Dear colleagues,

This month, we would like to kindly ask you to give us your inputs on any or all of the following 3 surveys, which will remain open until 15th of November 2017.

Invite you to join the celebration of the Clinical Engineering Day. 21 October and provide information for you to follow up the WHO Global Conference on Non Communicable Diseases. See details below.

1. 2017 Global Survey on Professional and Academic Profiles on Biomedical Engineers and Technicians

Link to the survey: https://extranet.who.int/dataform/155764?lang=en

WHO Websites:

- Human resources for medical devices, the role of Biomedical Engineers
- Global Health Observatory: Biomedical engineers density
- Biomedical engineering global resources

After the successful release of the book “Human resources for medical devices, the role of Biomedical Engineers”, supported by WHO, IFMBE and many colleagues around the world, we now need to review and update the numbers of biomedical engineers and technicians in every country as of 2017. Your input is thus much welcome and needed.

If you have information about the total number of biomedical engineers and technicians in your country, please choose the option “Country” on the first page of this survey. If you only have data specific to your professional society or your university, please choose the corresponding option on the first page of the survey.

2. Survey on Donations of Medical Equipment

Links to the survey: English, Français, Español, Português

Username: guest
Password: guest

WHO Website: Donation of medical equipment

This work was initiated by WHO intern D. Sneddon with the intention to document good and inappropriate practice in medical equipment donations, and in particular the issues caused by donation of bad equipment. We would like to continue this work and thus need evidence and numbers. If you have ever received donated devices, please share your experience by filling in the survey above as precisely as possible. The survey is available in four languages: English, French, Portuguese and Spanish. In order to fill in the survey, you need to log in with the information provided above (username: guest, password: guest)
4. **Survey on Technical Guidance for Hospitals at the XXIst Century**

Survey: [https://extranet.who.int/dataform/582369?lang=en](https://extranet.who.int/dataform/582369?lang=en)

WHO Website: Hospitals

In an interdepartmental work in WHO, we are collecting and organizing information and guidance available to plan and to manage hospitals and other health care facilities. If you have country expertise or academic documents that can help elevate this work in WHO, please submit it in the survey. We will use to populate the WHO new website on Hospitals in the XXI Century and in the country data. The deadline is 15 November, 2017.

5. **Join 21 October Clinical Engineering Day**

Website: Global CE Day is led by IFMBE Clinical Engineering Division: [http://cedglobal.org/](http://cedglobal.org/)

Twitter: #GlobalCEDay

This celebration will start in Beijing, China, and will rotate around the world so that participants can share their work, vision, achievements and needs. Clinical engineers work in healthcare settings; they support the selection, supply, placement where most needed and training of health care workers. Clinical engineers are indispensable for increased patient safety, quality of care, allocation of technological resources and best use of medical technologies, along with other members of the health workforce. Please join us in a global celebration.

6. **Follow the information on the WHO Global conference on NCDs 18-20 October**


Twitter: #BeatNCDs

WHO Global Conference on NCDs Enhancing policy coherence to prevent and control noncommunicable diseases (Montevideo, 18-20 October 2017) Has the goal “to highlight the critical links between reducing premature deaths from noncommunicable diseases (NCDs), promoting mental health and well-being and enhancing policy coherence across areas that impact the governance, prevention, management and surveillance of NCDs.”

You can browse on the WHO NCD page to find many important publications related to prevention and management of NCDs. Our collaboration was the [WHO list of priority medical devices for cancer management](http://www.who.int/toolkit/priority-lists/en/).

We thank you in advance for taking the time to fill in one or more of these surveys and for joining the Clinical Engineering Day and sharing information how to beat the NCDs. The data that we will collect will be valuable sources of information for future WHO publications and will be duly acknowledged.

Feel free to disseminate this newsletter to all your colleagues.
Best regards,

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