Save the date: HSPH 10th Annual State of the School Address

December 12
Refreshments: 2:30-4:30 PM
Presentation: 3:00-4:00 PM
Kresge Cafeteria

The HSPH community is invited to hear administrative and academic news and updates. Q&A will follow.

RSVP by December 6 encouraged for seating and catering estimates. RSVP: HSPH State of the School.

Take the "Cold Turkey" pledge to turn off lights and electronics over Thanksgiving break

HSPH's Eco-Opportunity team reminds everyone to turn off lights and shut down electronics before Thanksgiving break. Take the pledge to go cold turkey

Around the School

What is your Harvard like?
Don't forget to take the Harvard employee survey by November 30, 2011. If you have questions, or did not receive the email containing the link to the survey, please contact Human Resources.

New faculty appointment
Flaminia Catteruccia, associate professor of immunology and infectious diseases

Research news and interviews

Consuming canned soup linked to greatly elevated levels of the chemical BPA

A new study from HSPH researchers has found that a group of volunteers who consumed a serving of canned soup...
soup each day for five days had a more than 1,000% increase in urinary bisphenol A (BPA) concentrations compared with when the same individuals consumed fresh soup daily for five days. Read more

**Why the Mediterranean Diet is good for health**

Hundreds of scientific studies have linked the diet, which emphasizes fish, vegetables, whole grains, legumes, olive oil, and less red meat and dairy, to reduced heart disease, Alzheimer's, cancer, type 2 diabetes, and other conditions. Read more

**Treating trauma patients in Libya, advancing health care in rural Nepal: HSPH alumni share experiences**

Catherine Mullaly, MPH '10, was working in a Libyan hospital on as the country's ruler Moammar Gadhafi was captured and killed. Dan Schwarz, who recently completed his MPH in the Department of Health Policy and Management, works in rural Nepal as executive director of the nonprofit Nyaya Health. Read more

**The Mediatrician: Alum frames kids' media diet as a public health issue**

Electronic media is the "air kids breathe," says HSPH Assoc. Prof. Michael Rich, MPH '97, and it needs to be explored like any other public health issue affecting their lives. Read more

**HSPH research on benefits of treating AIDS patients cited by Secretary Clinton**

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton cited ongoing research by Stephen Resch, deputy director of the Center for Health Decision Science at HSPH, in a November 8 speech at the National Institutes of Health calling for increased investment in fighting the HIV/AIDS pandemic. Resch's research suggests the costs are well worth the benefits. Read more

**Patient safety expert calls on health care institutions to better manage adverse events**

In the years since a Boston Globe health columnist died due to a medication error at Boston's Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, the institution has transformed its culture--and the rest of the industry should follow its lead, says HSPH's Lucian Leape. Read more