HSPH Town Hall

Nov. 9
2:30-3:30 PM
Kresge Cafeteria
Submit questions anonymously in advance online or bring your questions to the session.

Save the date:
Celebration with the Stars
February 16, 2012

The annual HSPH Celebration with the Stars event honors employees who have reached a milestone between January 1 and December 31, 2011 based on benefit eligible service.

Cancer in the developing world

Over 2.4 million cancer deaths could be avoided each year in developing countries using prevention and treatment interventions that are affordable and could be made widely available, according to a new report released October 28 by an international group of experts organized by the Global Task Force on Expanded Access to Cancer Care and Control in Developing Countries, and hosted by a consortium of organizations that includes Harvard School of Public Health. The report was released at a daylong international symposium held at Harvard Medical School.

Once considered a problem only in wealthy countries, cancer is now a leading cause of death in low and middle-income countries. About 55 percent of the world’s 12.7 million new cases and 65 percent of the 7.6 million cancer deaths each year occur in these nations. Read more

Around the School

Harvard benefits open enrollment is Oct. 27-Nov. 9
Visit HARVie for more information or to make changes, which will be effective Jan. 1, 2012. Read Harvard Gazette article about this year’s benefits changes

New online event calendar launches
The Office of External Relations, Registrar's Office, and IT announce the release of a new calendar system for staying on top of events at HSPH. Users can now view events through personal digital calendars (GroupWise, Google, Outlook, etc). Other notable features include:
• Updated look and feel
• Improved Book It integration
• Individualized department calendar
• HTML capable event descriptions
• Enhanced search capability
• Email, RSS, iCal subscription services
• Ability to share events across over 300 social networking services

View the new calendar or click the "Calendar" link on the home page. Contact Carter Cochran with questions.

International Traveler Registry helps Harvard help you
All staff, faculty, and students are advised to register your itinerary before traveling abroad. This enables the University to locate you quickly and provide assistance in the event of an emergency. Harvard affiliates will still have access to world-wide emergency medical and evacuation assistance through International SOS.

Catering menu changes at Sebastian's
Check out new budget friendly options.

HSPH faculty members earn lifetime achievement awards

Max Essex, Mary Woodward Lasker Professor of Health Sciences and chairman of the Harvard School of Public Health AIDS Initiative, was awarded the Institute of Human Virology Lifetime Achievement Award for Scientific Contributions for his work on animal and human retrovirus research and his public health leadership Botswana. The award was presented during IHV's 13th Annual International Gala Awards Banquet on November 1, 2011.

Richard Cash, senior lecturer on global health, will be presented with the 2011 Fries Prize for Improving Health at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on November 8, 2011. The James F. and Sarah T. Fries Foundation is honoring Cash for his leadership in the development and dissemination of Oral Rehydration Therapy, a practical treatment for cholera and other diarrheal diseases that has saved the lives of at least 60 million children worldwide.

Frank Sacks, professor of cardiovascular disease prevention is the recipient of the 2011 Research Achievement Award of the American Heart Association. This award is conferred annually in recognition of distinguished scientific achievement in the field of cardiovascular research. He will be honored on November 13, 2011, at the AHA Scientific Sessions.