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ABOUT US

The Center for Global Health aims to leverage the Hampton Roads Community's strength in education, research and service, to improve the health and quality of life for people locally and around the world. The mission of the center is to positively impact health and well-being of populations through collaboration with faculty, students, communities and partners.



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Workshop in Columbia addresses CAREX projects



WHO/PAHO workshop team in Bogota, Columbia.

In May 2014, Dr. Muge Akpınar-Elci, Director of the Center for Global Health, traveled to Bogota, Columbia, to attend the World Health Organization/Pan American Health Organization workshop themed “Building Capacity to Develop National CAREX Projects in Latin American and the Caribbean.” During the conference, attendees presented papers on the development of national CAREX pro-



The team poses in front of the banner in Guatemala.

ODU's service learning students serve in Guatemala

The Center for Global Health funded a trip to Guatemala in March 2014. Three nursing faculty members, 15 nursing students, and one dental hygiene student from Old Dominion University, spent eight days in Antigua. The team partnered with Corazon de los Niños (Heart of the Children), an organization that serves 22 villages in the Sacatepèquez state to provide health care service and education to underprivileged people of Guatemala.

TUSAD, IMUD hold health symposium in Turkey



Dr. Muge Akpinar-Elci, director of the Center for Global Health, (fifth from left) is among the participants at Occupational Health and Occupational Diseases symposium in Turkey.

The Turkish Respiratory Society (TUSAD) and Turkish Occupational Medicine Society (IMUD) held the Occupational Health and Occupational Diseases symposium June 5-7, 2014. The symposium was IMUD's first initiative to gather health professionals and share updated information to help them to reach a higher quality of performance in occupational health both locally and globally.

Conference focuses on climate impact

The American Thoracic Society's International Conference was held May 16-20, 2014 in San Diego, Calif. Dr. Muge Akpinar-Elci, Director of the Center for Global Health and Dr. Hasan Bayram gave a talk on "From Local to Global: Sand Storms, Climate Change and Respiratory Effects." Use the link below for more information about The American Thoracic Society's International Confer-

Director speaks on occupational health

Tidewater American Industrial Hygiene Association and Center for Global Health sponsors presented the Spring PDC on April 11, 2014. This event was held at the Peninsula Workforce Development Center on the campus of Thomas Nelson Community College. The conference featured speakers such as Larry Betts, who presented a paper on "Occupational and Environmental Medicine." Another presenter, LCDR Kirsten Vesey, spoke on the topic "Beyond the Dosimeter." Dr. Muge Akpinar-Elci delivered a presentation on "Occupational Health

Center for Global Health Formulates Strategic Plan

The Center for Global Health formulated its strategic plan in January 2014. The plan states the values, mission, goals and objectives for the center. The center has since implemented its monitoring and evaluation plan documenting

Stressing challenges

Old Dominion University's Center for Global Health participated in the Consortium of Universities for Global Health (CUGH). This fifth annual Global Health Conference was held on May 10-12, 2014, in Washington, D.C. The conference, themed "Universities 2.0, Advancing the Global Health Agenda in the Post-NDG Era," was hosted by George Washington and Stanford universities. The conference was designed to stress the important challenges the world faces. To obtain more information about the conference follow the link below:

A student demonstration



Study abroad students demonstrate the importance of global health.

