Strategic Planning
CGHSR will be hosting a strategic planning retreat on Oct 2, 2014 for all Leadership Council members and other U of M partners with the overall goal of identifying what success looks like and key initiatives. Preparation activities completed include: engagement of Prouty Project for retreat preparation, facilitation, and reporting; staff interviews of all Leadership Council members; and the compilation of an environmental scan of Centers/Institutes of Global Health around the country, guiding frameworks, and internal U of M global health activity.

Myanmar Initiative
A concept paper for a USAID unsolicited application was created with partners from across the U of M, Chiang Mai University (Thailand), and Health Partners for submission to USAID in August 2014. “One Health Collaborative: Capacity Building and Health Sciences Innovation with Myanmar” proposes an interdisciplinary, One Health approach to enhance health sciences education at the university level and health services delivery at the local level.

Strengthening FAO-Academia Partnerships, Expert Consultation, June 5-6, 2014
Debra Olson joined a team of academic experts from across the globe at the Rome headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) to collaboratively review the FAO Strategic Objectives and determine the role of university activities in their implementation. According to the resulting summary for action, the U of M and FAO will: finalize the MOU renewal; create opportunities for faculty exchange and knowledge sharing; and create triangular student internship opportunities which include U of M students working with FAO country specific university students on common programs and initiatives.

Frontiers Research Partnership
The Frontiers Research Partnership is a post-doctoral opportunity to explore and strengthen health science research collaborations between the U of M and the Karolinska Institute (KI). The fellowship was awarded to Dr. Praveensingh B. Hajeri for the continuation of his project “Functional characterization of a novel human specific non-coding RNA (SUZP) that regulates PRC2 in cancer and human embryonic stem cells,” together with a partner lab at KI. A scholar from KI will also be coming to U of M in the fall 2014 as part of the partnership.

Global Health Student Advisory Board (GHSAB)
Recruitment was initiated for a new student advisory board which will define the global health related priorities of students across the AHC and advise the CGHSR. Applications are due Sept 15, 2014. Details at http://globalhealthcenter.umn.edu/about/global-health-student-advisory-board

Global Health Regents Certificate, School of Public Health
The SPH Education Policy Committee has approved the Certificate and expects to present to the Board of Regents in September. CGHSR is collaborating on development of interdisciplinary introductory and capstone courses.

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**Student Registration Task Force**
This group was convened to explore the creation of a common student activity registration system across the AHC for all students traveling internationally, as well as to increase safety and compliance with U of M/GPSA travel policy. It held its first meeting on July 15th and viewed existing online contracts for SPH and IMER and discussed program/unit procedures for international travel.

**FAO Internships**
CGHSR awarded four international internships, two in Rwanda and two in Peru, to AHC students. Students will be in country for 12 to 26 weeks between June 2014 and Feb 2015.

**International Conference on One Medicine One Science (iCOMOS) Conference Scholarships**
With scholarships from the CGHSR and conference organizers, six U of M students from four AHC Schools attended this global forum of current, groundbreaking science that addresses pressing issues at the interface of animals, humans and the environment.

**Evidence Based Practice Symposium and Workshop, Bangalore, India**
This workshop was conducted by U of M School of Nursing and St. John’s College of Nursing at the St. John’s National Academy of Health Sciences in Bangalore on July 2 to 5, 2014. Joint research and education collaborations are being pursued between the two schools, including U of M participation in “The Expert Committee on Nurse Specialty courses” with the Nursing Council of India.

**International/National Conference Presentations**
- Debra Olson, *Competency to collaboration: An interactive process for cross-sectoral development*, Consortium of Universities for Global Health (CUGH) Annual Conference, Washington DC, May 2014. As a result, Dr. Olson has been invited to work with the CUGH global competency task force to include a one health perspective.


**Communications**
A new website was launched at globalhealthcenter.umn.edu, built by AHC Communications and utilizing the new AHC Nokomis web theme. New additions include a blog, a travel resources page, and simplified updating processes.

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