Researchers: Are you using mobile technology? Have you published a book?

If you are using mobile technology for your research, or are interested in doing so, you are invited to join a School-wide group forming to share ideas and identify potential sources of funding. Contact Sam Harp to learn more.

HSPH authors are encouraged to send book announcements to Amy Roeder for inclusion in upcoming online and print publications.

Turner, Frenk discuss global health challenges at Forum launch

The Forum at the Harvard School of Public Health was officially launched on Dec. 9 with a lively discussion on global health issues between CNN founder and philanthropist Ted Turner and HSPH Dean Julio Frenk. Abigail Trafford, former health editor at The Washington Post, moderated the session, which was streamed live on the web. Watch video

New research

For adult bone health, new guidelines too low on vitamin D--and too generous on calcium

HSPH Prof. Walter Willett suggests that the recent Institute of Medicine recommendations on calcium and vitamin D are not the best guidelines for most individuals. Read more

Willett also commented in a recent Boston Globe article on the upcoming release of new dietary guidelines from the federal government. Read more

Treating depression in HIV-positive patients improves treatment adherence and viral outcome, study shows

A team of researchers led by HSPH postdoctoral research fellow Alexander Tsai has found that using antidepressant medication to treat depression among HIV-positive individuals not only alleviates suffering from depression but improves adherence to HIV antiretroviral medication and virologic outcomes. Read more

Bloom contributes to United Nations document

HSPH Prof. Barry Bloom contributed a chapter on public-
private partnership models to the United Nations Special General Assembly on the Global Strategy for Women and Children.  
Read the paper

Around the School

HHI transitions leadership of clinic in Haiti
On November 24, the Harvard Humanitarian Initiative transferred management of its medical and public health program in Fond Parisien, Haiti, to local partner Love A Child. HHI began providing support to Haitians within 48 hours of the country's devastating earthquake on January 12. Read more about HHI's work in Haiti.

Dean Frenk interviewed in Huffington Post
Health is key in advancing three of the most fundamental issues on the global agenda: economic development, global security, and human rights, HSPH Dean Julio Frenk told The Huffington Post. Read more

Journalist Charlie Gibson shares lessons in leadership with students
Watch a video of the ABC News anchor speaking at the School on December 7.

Did you know?

Child Care Summit: Future Directions
presented by The Joint Committee on the Status of Women at Harvard Medical School and Harvard School of Dental Medicine

January 25, 2011
12:00-5:00 p.m.
The Joseph B. Martin Conference Center
77 Avenue Louis Pasteur, Boston, MA

The Committee aims to heighten awareness of childcare needs in the work environment and to promote thoughtful discussion by identifying both critical needs and possible solutions. The Committee hopes this summit will provide an impetus for developing a set of workable recommendations for the future. Register

Before you leave for holiday break

Power off your computer
IT recommends users power off and power back on of all PCs once a week, and also shut down during periods of inactivity such as the weekend and holiday break to conserve energy.

Mail delivery hours
The HSPH Mail & Receiving Department will be open from 8:00 AM-12:00 PM on December 23, 24, and 27-31, with normal deliveries resuming on January 3.

Please confirm all deliveries with vendors for the week before the holiday vacation, and if possible refrain from scheduling any deliveries of perishable or hazardous materials during the holiday week. Contact Mary Jane Curran with questions or concerns.

RSVP via email or by calling 617-432-1270.