included

Saturday, October 22, 2016; 9:00am – 12:30pm

- Invited presentations (large-group lecture format)
- Poster session
- Street Medicine Institute annual update
- Wrap-up with reflection and discussion

## “Street Medicine 101” Workshop

Back by popular demand, we are pleased to again offer this special pre-symposium workshop. This high-yield introductory session is targeted to those individuals and organizations that may be new to Street Medicine or in need of expert guidance to launch or enhance their Street Medicine activities. This workshop will provide an instructive overview of the history, principles, and practice of Street Medicine, followed by a unique opportunity

to interact with an expert panel of Street Medicine practitioners for personalized guidance and problem solving. Since capacity for this session is limited and high demand is anticipated, participants must register in advance to attend. To best meet learner needs, the panel asks that participants prepare the following materials and submit them for review at least two weeks prior to the workshop:

- Description of current Street Medicine practice status or future plan
- Prioritized listing and brief explanation of current/anticipated challenges
- Specific educational goals for the session

## Venue

All ISMS programming will take place at the *Centre de l'Espérance* (Center of Hope; [www.centre-esperance.ch](http://www.centre-esperance.ch)), located in the heart of the Geneva within walking distance of many local attractions and public transportation access.

## Lodging

Blocks of rooms at three local hotels within easy walking or bus access to the conference venue have been reserved at special discounted rates for ISMS participants. Since lodging in Geneva can be quite expensive, the accommodations detailed below are simple but represent an excellent combination of value, location, and service. All three hotels offer free daily continental breakfast. Prices listed include tax and are per room (not per person) in Swiss Francs (CHF); 1 CHF is approximately equal to 1 USD at current exchange rates. Travel time to the conference venue from each hotel is listed for reference.

Hotel Bel'Espérance ([www.hotel-bel-esperance.ch](http://www.hotel-bel-esperance.ch); 2 min. by foot)

- Double-occupancy room: 170 CHF/night
- Double-occupancy studio: 200 CHF/night
- Triple-occupancy room: 210 CHF/night
- Triple-occupancy family room: 250 CHF/night
- Discount rates expire September 1, 2016, or once all blocked rooms are reserved.
- Rooms at these special rates cannot be reserved online. Please e-mail the hotel directly at [hotel@belesperance.ch](mailto:hotel@belesperance.ch) with all reservation requests; mention you are with the group sponsored by *Fondation Calcutta Espoir*

Hotel Sagitta ([www.hotelsagitta.ch](http://www.hotelsagitta.ch); 9 min. by foot)

- Double-occupancy studio room: 188 CHF/night
- Double-occupancy executive room: 228 CHF/night
- Triple-occupancy apartment: 310 CHF/night
- Quadruple-occupancy apartment: 340 CHF/night
- Discount rates expire September 18, 2016, or once all blocked rooms are reserved.
- Rooms at these special rates cannot be reserved online. Please e-mail the hotel directly at [reservation@hotelsagitta.ch](mailto:reservation@hotelsagitta.ch) with all reservation requests using the attached form; mention you are with the "Street Medicine Symposium" group

Hotel Drake Longchamp ([www.hotelsagitta.ch](http://www.hotelsagitta.ch); 30 min. by foot; 18 min. by bus)

- Single-occupancy room: 155 CHF/night
- Double-occupancy room: 195 CHF/night
- Triple-occupancy room: 250 CHF/night
- Discount rates expire September 18, 2016, or once all blocked rooms are reserved.

- Rooms at these special rates cannot be reserved online. Please e-mail the hotel directly at [reservation@hdlge.ch](mailto:reservation@hdlge.ch) with all reservation requests using the attached form; mention you are with the "Street Medicine Symposium" group

## Transportation

Geneva is easily accessible by air and train. Geneva International Airport (GVA) is located less than 10km from the ISMS venue and preferred hotels. Upon arrival at the airport, visitors can print a free public transportation ticket (valid for up to 80 minutes) for access to city hotels via bus or train. Upon check-in at the hotels, visitors will receive a free public transportation card to access local bus and train service for the duration of their stay in Geneva. These are wonderful cost-saving perks offered by the city to improve access to all that Geneva offers via public transportation.

## Registration

Registration is now open! Please click [here](#) or visit [streetmedicine.org](http://streetmedicine.org) to register.

The following tiered registration fee structure respects the fact that ISMS participants come from a variety of disciplines with disparate financial resources. It is informed by responses to surveys of prior years' ISMS participants and is designed to offer significant value relative to other educational conferences or professional meetings of similar scope and quality. If uncertain which tier is most appropriate for you, please contact the organizing committee at [pperri@streetmedicine.org](mailto:pperri@streetmedicine.org) prior to completing the registration process and submitting any relevant fees.

