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WCMC-Q professor co-edits new health journal

Doha – October 21, 2013: The first edition of a new open access health journal co-edited by Dr. Dietrich Büsselberg of Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar (WCMC-Q) has been published on Qatar Foundation's QScience platform.

The *Journal of Local and Global Health Science* is a peer-reviewed, international journal that publishes both basic and applied research related to health. The journal aims to be a vehicle for the improvement of public health in communities around the world through the promotion of evidence-based approaches.

Key to the journal's identity is its commitment to view global issues in a local context, while simultaneously examining the implications local health practices have for global health, explained Dr. Büsselberg, Professor of Physiology and Biophysics at WCMC-Q.

He said: "There are many journals that cover local health issues but very few that try to place them in a global context. Similarly, there are many journals that examine global issues of public health but they do not explain their effects on local healthcare.

"We felt this link between global and local health issues was missing, and this is why we created the *Journal of Local and Global Health Science*."

The journal publishes articles in a wide variety of fields, such as environmental, educational and toxicological aspects that influence both human health and the health of the ecosystem. The current issue features articles on lead neurotoxicity, the effects of pollution on health outcomes, the impact of day length and artificial lighting on health in northern and southern latitudes, and the global problem of breast cancer and therapy resistance.

The *Journal of Local and Global Health Science* is edited in partnership with Dr. David O. Carpenter, Professor of Environmental Health Science and the Director of the Institute for

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Health and the Environment at the University at Albany in New York State. The journal is published online and some articles feature animated graphics that illustrate complex scientific principles in very clear, easily understood terms.

Crucially, the journal is open-access, which means it can be read completely free of charge by anyone, anywhere in the world. Unrestricted use, distribution and reproduction in any medium are permitted, provided the article is properly attributed.

Dr. Büsselberg said: "The fact that the journal is open-access is a great strength. It is often very expensive to access academic articles and this represents a considerable barrier to research. By removing this barrier we allow for a free flow of information and ideas among the widest possible audience."

The QScience platform also makes it easy for authors to submit manuscripts to the *Journal of Local and Global Health Science* by electronic means. The system allows authors to track the status of their manuscript and shortens the time needed for processing manuscripts through peer review.

To view the *Journal of Local and Global Health Science* visit QScience.com.

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Photo Caption: Dr. Dietrich Büsselberg Professor of Physiology and Biophysics at WCMC-Q

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Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar is a partnership between Cornell University and Qatar Foundation. It offers pre-medical and medical courses leading to the Cornell University M.D. degree with teaching by Cornell and Weill Cornell faculty and by physicians at Hamad Medical Corporation (HMC) and Aspetar Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Hospital who hold Weill Cornell appointments.

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