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The WHO Collaborating Centre for Public Health Education and Training Imperial College London was designated for such a function by the WHO Global Committee with the support of the British Government. The WHO Collaborating Centre is part of the Department Primary Care & Public Health, School of Public Health, Faculty of Medicine, Imperial College London. It is currently involved in several major international projects supporting countries in their health systems development, advancing academic institutions, enhancing the role of primary health care, strengthening human resource capacity including public health and clinical training and educational activities, improving institutional and individual quality and performance, addressing the escalating problem worldwide of non-communicable diseases, promoting public health principles and preparing countries for man-made and/or natural disasters through emergency preparedness and planning. The Centre's work focuses on health as complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease. Our remit extends to many countries around the world and includes all six WHO Regions. The Centre continues to expand and has been increasingly active in strengthening primary care and public health through conference papers, workshops and networking, publications. Research has continued into human resource development, service quality, patient safety and public engagement. Consultancy work has focused on health system, human resource, and capacity development, academic advancement and disseminating good practice.

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Activity 1:

Title: Strengthening regional and national institutional capacities in public health and health systems

Description: Strengthening health systems (WHO Report 2000) and developing Primary Care (WHO Report 2008) through sound financial methods (WHO Report 2010) are priorities for the WHO and Member States. This activity is to support such development.

- **16-28th of November 2012: Post-conflict assessment of Libya's 'shattered' Health System - Tripoli, Libya.**



- **2nd -4th of December 2012: Conference of New trends in Hospital administration - Amman, Jordan.**



- **January 2013: Implementing the right to health - A multi-country study of law, policy and practice**



- **3rd- 5th April 2013: 1st Arab world Conference on Public Health – Dubai, United Arab Emirates**



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- **22nd April – 17th May 2013: Advanced Academic Training Program – London, United Kingdom**

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- **17th -19th May 2013: Iraq’s Parliament visit (Health and Environment committee) – London, United Kingdom**

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27th – 29th May 2013: Iraq Healthcare Conference – Erbil, Iraq

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Activity 2:

Title: Evaluation of Public Health and Health Systems

Description: The CC is currently involved in evaluating health system functions including public health around the world (i.e. Malaysia, UAE, Iraq, Libya, Iran, oPt, Brazil). Additionally, the CC provides on-going training courses on health systems development including systematic evaluation.

- 26th -27th December 2012: New Public Health Laws – Dubai, United Arab Emirates



- October 2012-August 2013: Health Systems Development Course – London, United Kingdom



- 11th -18th January 2013: Public Health Development, Supreme Council of Health – Doha, Qatar



Activity 3:

Title: Supporting member states and institutions in developing and applying systems of standards and accreditation of healthcare services, education and training

Description: Most countries around the world lack appropriate systems of accreditation of health care education, training and services. Accordingly, health professionals, educational institutions and health care services are the focus of our training courses and consultations to countries utilizing WHO standards and tools.

- 6th – 8th of December 2012: Annual Continuous Professional Development Conference – Baghdad, Iraq



- **9th December 2012: Meeting with Dean for the faculty of Medicine, University of Baghdad – Baghdad, Iraq**



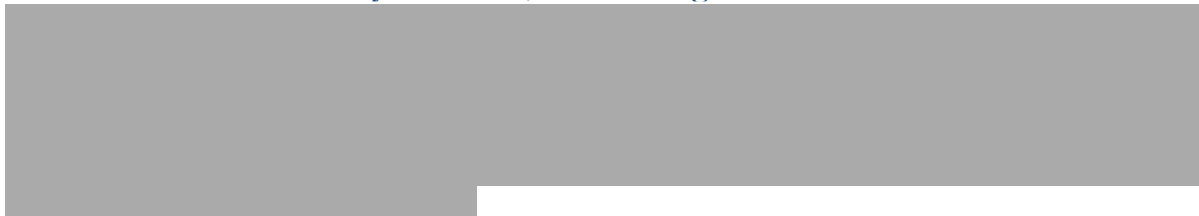
- **20th June-15th July 2012: Curriculum development and academic governance - Mukalla, Yemen**



- **20th -26th September 2012: National workshop on accreditation of medical schools of Iraq - Erbil, Iraq**



28th September 2012: Academic visit-Vice Dean for Academic Affairs, Faculty of Medicine Kuwait University – London, United Kingdom



- **21st-22nd March 2013: Academic visit- Rector of the King Saud University - London, United Kingdom**



- **16th – 18th February 2013: Education and training program, King Saud University – Riyadh, Saudi Arabia**



Activity 4:

Title: Service quality and patient safety

Description: Improving quality of services to ensure safety within health systems. Using the UK experience and expertise, the WHOCC will support countries in developing systems of continuous quality improvement. This will be achieved through training opportunities held at the CC and consultative transfer of evidence and expertise to and for countries.

- **November 2012: Setting standards and public health aspect for mass gatherings – London, United Kingdom**



- **26th – 27th April 2013: Sixth Geneva Conference on Person-centred Medicine – Geneva, Switzerland**



- **26th – 27th May 2013: Second international Conference on Emergency Medicine – Basra, Iraq**



- **20-23rd January 2013: Second GCC patient safety conference - Muscat, Oman**



Activity 5:

Title: Development of national human resources for health capacities

Description: In line with the WHO Report 2006, a majority of countries (including 57 countries in crisis) still lack national policies, strategies and plans for human resources development. Our WHOCC aims to support Member States in strengthening their national capacities, health workforce policy and plans, including public health leadership.

