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Announcement of CMB Grant

For supporting Chinese researchers to participate in
the 3rd Global Symposium on Health Systems Research

Dear Colleagues,

The 3rd Global Symposium on Health Systems Research is to be held in Cape Town, South Africa during 30 September – 3 October 2014. The detailed objectives, themes, key dates, programmes and registration fees can be found at <http://hsr2014.Healthsystemsresearch.org>.

Having received a new grant from the China Medical Board (CMB), West China Research Center for Rural Health Development (WCRC•RHD) Sichuan University acts as the China coordinator to select, organize, and fund the Chinese scholars, young and more mature, to join the Symposium.

The supporting award for individual participants will be on the basis the accepted abstracts by the Symposium Scientific Committee. This grant will cover or partly cover the *registration fee, flights from China to Cape Town* (economic class), *accommodation* (moderate hotels provided by the Symposium) and *daily allowance* during the conference period in Cape Town, based on availability of the fund.

This letter is to inform the availability of the supporting award and to remind of submission of individual abstract to the Symposium before 3rd March 2014.

The submitting abstracts of individual presentation will be on the following specific health systems research field-building dimensions and research topics:

- *Cutting-edge research around the dimension of people-centred health systems and how to strengthen them to promote greater responsiveness, better health, human rights and social justice*
- *Innovative research approaches and measures for generating systematic and rigorous knowledge of, and engaging people in action towards, people-centred health system*
- *Novel strategies for developing the capacities needed to conduct people-centred health policy and systems research, covering formal teaching programmes and broader capacity-development initiatives*
- *Original experience of learning communities and knowledge translation platforms engaged in strengthening health systems*



Within the Cutting-edge dimension, the submitting abstracts should be able to fit in one of the following categories according to the research topic to which it is primarily related:

A. Governance, accountability and participation

for example:

- Approaches to democratizing decision-making and supporting social accountability
- Reforming information systems to support participatory decision-making processes
- Re-visioning the role of the district in plural, people-centred health systems

B. Community-based health systems

for example:

- The effectiveness of alternative approaches to strengthen community-based services, including community health worker programmes
- Experiences of local inter-sectoral action for health

C. Health equity and rights

for example:

- The role of rights, justice and equity in health-system organization and performance
- Assessing health system responsiveness to people's needs and rights
- The political economy of health systems

D. Strengthening quality of care

for example:

- Evaluating quality-improvement processes and strategies
- Improving access to essential medicines and technologies
- Addressing patient safety through patient-provider partnerships

E. Recognizing providers as people

for example:

- The factors driving migration globally and locally
- Evaluation of strategies for improving health-worker motivation and retention
- Understanding dual practice, informal charges and health-worker coping strategies
- Improving human resource management processes

F. Complexity science and people-centred systems

for example:

- Addressing the significance of culture, values, power and relationships over health-system performance
- Influences over decision-making in agenda setting, policy formulation and policy implementation
- Distributed leadership in complex adaptive health systems and strategies to facilitate its emergence

G. Financing for people-centred and equitable health systems

for example:



- Reflecting population preferences in resource allocation and budgeting processes
- Purchasing to meet population needs
- Assessing alternative strategies of purchasing to incentivize health workers and managers in the provision of effective, quality services
- Promoting progressive revenue-collection methods

Requirement of a submitting abstract by the Symposium Scientific Committee

- ✓ **Title:** maximum 25 words;
- ✓ If applicable, **a list of co-authors;**
- ✓ **Word count:** up to 300 words or less;
- ✓ **Structured format** with subsection: *background*, *methods*, *results* and *discussion/conclusions*, including significance for the selected field-building dimension.
- ✓ **Language:** English

Things to do after submission to the Symposium

1. The Symposium Scientific Committee will assess your abstract and select high quality ones based on: (i) technical merit; (ii) relevance to the Symposium theme; and (iii) significance to the specific field-building dimension. You will receive a notification from the Symposium, which tells you whether your abstract has been chosen for presentation by either oral or poster **on 30 April 2014**.
2. You can then seek for finance support either from the Symposium or from us at WCRC•RHD. We strongly encourage the participants to pursue funding from the Symposium which will cover the costs of travel, food and accommodation, as well as registration fees. **However, please notice that if you obtain funding from the Symposium, please do not double apply for the CMB supporting award.**
3. To apply for the CMB supporting award from us, you will need to contact us by email **before 5th May 2014** with following information:
 - your abstract submitted to the Symposium
 - the notification of the acceptance of your abstract by the Symposium
 - your brief CV up to two A4 pages (font size 12) with contact details
 - the total amount of support you require, with a break down by supporting items. The grant will only cover travel fares of economic class and rates of moderate hotels provided by the Symposium.

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As the supporting scheme is limited to 17 eligible schools, a list of contact names of whose schools is attached to the end of this letter.

4. An expert panel will assess your application. Not every application can be granted. The selection of the supporting award will be on the basis of relative quality and relevance of the study, with more weighting toward to young researchers than senior ones, and to those from less developed provinces than from developed regions. The results of the award will be notified **on 25th May 2014**. This will leave you 5 days for early registration to the Symposium at a discounted rate, be aware that the early registration closes on **30th May 2014**.
5. For the award winners, we shall provide with feedback or advice on possible improvement of the presentation when it becomes necessary during June-July 2014.

We strongly recommend you to take a close look at the Symposium details in their website at <http://hsr2014.Healthsystemsresearch.org> before and during your preparation for the abstract.

We wish you good luck for the abstract submission and look forward to receiving your application for support!

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