International Opportunities in Medical Education

In 2006, the Foundation for Advancement of International Medical Education and Research (FAIMER®) and the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) conducted a survey to collect information about international activities at U.S. allopathic medical schools. Because student and faculty interest in this area is increasing and because of the growing effects of globalization on societies, we believe that it is important to have a better understanding of the variety and scope of international education activities.

In March 2007, the results of this survey became available through a new on-line resource, International Opportunities in Medical Education (IOME). IOME, a joint project of FAIMER and AAMC, is available on the FAIMER website at www.faimer.org/resources/opportunities.

IOME provides information about the extent and nature of international opportunities for students, residents, and faculty of U.S. allopathic medical schools, as well as opportunities available in the United States for students, residents, and faculty of medical schools abroad. This resource, which is available free of charge, includes information on which schools offer programs for visiting students, faculty, and residents; how these programs are funded; in which geographic regions the programs occur; and the kind of opportunity that is available. In many cases, individual schools provide additional information about these programs on their own websites.

We invite you to contribute information about any program in which you are involved. To find out how you can contribute to IOME, please e-mail inquiry@faimer.org. Over time, we anticipate that IOME will develop into a comprehensive resource that details the myriad programs and opportunities available.

We hope this resource will be valuable to anyone interested in global health and the opportunity to advance international medical education through education, research, and service.