The CC also supports institutional capacity in evidence generation, orientation of education and training and operationalizing effective and efficient utilization and management systems. The CC programme includes training courses on human resource development (policy, planning, production and utilization); we also provide consultation which enables hands-on, practical support and technical assistance to Member States.

- 18th July-11th August 2012: Health workforce development - Occupied Palestinian Territories, Palestine



- 10th October-10th November 2012: Improving research in medical education, student assessment and programme evaluation – Mukalla, Yemen



- 10th – 31st December 2012: National Medical Education Conference technical support - Mukalla, Yemen



- 4th – 7th June 2013: First Gulf Forum for Medical Administration - Manama, Bahrain



- 22nd April-17th May 2013: Advanced Academic Training Program – London, United Kingdom

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- 13th – 14th March 2013: Thirty-eighth Arab Health Ministers Meeting – Cairo, Egypt

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- 20th-23rd of October 2012: Higher medical education & surgical specialization training – Erbil (Kurdistan region), Iraq

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- 19th-21st February 2013: First conference on new direction in health management - Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

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- 19th-February 2013 Future of Evidence Based Health Care and Knowledge Translation conference - Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

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- 6th-8th April 2013: Leadership program for high performing healthcare organization - Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

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- 9th April 2013: Leadership program for high performing healthcare organization – Medinah, Saudi Arabia

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Activity 6:

Title: Developing and strengthening primary care (family practice)

Description: Public health and primary care are the backbone of strong health system. Our WHOCC supports Member States to strengthen primary care as a first point of contact within the health system as well as the main deliverer of most of public health activities (health promotion, health protection, disease prevention).

Currently the WHOCC is involved with such activities for several countries in Middle East, North Africa, Asia and South Pacific.

- **2012-2013(on-going): Health Checks – London, United Kingdom**



- **7th-8th September 2012: Maternal and Child Health: the foundation of population health Conference - Hong Kong, China**



Activity 7:

Title: Academic exchange/collaboration with institutions in public health and primary care practice, research and innovation

Description: Public health and primary care research is an important element in providing evidence for education, training and practice. The WHOCC aims to enhance academic exchange in an effort to broaden and strengthen public health skills, knowledge and leadership.

- **27th-28th may 2013: Iraq Healthcare Conference – Erbil, Iraq**



- **23rd -24thth October 2012: 3rd International Conference for medical and surgical higher education– Erbil, Iraq**



- **21st-22nd March 2013: Academic visit- Rector of the King Saud University - London, United Kingdom**



- 10th June - 1 July 2013: Academic exchange with the University of Antioquia, Columbia. London, United Kingdom

- 18th June – 1st July 2012: Teaching Global Health module on Masters of Public Health Programme, University of Mauritius. Mauritius

- 19th June – 21st June 2013: Health Systems and Development course. Geneva, Switzerland.

- 14 September 2012: ‘Public Health in the Arab World’ book launch. London, United Kingdom

- 10th -14th December 2013: Senior Chinese nursing delegation visit from People’s Hospital Peking University. London, United Kingdom

- **25th January 2013: China Britain Healthcare Consulting collaboration. London, United Kingdom.**



- **5-7th June 2013: Carinthia University students visit. London, United Kingdom.**



- **3rd-13th July 2012: Clarissa Willets-summer internship at the WHO CC. London, United Kingdom**



- **15-19th December 2012: Hadhramout University Medical Education Conference. Mukalla, Yemen**



- **6-9th January 2013: 74th GCC Ministers of Health Meeting. Manama, Bahrain.**



Section 2:

During this year we have developed significant collaborations between the centre and Chinese University of Hong Kong, the University of King Saud in Riyadh Saudi Arabia, University of Kuwait-Medical School, University Hospital of North Norway, University of Antioquia-Columbia, University of Baghdad and both its Medical Schools (Baghdad Medical School and Al-Kindy Medical School), Erbil University, University of Basra, as well as Hadhramout University.

The Centre was active in signing a memorandum of collaboration with Ministries of health and Higher education in different countries around the world. Currently the most active MoU is that with the Ministry of Higher Education and research-Iraq and the ministry of Higher Education-Saudi Arabia as well as Ministry of Higher Education- Columbia. The latter is with the support of the British Council.

Section 3:

We have developed collaboration with NCD centres around the world through the office of Assistant Director General of NCD and Mental Health. In addition, we have some collaboration with the WHO Collaborating Centre for Mass Gathering Medicine (KSA) together with the UK Health Protection Agency (now Public Health England). We are also actively engaged with the development of the WHO Collaborating Centre at Gent University, Belgium

Section 4:

Our Centre received tremendous support from WHO Geneva and WHO EMRO, and in particular from NCD and Mental Health Directorates and Health System Strengthening Directorate. We are particularly in debt to Dr Najeeb Shorbaji (Knowledge Management and Sharing Department) for his dedication and commitment for the organization of Imperial college London's study tour, which was led by the WHO Centre.

We would also like to highlight a major publication by WHO Geneva on treating tobacco dependence, which has recently been released. The first draft of the four-part training package "Strengthening health systems for treating tobacco dependence in primary care" was produced by Dr Lisa McNally, Ms Elizabeth Dubois and Professor Salman Rawaf from the Department of Primary Care and Public Health with further inputs to the final draft following piloting in 12 countries of the 6 regions of the WHO.