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FAIMER® Announces Expansion of Distance Learning Program in Partnership with Keele University

PHILADELPHIA, UNITED STATES — The Foundation for Advancement of International Medical Education and Research (FAIMER) is pleased to announce its partnership with Keele University in the United Kingdom to expand the FAIMER Distance Learning (FAIMER DL) program into one that grants academic credentials in accordance with international standards. Beginning in 2013, participants in the program will be able to earn a FAIMER-Keele Certificate, Diploma, or Master's Degree in Health Professions Education: Accreditation and Assessment. The courses will be administered by the Centre for Medical Education in Context (CenMEDIC) in the United Kingdom, and conducted as fully supported distance learning. The Master's Degree program will include a brief residential session and a dissertation.

FAIMER DL empowers health professions educators with the knowledge and skills to take educational standards and practice to a higher level—to develop their own practice, to improve health professions education at their institutions and in their communities, and ultimately to help bring about real and lasting advances in local health care. Program features include: training and mentoring from international experts in health professions education; a flexible learning format, which allows busy working professionals to learn new skills and advance their careers while continuing to practice in their current positions; evidence-based teaching with an emphasis on implementing real-world improvements in participants' own practice and at their institutions; and a focus on accreditation and assessment, in which international standards, accreditation processes, quality assurance, and monitoring are integrated into study.

FAIMER is happy to be partnering with Keele, a university renowned for its innovative approach to higher education and its commitment to encouraging interdisciplinary and

multidisciplinary education and research. The FAIMER-Keele on-line course modules are developed, presented, and facilitated by experts in health professions education under the leadership of FAIMER faculty member Janet Grant, Ph.D., Director of CenMEDIC, Emerita Professor of Education in Medicine at The Open University in the United Kingdom, and Honorary Professor at the University College London Medical School. The FAIMER-Keele courses will follow the strict quality assurance guidelines and policies of Keele University. Students will have access to all Keele student services, including their extensive electronic library.

For more information, please visit www.faimer.org/distance-learning/.

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FAIMER is a leader in improving world health. By creating educational opportunities, conducting research, and providing data resources, it serves international communities of educators, researchers, regulators, and policy makers—each a potential change agent for better health care. Through worldwide activities, FAIMER combines its own expertise with that of local experts to create meaningful and sustained improvements in the systems that produce health care providers and deliver health care.

FAIMER is a non-profit foundation of the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG®) with headquarters in Philadelphia in the United States.

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