From October 15–17, the 9th World Health Summit will draw international experts from academia, politics, the private sector, and civil society to Berlin.

At the World Health Summit (WHS), more than 1,600 stakeholders and decision-makers from over 80 countries and every field in the healthcare spectrum will work together to find solutions to global health challenges.

The world’s foremost strategic forum for global health, it promotes thought leadership in science and advances global health agendas. The World Health Summit was founded in 2009 on the occasion of the 300th anniversary of Berlin’s Charité Hospital.

**FACTS**

**Patronage**
- Angela Merkel
  Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany
- François Hollande*
  President of France
- Jean-Claude Juncker*
  President of the European Commission

**Presidents 2017**
- Hélène Boisjoly
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- Detlev Ganten
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**Participants**
- More than 1,600 decision makers from over 80 countries on site
- More than 3,000 people worldwide via online live-stream

**Results**
- The M8 Alliance Declaration
- Session Reports
- Statements and recommendations made at the WHS are passed on to National Academies, Governments, and International Organizations

**Regional Meetings**
- WHS Regional Meeting North America
  Montreal, May 2017
- WHS Geneva Meeting
  Geneva, April 2016
- WHS Regional Meeting Asia
  Kyoto, April 2015
- WHS Regional Meeting Latin America
  São Paulo, April 2014
- WHS Regional Meeting Asia
  Singapore, April 2013

* Continuation for 2017 requested
Health Policy in the G7/G20: The Future of Global Health Governance
Healthcare has developed into a key policy issue that is discussed at both national and international levels. In 2017, the G20 will for the first time include a meeting of national Health Ministers in a forum set to cover topics like health security and Antimicrobial Resistance. The health governance issues inherent in the Sustainable Development Goals have underlined how increasing financial and political commitments are central to solving global health challenges.

Global Health Security: Policy Responses to Planetary Challenges
If we want to create a world that is more secure from infectious diseases and other threats to health, the global community must enhance its collective capacity for resilience, and respond more quickly to crises. To reach those goals, we must first create and nurture policy synergies between nation-states and international organizations, and then move towards improving communication activities with both public and private stakeholders.

Healthy and Resilient Cities: Rethinking Urban Transformation
Urban populations face many health risks, among them pollution, noise, overcrowding, traffic, insufficient access to drinking water and sanitary facilities, crime, and infectious disease. A major challenge is integrating health into urban planning, investment and policy decisions – and making it a transformative driver of sustainable development at the city level.

Vaccination and Eradicating Disease: The Role of Research & Development
When it comes to fighting infectious diseases, vaccines offer top economic and social value, and they also represent the best means for controlling, eliminating and eradicating dangerous communicable pathogens. Intensified global efforts to step up vaccine research and development are therefore a must, especially for neglected tropical diseases. A central challenge is that in some developed countries, where popular perceptions no longer view infection or epidemics as a serious risk, mindsets will need to change.

New Frontiers in Health Sciences: Remodeling Healthcare
The current borders of the health sciences are being constantly redefined, and the latest data is changing views and implementation of science, technology, engineering, and a huge range of other related fields. With that in mind, the innovative methods for developing knowledge, interventions and technology that are restructuring healthcare have to focus on a central tenet – improving the health and treatment of patients.

Big Data for Health Governance: Benefits, Frameworks & Ethics
Data is now a cornerstone of the healthcare industry. It documents everything from blood pressure readings and surgical records to insurance claims, immunization histories, patient demographics and receipts of payment. But even though Big Data can bridge the gap between healthcare delivery and population health and improve many health outcomes through enhanced methods of research, the detailed collection of personal information poses ethical, regulatory and technical challenges.
We, the members of the M8 Alliance, call on heads of state and government to invest in people and to ensure that no one is left behind. Following the discussion at this year’s World Health Summit, action in five key central areas of global health is mandatory:

1. Empowerment of Women and Girls
2. Right to Health of Refugees and Migrants
3. Resilience and Global Health Security
4. Antimicrobial Resistance
5. Investment in Research, Development and Health Innovation.

