The American Public Health Association (APHA) will hold its 141st Annual Meeting between 2 - 6 November 2013 in Boston, Massachusetts: http://www.apha.org/meetings/AnnualMeeting/. As the largest gathering of the world’s public health professionals (last year’s attendance was over 12,000 registrants), we expect over 1,000 planned scientific sessions and over 4,000 papers to be presented during the course of our meeting.

This year’s Annual Meeting theme, “Think Global, Act Local: Best Practices Around the World,” is an opportunity to learn about creative and successful public health efforts from across the globe and discuss how public health workers can adapt such efforts to the communities they serve at home. The conference will highlight how other nations have improved the health outcomes of their populations while maintaining costs. Join APHA as we examine the progress of existing efforts that were adapted from other countries as well as national efforts that were reshaped to address the regional needs in the U.S. The conference will also host opportunities for networking and professional development. For more information, you may view the online program at: http://apha.confex.com/apha/141am/webprogram/start.html.

The APHA graciously provides two scientific sessions to the WFPHA and co-hosts a Global Health Leaders breakfast. Below is a schedule of the WFPHA organized program:

1) Sunday, November 3, 2013: 10:00 AM-12:00 PM
   *Journal of Public Health Policy (JPHP) Editorial Meeting*

2) Monday, November 4, 2013: 14:30 - 16:00
   *Defining the New Public Health for the 21st Century and Beyond*

3) Tuesday, November 5, 2013: 14:30 - 16:00
   *Are the MDGs achievable by 2015? The perspective from national public health associations*

4) Wednesday, November 6, 2013: 7:30 – 9:00
   *Global Health Leaders Breakfast (*Special invitations will be sent separately to members who are registered.)*

If your association would like to make a presentation related to the above sessions, please contact James Chauvin (jchauvinwfpha@gmail.com) and Juan Zhao (juan.zhao@unige.ch) by Monday, 12 August 2013.

Although neither WFPHA nor APHA can offer funding assistance for travel and accommodations, the APHA is offering complementary conference registrations to one (1) representative from each of the WFPHA member associations. Please return completed WFPHA registration forms and if needed, a request for an invitation letter to Ms. Vina HuLamm, Global Health Manager (vina.hulamm@apha.org), by Thursday, 26 September 2013. For requirements on obtaining a U.S. visa, we kindly recommend checking with your closest U.S. embassy/consulate or the U.S. State Department’s website (http://travel.state.gov/visa/).

We hope you will be able to join us for this important event.

Best regards,

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