

Letter from GHIA's President to the Members

Dear Colleagues,

I write to you following GHIA's Annual Retreat held in Brandywine, Maryland on May 14, 2015. The purpose of this communication is to inform you on this activity of utmost importance to our organization and hopefully, get your comments and feedback.

GHIA has evolved from a social monthly lunch to an international network of more than 90 senior colleagues in 20 countries. It is good to look at ourselves from time to time and assess whether we are on track. We must review where our common vision towards health and development is as well as the type of contribution GHIA would like to make.

GHIA is expanding its membership. As new frontiers are being explored, like our initial contacts with Russia and the eventual establishment of a Chapter there, your views on this ongoing expansion is something I would like to hear. Our Board of Directors has decided to establish a mechanism to maintain better communication with the local and national Chapters. We would like to encourage you to work on a Plan of Work in your Chapter or in GHIA's Plan of Work here in Washington. There is room for all members to participate regardless of their location.

Tell us about your activities; share your presentations and articles. The GHIA website and social media tools are available to help our members express themselves. You may use whatever language you wish.

We need to identify what products we can deliver better. During our 2015 Retreat we covered a few of these products: the Community Health Navigators, the Maison de Santé approach and the Mentoring Program. The Retreat reviewed where GHIA is as an institution, regarding the local and national Chapters, particularly given the current context the world and the countries are facing.

I would like to convey to you my satisfaction with GHIA's achievements. I am looking forward to face, with you, the many opportunities and challenges for the future.

Juan Manuel Sotelo, President

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