US-Cuba Health & Science Cooperation: MEDICC Review Special Issue Now Online

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OAKLAND, Calif. (PRWEB) May 08, 2018 -- Describing US-Cuba cooperation in health and science “more important than ever”, MEDICC Review editors launched the 64-page issue at CUBASALUD2018 in Havana, a public health convention that drew nearly 3,000 participants from 90 countries. Conference attendees included WHO Director Dr. Tedros and PAHO Director Dr. Carissa Etienne, as well as health ministers from the Americas and the world.

The issue’s Guest Editors, Drs. Jon Kim Andrus and Pastor Castell-Florit, joined Editor-in-Chief C. William Keck and Executive Editor Gail Reed, to present the online edition, found at www.medicc.org/mediccreview. Scientists and health professionals from the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), Cuban Academy of Sciences, NIH’s National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), Cuba’s National School of Public Health, Roswell Park Cancer Institute, Pedro Kouri Tropical Medicine Institute, University of Florida (Gainesville), University of California (Berkeley), Cuba’s Neuroscience Center and Harvard University participated in the issue, which also included a roundtable with US graduates of Havana’s Latin American School of Medicine.

Dr. Andrus, former PAHO Deputy Director and now affiliated with the University of Colorado and George Washington University, noted his expertise in infectious diseases convinces him that the US and Cuba are natural partners, which need to work together on prevention, epidemic surveillance and treatment strategies, as well as new vaccines. The results, he said, can also bring better health to the region and globally.

Dr. Castell-Florit, Director of Cuba’s National School of Public Health and recipient of the 2016 PAHO Health Administration in the Americas award, said that MEDICC Review has played a key role in bringing Cuban medical sciences and population health research to English-speaking readers throughout the world during the last decade. He said he has high hopes that this issue, with many articles jointly authored by US and Cuban scientists, will open new space for science in the public interest, beneficial to people in both countries.

The journal sponsored two panels at CUBASALUD2018, featuring the special issue’s authors, roundtable participants and interviewees, and Executive Editor Reed announced that plans are shaping up for a June launch of the print edition of the journal in Washington, DC.

The quarterly English-language MEDICC Review is a peer-reviewed, open-access journal featuring medical and population health research, public health policy & practice, as well as commentary by Cuban health and related professionals, and articles by those from other countries related to health equity. The journal is published by MEDICC, a US non-profit organization founded in 1997 that promotes cooperation among the US, Cuban and global health communities to improve health outcomes and equity, offering the Cuban experience to inform global debate, policies and practice. Indexed by: PubMed, Thomson-Reuters, Elsevier, CABI Global Health, SciELO, Redalyc, and Latindex.
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