Immense strides were made at the UN General Assembly, the World Health Assembly of the WHO, as well as at G7 and G20 meetings to strengthen commitments to the Sustainable Development Goals and to global health action. The right of all people to Universal Health Coverage has been forcefully endorsed. But at the same time the plight of millions of people on the move, the predicament of refugees and the unacceptable destruction of health facilities, clearly showed the limits of humanitarian and global health action in the face of lack of political will to ensure human rights, peace and security.

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The M8 Alliance calls for supporting policies which increase women’s control of their life choices and ensure their bodily integrity. This includes the right of women to modern family planning and safe abortion.

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The M8 Alliance calls for an endorsement of the political declaration on antimicrobial resistance and the WHO action plan on AMR. In particular we support a significant research and development effort on new antimicrobial medicines, vaccines and diagnostics, including innovation models.

5. Investment in Research, Development and Health Innovation
The M8 Alliance calls for cross-sectoral contribution to developing strategies in translational research, securing the translation of results from clinical studies into everyday clinical practice and health decision making, while ensuring that new treatments and research knowledge actually reach the patients or populations for whom they are intended.
In 2016:

- About 400 reports (print, online, TV, radio) on the WHS
- About 200 accredited media representatives
- More than 200,000 online visitors from 192 countries
- More than 3,000 participants via livestream from October 9–11
- Facebook: More than 15,000 people reached during the Summit

- Twitter: Trending topic on two consecutive days and more than 18 million impressions
- Press releases issued to more than 1,800 German and 1,000 international media contacts
- Regular newsletters to more than 19,000 subscribers worldwide

Further information: www.worldhealthsummit.org/press-media
Right next to the Brandenburg Gate, the WHS Night is the central networking event of the World Health Summit and hosts the award ceremony of the WHS Startup Track.
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- Hasso Plattner
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- InterAcademy Partnership
- Leibniz Association
- MB Alliance
- National Institutes of Health

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- Helle Thorning-Schmidt
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**Organizations**
- Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance
- International Committee of the Red Cross
- The Club of Rome
- The Global Fund
- Transparency International
- WWF
The World Health Summit supports young experts and innovative ideas:

**WHS STARTUP TRACK**

The WHS Startup Track, held in 2016 under the high patronage of German Federal Minister of Health Hermann Gröhe, highlights innovative ideas and business concepts that have the potential to revolutionize healthcare and improve global health. Shortlisted startups will be invited to the WHS, where they meet leading figures in the healthcare sector and pitch their ideas to a WHS audience and a jury.

**NEW VOICES IN GLOBAL HEALTH**

The New Voices in Global Health initiative promotes the active participation of young scientists in the World Health Summit. Selected participants will present their work at the WHS in October in Berlin or in April during the WHS Regional Meeting. Abstracts will be published digitally.

**IAP YOUNG PHYSICIAN LEADERS**

The IAP for Health program Young Physician Leaders was launched in 2011 in partnership with the World Health Summit and the M8 Alliance. In this program, top young professionals under the age of 40, nominated by their national academies, are being trained in special leadership training programs around the World Health Summit.

**NEXT GENERATION OF SCIENCE JOURNALISTS AWARD**

The Next Generation of Science Journalists Award supports emerging young medical science journalists and their contribution towards public understanding of science. It is held in cooperation with Deutsches Ärzteblatt, the European Union of Science Journalists’ Associations (EUSJA), and the Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting.
The M8 Alliance of Academic Health Centers, Universities and National Academies is a collaborative network of academic institutions known for its educational and research excellence. The network was founded in 2009 at the inaugural World Health Summit, and has provided an outstanding academic foundation to every WHS event since.

The M8 Alliance currently has 24 members based in 17 different countries, all of which are committed to improving global health and working with political and economic decision-makers to develop science-based solutions to health challenges worldwide.

The M8 Alliance promotes the bench to bedside to population health translation of research, as well as the transformation of current medical care approaches to treating the ill by creating healthcare systems aimed at the effective prevention of disease.

