University of Minnesota faculty & staff at the First International Congress Against Sexual Violence in Bolivia.

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RESIDENTS ABROAD

Report on the work of FUBE & The First International Congress Against Sexual Violence:
Best Practices for the Care of Victims of Sexual Violence, Cochabamba, Bolivia.
June 4-7, 2018
by Kate Shafts, MD and Nancy Harper, MD

The organization called FUBE (Fundacion Una Brisa de Esperanza/ Breeze of Hope Foundation) is an NGO in Cochabamba, Bolivia with a center called CUBE (Centro Una Brisa de Esperanza/ Breeze of Hope Center) which provides support to children who are victims of sexual violence. Their multi-disciplinary and innovate approach around support, advocacy and legal services for children has gained national and international attention. In 2018, the founder, Brisa de Angulo was named a CNN Hero, and is a winner of the Outlook Inspirations Award by the BBC. The University of Minnesota’s Global Pediatrics Department has had a long-standing relationship with FUBE and a partner NGO called MAP (Medical Assistance Programs) with which Brisa’s parents, Jose Miguel de Angulo and Luz Estella Losado, have worked as a family physician and nurse for many years. Residents from the Global Pediatrics program have rotated with MAP/FUBE joining community health initiatives, gaining experience with CUBE, and visiting other partner sites outside of Cochabamba over the last 12 years.

As part of FUBE’s ongoing work to change the culture in Bolivia around sexual violence and abuse of children, the team at CUBE and MAP partnered with the UMN Otto Bremer Trust Center for Safe and Healthy Children in development of a curriculum for the First International Congress Against Sexual Violence: Best Practices for the Care of Victims of Sexual Violence, held in Cochabamba from June 4-7, 2018. This First International Congress exceeded everyone’s expectations in many ways. Nearly 500 people were registered as participants, including judges, lawyers, forensic specialists, psychologists, educators, child advocates, social workers and representatives from NGOs in North and South/Central America working in child advocacy.

- Collaboration with the Director of the National Institute of Forensic Investigations around the attendance of 32 forensic physicians from around the country, representing 12 different regions
- The President of the Court of Justice in Bolivia granted permission to 85 judges to attend the conference
- Cochabamba’s Departmental Lawyer granted permission for the 5 regional lawyers to attend all four days of the conference
- Development and writing of a pronouncement, at a national level by institutions who attended the conference, of the best approach of the Forensic Interview.

If you would like to read more:

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Tropical & Travel Medicine Seminar
Date & Time: October 17
Location: St Paul Campus, Ben Pomeroy Student Alumni Building, Room 215
Topic: Safety & Security with International Work

First (Third) Monday with Dr. Victor Musliime
Date & Time: October 22 6:00-8:00PM
Location: Cindy’s House
Topic: Discussion on Pediatric Medicine in Uganda, Training, Clinical Care, & Research

UMMCH Global Health Grand Rounds
Date & Time: October 24 7:30AM
Location: Wilf Family Center Auditorium
Topic: Pediatric HIV Infection: Strategies to Improve Treatment Outcomes
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NOTE FROM CINDY HOWARD

Hi Everyone,

If you are a first or second pediatric resident or third year medicine-pediatric resident, it's that time of year to start making plans to do your global health elective. The first step is to list your goals for this rotation. We will help you match your goals with the global faculty/place best suited to meet them.

We have seven partners around the world – in Haiti, Bolivia, Uganda, Tanzania, Laos, Cambodia and Cameroon. We have five local global electives including the Indian Health Service in Rosebud, South Dakota; Immigrant Health Elective in the Twin Cities, flexible to piece together your own study plan with local faculty; Refugee Health with the Minnesota Department of Health; International Adoption Clinic with us; and Advocacy with the AAP Department of Federal Affairs, Washington, D.C.

You may choose to go to any of these with the exception of Cameroon, due to internal armed conflict. You may also go to another place if your goals cannot be met with one of our partners.

Once you have set your goals or at any time — please reach out to Emily Danich at: edanich@umn.edu. She will help you make an appointment with one of the global health faculty to discuss your goals and assist with planning. Ideally, all who are planning a global health elective at home or abroad during the next academic year will meet with a global peds faculty member before January.

Let me know if you have any questions!
Cindy

Publications:

- Where a Sore throat Becomes a Death Sentence
- A Boy Named Chance in a Land Without Heart Surgeons

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