



SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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Dr. Hossam Mohamed Kamel Mahmoud
President
Cairo University
Giza, Egypt

To President Hossam Mohamed Kamel Mahmoud and our Esteemed Cairo University Colleagues,

As a collaborator of Cairo University, we are pleased to write with news of our school.

You may have heard that the Indiana University School of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation (HPER) has for some time been transitioning to become a School of Public Health. Recent studies have demonstrated that the state of Indiana ranks poorly in major public health benchmarks.^[1] At the same time, Indiana prior had no schools of public health to improve public health standards. Therefore, in 2009, Indiana University President Michael A. McRobbie announced the formation of two schools of public health. The school at IU Bloomington is based on the School of Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER).

This semester, HPER was officially renamed the Indiana University School of Public Health-Bloomington (SPHB). Currently, accreditation for the school is being sought from the Council on Education for Public Health.

Since it was founded, HPER always worked to prevent disease, promote wellness, and improve quality of life, so this transition builds upon the school's historical purpose. The School of Public Health-Bloomington links its longstanding strengths in kinesiology, recreation and applied health science, which naturally promote wellness and prevent disease, with traditional areas of public health, like biostatistics and epidemiology. The result is a more holistic approach to addressing health challenges.

The success of the new School of Public Health-Bloomington cannot be separated from its cooperation with current international partners, especially those working in health-related fields, because global health challenges know no boundaries. Through exchange with high profile institutions like Cairo University, our school will have more to learn from and share with its international collaborators. By focusing on shared research, teaching, and service initiatives in public health, the SPHB and its partners can support one another in achieving their institutional goals.

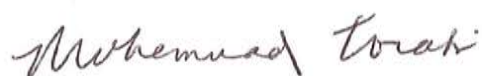
We look forward to continuing and even strengthening our partnership with you and invite you to learn more about the School of Public Health-Bloomington:

- Our new website is located at: <http://www.publichealth.indiana.edu/>

- Our international partnerships, to which we remain very committed, are listed here: <http://www.publichealth.indiana.edu/community/partnerships.shtml#international>
- Our approach to partnering with international colleagues, including our international visiting scholars program, is outlined here: <http://www.publichealth.indiana.edu/public-health-partners/international/index.shtml>

Thank you for your longstanding partnership. We treasure this collaboration and are excited to deepen our exchanges through the new opportunities created by this change. If you have questions, feedback, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or Ms. Jen Pearl, Director for Global Health Partnerships (jenpearl@indiana.edu).

Sincerely,



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^[i] Indiana ranks 38th among the 50 states for overall well-being, according to a 2011 Gallup-Healthways survey. Indiana ranks 45/50 for "healthy behaviors." Other findings included: 43rd for physical health and 43rd for emotional health. The need for a new approach to public health in Indiana will be fulfilled, in part, through the creation of the new School of Public Health-Bloomington.