

2015 UIA-Public Health Group Annual Seminar  
& Global University Program in Healthcare Architecture (GUPHA) Meeting

Dalian World Expo Center  
Dalian, China  
May 23-25, 2015

Call for Presentations/Papers

**HEALTH FOR ALL:**  
**Cultural, Populational, Operational & Technological Influences**

**Introduction**

The International Union of Architects Public Health Group (UIA-PHG) cordially invites you to submit an abstract for a paper or poster presentation to the 2015 UIA-PHG Annual Seminar. The theme of the seminar is "Health for All: Cultural, Populational, Operational & Technological Influences." This seminar will be held in Dalian, China, in conjunction with the 16<sup>th</sup> China Hospital Build & Infrastructure Exhibition and Congress.

In 1978, more than 130 countries signed the Alma Ata Declaration that aimed to protect and promote physical, mental and social well-being of all people. Thirty-six years has passed. The world has witnessed rapid changes in the development of globalization, the growth of economy, the booming of the world population and the advancement of technologies. However, some important questions remain unanswered. Have we achieved the goals the Declaration set for 2000? Have we, as planners, urban designers, architects, interior designers or other related professionals, fulfilled our mission to provide healthy living environments and quality health services to all people? It is timely for us to reexamine the Alma Ata Declaration from environmental design perspectives in a new context, through topics listed below.

**Topics**

- 1. Cultural influences on health facility design**  
Health facility design has become global business. We would like you to share your research on or professional experience from designing in foreign countries or for people with different cultural, religious or ethnical backgrounds.
- 2. Healthcare design for seniors, children, minorities and the poor**  
Older people and children account for a large portion of healthcare expenditure in most countries. The minorities and the poor, especially those living in remote rural areas, may have difficulties in accessing health services. This topic will focus on approaches that can provide quality healthcare to these vulnerable populations.
- 3. Healthy communities and healthy cities**  
Many people's daily lives have been dominated by automobiles, which may cause health problems related to sedentary behaviors (e.g., obesity) and air pollution (e.g., lung cancer). This topic will explore examples and discuss communities and/or cities that are designed to promote healthy lifestyles and active living for all people.
- 4. Healthcare design for the future**  
This topic encourages discussions on any influences that lead to innovative healthcare design and construction in the future. These influences include, but

are not limited to, changes or development in health services, healthcare delivery, management and operation (e.g., lean healthcare), and new technologies.

**5. GUPHA Meeting: news updates and innovative approaches in healthcare architecture education**

The GUPHA Meeting welcomes all universities in the world that teach design for health and healthcare facilities to (1) update what they are doing and (2) share their innovative approaches and teaching methods.

**Contents**

The abstract should include:

1. The title
2. The topic (listed above) that it fits into
3. Presenter(s)'s Name(s) and contact information (i.e., email and phone number)
4. Presenter(s)'s organization(s)
5. Project/study details, including but not limited to, introduction, description, method, analysis, results/outcomes, discussion and conclusion

Project/study details are expected **not to exceed 500 words**.

**Timelines**

December 15, 2014\*, abstract submission deadline

January 31, 2015, abstract acceptance notification

May 1, 2015\*, paper submission deadline\*\*

\* Submissions will be closed at 11:59 PM U.S. Central Time

\*\* Selected papers will be published in the conference proceeding and the China Hospital Architecture and Equipment Journal

**Submission**

Please email your abstract to:

**uiaphg2015@hotmail.com**, with "UIA-PHG Abstract" in the subject line

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**Registration**

On or before April 1, 2015: **USD 250**

After April 1, 2015: **USD 350**

Registration fee will cover lunches, passes for the UIA-PHG + GUPHA conference and the 16<sup>th</sup> China Hospital Build & Infrastructure Exhibition and Congress, and conference materials.

Registration will be open soon!

**Website**

[www.uia-phg.org](http://www.uia-phg.org)

**UIA-PHG**

The UIA-PHG is one of the working bodies of the UIA, the Union International des Architects or International Union of Architects. It was founded in 1955 and represents members and guests from all continents and a growing participation from more than 60 countries in 2012. Within the context of the UIA philosophy, it is the vision of the UIA-PHG that world public health can profit by the dedication of architects to provide efficient, safe and aesthetic health care buildings and an environment that can contribute to a more rapid healing of the patients as well as an improvement in staff operations and satisfaction. To accomplish this vision, the UIA-PHG should share its knowledge and experience not only within the group but also to other architects,

engineers and consultants, health care managers and providers, health care organizations and governments, as well as to the general public. It should also initiate research projects that contribute to better health care buildings and environments. The Director of UIA-PHG is Adjunct Professor Warren Kerr (w.kerr@hamessharley.com.au) from the University of Western Australia.

#### GUPHA

The Global University Program in Healthcare Architecture (GUPHA) is a subgroup of UIA-PHG. It dedicates to promote international exchange, collaboration and knowledge dissemination between educators involved in teaching and research, along with UIA member practitioners and representatives of academic institutions, governmental and non-governmental agencies with an interest in architectural education and academic research in the area of healthcare architecture. Since founded in 2000, GUPHA has grown to include 25 member institutions. The Chair of GUPHA is Professor David Allison (adavid@clemson.edu) from Clemson University, U.S.

#### China Hospital Build & Infrastructure Exhibition and Congress

The China Hospital Build & Infrastructure Exhibition and Congress (China HBI), co-organized by the National Institute of Hospital Administration of the Ministry of Health and Informa Exhibitions, is the largest event of this kind in Asia. In the past 15 years, the China HBI has successfully built a solid platform for knowledge and experience exchange in hospital planning, design, construction and management. In 2014, the exhibition accommodated over 200 vendors with a 12,000 square meter exhibiting area and approximately 15,000 visitors. The congress attracted over 1,500 attendees and 220 invited speakers from all over the world. Among the attendees, 90% of them were hospital administrators and construction project managers. The congress brings project opportunities to healthcare consultants, designers and researchers.

#### Dalian, China

Dalian is a city in northeastern China. It was named China's most livable city by China Daily and awarded the United Nations Environment Award for its outstanding work in environmental protection. Dalian is one of the most favorite Chinese cities for tourists with many cultural, historical and natural attractions. It has been known as an important seaport since mid-19th century and lately as a financial, shipping and logistics center in Northeast Asia. The city has a 6.7 million population and is just 80-minute away from Beijing by flight. The conference will be held at Dalian World Expo Center in the Xinghai Bay Financial Business District.



Dalian World Expo Center

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