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Emerging Voices for Global Health,

To whom it may concern,

As one of the facilitators of the HSR2012 and a member of EV2018, I apply to be part of the EV governance board. The EV4GH is an innovative multi-partner blended training program, that facilitate, support and transform young researchers, decision-makers and professionals into global health advocates and local change-agents, and engage in inter-Symposia activities with focus on strengthening the EV4GH network. My experience on participating the EV4GH program and passion about engaging in global health governance motivates me to pursue the application. The following is my concrete proposal for strengthening the EV network.

For activities of the next venture, I suggest to consider the global health diplomacy (GHD) training for the EV members based on the upcoming theme of the HSR2022. The intensification of cross-border health threats has heavily impacted on world economy, global security, environment, human rights, social justice, and the humanitarian efforts. As health assumes an increasingly important place in international affairs and global governance, a number of countries have actively sought to develop capacity to articulate and pursue their interests in these fora. This has given rise to the development of a concept of global health diplomacy, the approaches used by countries or other actors to pursue their ends in health governance at international and global scales.

GHD is a field in the making, with a need for both conceptual development and practical training programs to train qualified personnel. GHD needs a large number of professional cadres to play vital roles in negotiating and reaching consensus on global rules, regulations, and actions at the national, regional and global level, and in promoting international cooperation. These professionals require a competency with specific set of skills and abilities that may not have been systematically cultivated among either foreign service or global health professionals.

In China, Peking University, one of the earliest academic institution to conduct global health research and training, has been running the GHD training programs since 2009, collaborating with the Graduate Institute of Geneva. This year, Peking University, collaborated with the WHO China Office, conducted a landscaping and formative research to help support the development of a GHD Training Program. The program will adapt to the new context in a changing world and examine how the program should target stakeholders in varieties of countries, especially the countries in Southeast Asia and African, to improve their capacity of health diplomacy. As a major investigator of the research program, I can contribute the knowledge and resources to the development of the EV4GH training program.

For activities of the alumni network, I propose to increase the post-symposia activities with focus on strengthening the EV4GH network. Peking University is the initiator and sponsor of the sub-forum on Healthy Youth of the Global Health Forum of Boao Forum for Asia. The sub-forum on Healthy Youth not only provides an opportunity to train young leadership on global health diplomacy, but also provides a platform to establish networking and partnership, and engage in consensus development and implementation. As one of the organizers of the sub-forum on Healthy Youth, I sincerely invite the EVs participate the sub-forum as resident guests for further re-affirming the EV4GH promise of continuing to incubate critical early career leadership within global health diplomacy.

Sincerely,

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