The organization also works to adapt health-related solutions to rapidly changing living conditions through research in priority areas, especially shifting demographics, urbanization, and climate change.
Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Germany
Europe’s largest university clinic – and its oldest and most prominent hospital – is located in the German capital. Eleven Nobel Prize laureates have worked at the Charité.

Coimbra Health, Portugal
Over 700 years old, the University of Coimbra is a keystone of European and global scientific culture, as well as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Together with the Coimbra Hospital and University Center, it forms Coimbra Health.

Imperial College London, UK
The Imperial College of Science and Technology was created as a constituent college of the University of London. Fully independent since 2007, the Imperial College London attracts students from more than 100 countries.

Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, USA
A fully accredited private institution, the JHSPH was the first public health facility in the world, and it remains the largest school in the field.

Kyoto University Graduate School of Medicine, Japan
The first institution of its kind in Japan, the Kyoto Imperial University College of Medicine was founded in 1899. Its successor, the Kyoto University School of Public Health, was established in 2000.

London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, UK
Founded in 1899, the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine is one of the leading research-focused graduate schools in the world.

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Makerere University, Uganda
One of the oldest and most prestigious centers of learning in Africa, Makerere University is home to a staff of over 4,000 and more than 40,000 students.

Monash University, Australia
As Australia’s largest university – with approximately 60,000 students from over 170 countries – Monash has seven campuses: five in Victoria, one in Malaysia and another in South Africa.

National Taiwan University, Taiwan
Known for its diverse and international curriculum, National Taiwan University is made up of 11 colleges, 54 departments and 105 graduate institutes. It has a student body of around 30,000.

National University of Singapore
Founded in 1905, the National University of Singapore today consists of 16 different faculties and schools. Around 37,000 students can be found on its three campuses in Singapore and seven overseas locations.

Sapienza University of Rome, Italy
Established in 1303 by Pope Boniface VIII, Sapienza is one of the oldest universities in the world. With about 115,000 students, it’s one of the largest in Europe as well.

Tehran University of Medical Sciences, Iran
The university is the oldest, largest and most highly ranked comprehensive higher education institute in the field of medicine and public health in Iran, offering a wide range of courses and receiving applications from students from around the globe.
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<td>Founded in 1559 as a theological and humanist seminary, the University of Geneva is renowned for emphasizing the unity of teaching and research. It’s the only tertiary-level educational institution of its kind in the region.</td>
<td>The University Sorbonne Paris Cité is a recently established consortium of prestigious institutions that brings together higher education and research institutions in the city of Paris.</td>
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<td>The Geneva University Hospitals are heirs to a centuries-long tradition of excellence in medicine and science. The HUG represents a merger all public hospitals in Geneva.</td>
<td>The IAP for Health combines the expertise and impact of the global network of science academies to advance sound policies, promote excellence in science education and improve public and global health.</td>
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<td>A semi-private postgraduate institution, the Graduate Institute Geneva was the first university in the world to be dedicated solely to the study of international affairs.</td>
<td>A global network of academic health institutions, the WFAIGH was set up to help provide evidence to inform policies on global health issues.</td>
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<td>A public research university that started with less than 100 students in 1878, the University of Montreal has more than 60,000 today. Comprised of 13 faculties and more than 60 departments, it has the highest sponsored research income in Quebec.</td>
<td>The AAHCI is a global non-profit organization that aligns efforts among health professionals in education, research and patient care.</td>
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<td>The IRCM was the first independent academic research center in Quebec to bring basic and clinical researchers together under a single roof.</td>
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<td>Founded in 1934, the University of São Paulo arose from a combination of institutions, including a medical school. Today the largest university in Brazil is seen as the country’s most prestigious educational institution.</td>
<td>Set up in 1944, the USSR Academy of Medical Sciences was considered the most prestigious scientific and medical organization in the Soviet Union. Its successor – the Russian Academy of Medical Sciences – was founded in 1992.</td>
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“Thank you very much to the World Health Summit for realizing the importance of the issue of migrant health.”
Ambassador William Lacy Swing
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“Thank you for having me take part in this really wonderful Summit.”
Elizabeth Blackburn, Nobel Prize laureate, President of the Salk Institute for Biological Studies, USA

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