University to host annual urban health conference

The Institute on Urban Health Research will host the third International Conference on Urban Health at several campus venues, Oct. 20 to 22.

The conference's theme, “The Global Urban Health Agenda: Setting Priorities and Building Infrastructure,” will encompass interdisciplinary discussion of urban health issues affecting the world.

“We would like to encourage Northeastern faculty and students from all disciplines to participate,” said institute director Hortensia Amaro.

“We count on our cities to be important parts of the socioeconomic and political core of our countries, and we need to keep them healthy,” added the institute's Snell visiting professor, Jean Flately McGuire.

On Oct. 21, the program will focus on “Priorities in Urban Health: Domestic and International Agendas.”

The next day it addresses “Meeting the Challenge: Building Urban Health Infrastructure.” Amaro and McGuire are among about 20 internationally known plenary speakers tentatively scheduled.

The conference also offers a limited number of reduced scholarships for Northeastern faculty, at $150, half the registration cost. Fifteen to 20 student volunteers will receive full scholarships. Contact conference coordinator Amanda Smith at <am.smith@neu.edu>, or visit <www.iuhr.neu.edu>.

The first International Conference on Inner City Health was on disadvantaged inner-city populations, in Toronto; last year, the second International Conference on Urban Health focused on urbanization and migration. The conference moves to Australia next year.

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