### **Tier 1:** \$370

- Physicians (staff-level/completed training)

### **Tier 2:** \$290

- Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants

### **Tier 3:** \$240

- Nurses, Social Workers, Behavioral Health/Addictions specialists
- Service Agency/Program administrators, Public Health researchers

### **Tier 4:** \$190

- Outreach workers, Case Managers, Community representatives

### **Tier 5:** \$110

- Students (undergraduate/graduate/professional) not currently employed in Tiers 1-4
- Resident physicians (in training)

### **Tier 6:** \$0

- Lead presenters and first co-presenters
- Consumers (currently or recently experiencing homelessness), Local media, Members of SMI Board of Directors, Pre-approved volunteer ISMS staff

\*\*All registration fees are listed and payable in US dollars.

\*\*Single-day rates are offered at 50% of the full multi-day rates listed above.

\*\*Attendance at the *Street Medicine 101* pre-symposium workshop requires an additional \$30-45 fee, depending on registration tier (\$40-65 when not combined with general conference registration).

\*\*Refunds of registration fees will only be granted for cancellations made in writing to [pperri@streetmedicine.org](mailto:pperri@streetmedicine.org) before October 1, 2016; a 10% cancellation charge may apply.

## Message from the Chair

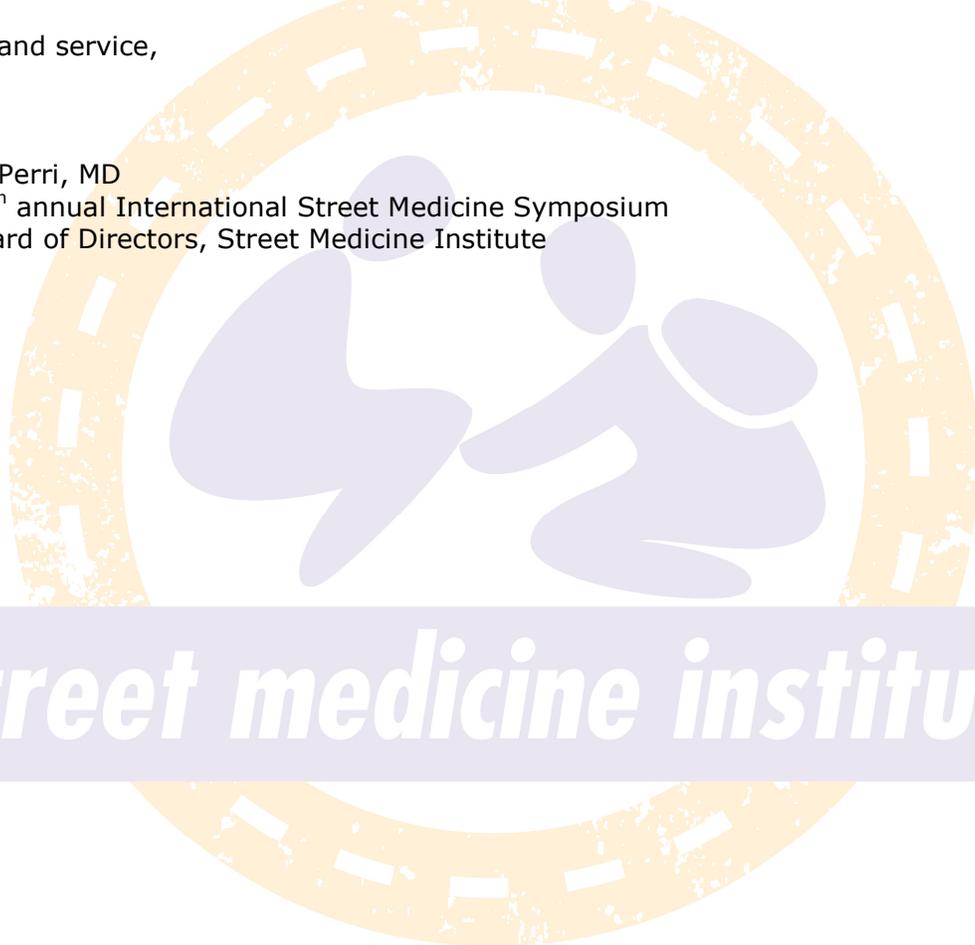
On behalf of the Street Medicine Institute and the organizing committee of the International Street Medicine Symposium, I thank you for your interest and for sharing this notice with any friends and colleagues who may not have received it. As always, your ideas for a successful event are most welcome, including recommendations for speakers, topics, formats, or future host cities. Questions, comments, and suggestions related to the ISMS can be addressed to the organizing committee at [pperri@streetmedicine.org](mailto:pperri@streetmedicine.org).

With your participation and expertise, we anticipate another outstanding International Street Medicine Symposium this year! I hope to see you in Switzerland in October so that we can continue to learn from one another and renew our collective commitment to improving the lives of our brothers and sisters living on the streets throughout the world.

In health and service,

*Pat*

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