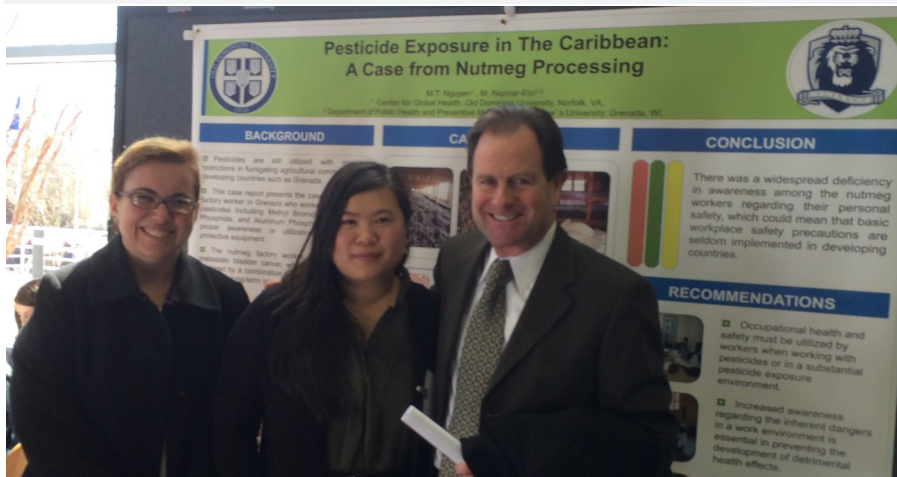
Akpinar-Elci gives presentation

On April 22, 2014, Dr. Muge Akpinar-Elci, director for the Center for Global Health, presented the vision, mission, and the main priorities of the center to the M. Foscue Brook Institute Advisory Board. In her presentation, she explained that one of the priorities of the Center for Global Health is to increase faculty and student engagement in global health. She also discussed the launching of the center's new certificate.

ODU International Fair raises awareness

Vibrant cultures throughout Hampton Roads were represented in Old Dominion University's Sixth Annual International Fair, which took place on March 30, 2014, at the Ted Constant Convocation Center. The fair, described as a melting pot of cultures, was among other things aimed at promoting understanding of other cultures. The Center for Global Health participated in this event as part of its continued commitment to foster community partnerships and to raise awareness of the Center's existence

Students share findings on GRAD Day



Ph.D. student My Ngoc Nguyen is accompanied by President Broderick and Dr. Akpinar-Elci during her poster presentation.

The fourth annual Graduate Research Achievement Day (GRAD Day) was held on March 27, 2014. GRAD Day gives students the opportunity to share their unique and significant research with other students, faculty, and members of the local community. On GRAD Day, My Ngoc Nguyen, the Center for Global Health research assistant and a Ph.D. student in the Health Services Research doctoral program at ODU, presented a poster on pesticide exposure in the Caribbean. Students, faculty and university administrators gave her positive feedback on her poster. ODU President John R. Broderick, who was in attendance, expressed his positive impressions about the poster presentation and shared

Center for Global Health sponsors international program

On Feb. 10, 2014, the Center for Global Health sponsored a Strategic Planning Workshop for Abukloi, South Sudan. This international partnership was formed by Old Dominion University alumnus Angelo Maker. When Maker was 7, he witnessed his mother and two brothers murdered when his village was attacked during the South Sudan Civil War in 1983. As a result, he joined a group of orphans called "The Lost Boys of Sudan." ODU faculty and participants from Abukloi and the Hampton Roads community discussed ways to help the group develop possibilities for future partnerships.

Certificate in Global Health Online Program

The Certificate in Global Health is a 15-credit online program that is offered to graduate students in a variety of fields including public health, engineering, business, education and the liberal arts. After receiving approval from ODU and SCHEV (State Council on Higher Education for Virginia), this became the first online Global Health Certificate Program in Virginia. The Center for Global Health will offer two classes beginning the fall semester of 2014; Epidemiology and Global Health. A maximum of six credit hours from qualifying graduate-level courses may be transferred into the certificate program.

Advisory Board Discusses Center for Global Health's Progress

The Center for Global Health Advisory Board's meeting on March 31, 2014, discussed the progress of the center and reviewed the program's future strategic plan. The board also deliberated on ways to implement the Center for Global Health's online certificate program, which was scheduled to launch in fall 2014. Distance learning and marketing have helped tremendously in implementing the new certificate program.



Students at the Old Dominion University Study Abroad Program pose for a picture with administrative assistant Jamie Edmonds and Dr. Akpinar-Elci, the director for Center for Global Health.