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Promoting Peace and Health in the Middle East: APHA Considers Policy on Palestinian Health

APHA will vote on an important policy resolution, **C7: Improving Health in Occupied Palestinian Territory** at the upcoming annual meeting. C7 documents the ways that Palestinian population health is undermined by the military and administrative conditions created by the Israeli occupation of the West Bank, Gaza, and East Jerusalem. C7 has five specific calls for public action: (1) supporting international diplomatic work to end the Israeli-Palestinian conflict; (2) strengthening the physical and mental health systems in the occupied territories; (3) promoting joint health projects between Palestinians and Israelis; (4) investing in maternal and child health in the occupied territory; and (5) expanding social choice investment funds which screen out companies involved in maintaining the occupation. Read the resolution at: www.apha.org/advocacy/policy/ "2013 Proposed Policy Statements" For more information about the health concerns see: *The Lancet. Health in the Occupied Palestinian Territory 2012.* 8 October 2012 at www.thelancet.com/health-in-the-occupied-palestinian-territory-2012.

Support APHA Policy Resolution C7 Palestinian Health Resolution

Add your support for the resolution and share this link with others in your APHA networks here: <http://tinyurl.com/APHA2013>.

Come to the hearing on Sunday, November 3rd, 3:30-6:00, Westin Waterfront Paine Room to let the APHA know your views on this important issue.

Attend the Round Table discussion of what advocates can do: Caring for Civilian Populations in Situations of Conflict Tuesday, 4:30 Session 4414.0 at the BCEC, 253BC

Special Session Honoring Victor W. Sidel, MD, and His Contributions To Public Health

Sunday 2:30-4:30
Boston Convention Center
Room 210A

Please join us in honoring Dr. Sidel, a past president of APHA and co-founder of Physicians for Social Responsibility.



Visit the Peace Caucus Booth 1266

APHA Public Health Exposition
Boston Convention and Exhibition Center

Noam Chomsky To Speak at APHA

The American linguist, philosopher, cognitive scientist, logician, political commentator and activist will be speaking on *Prospects for Peace and Health in the Middle East*. He has spent most of his career at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he is currently Professor Emeritus. Monday, 4:30-6:00 session 3456 (details page 2).

New Study Finds Half a Million Iraqis Died in War

Research published this month by Amy Hagopian et al found that approximately a half million deaths in Iraq could be attributable to the war. The study concluded, "beyond expected rates, most mortality increases in Iraq can be attributed to direct violence, but about a third are attributable to indirect causes (such as from failures of health, sanitation, transportation, communication, and other systems). Dr. Hagopian will be presenting the study findings at session 4243.0 at 12:30 - 2:00 BCEC, 052A. The study, *Mortality in Iraq Associated with the 2003–2011 War and Occupation: Findings from a National Cluster Sample Survey by the University Collaborative Iraq Mortality Study* is available as open-access at: <http://www.plosmedicine.org/article/info%3Adoi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.pmed.1001533>

Peace Caucus Program

November 3 - 6, 2013 Boston, MA

SUNDAY (191.1) 2:30 - 4:30

Boston Convention and Exposition Center Room 210A

**HONORING VICTOR W. SIDEL, MD, AND HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO PUBLIC HEALTH
ORGANIZED BY APHA, SOCIALIST CAUCUS, MEDICAL CARE SECTION, PEACE CAUCUS**

MODERATORS: BARRY S. LEVY, MD, MPH AND ROBERT M. GOULD, MD

This session will honor former APHA President Victor W. Sidel, MD, Distinguished University Professor of Social Medicine Emeritus, Montefiore Medical Center and Albert Einstein Medical College, and Adjunct Professor of Public Health, Weill Cornell Medical College. Time will be set aside for others who would like to make brief remarks.

MONDAY (3266.0)

12:30 - 2:00 PM

BCEC, 052A

WAR, TERRORISM AND PUBLIC HEALTH

B. S. LEVY, MD, MPH AND V.W. SIDEL, MD PRESIDERS

12:30 PM — Long journey home: Family reunification and the disappeared children of El Salvador.

E. Barnert, MD, MS; E. Stover; G. Ryan, PhD; P. J. Chung, MD, MS

12:48 PM — Dilemma of humanitarian military intervention. W. F. Schulz, DMin

1:06 PM — New developments in addressing the threat of nuclear weapons. I. Helfand, MD

1:24 PM — Arms trade treaty. M. Valenti

1:42 PM — Security threats of climate change. C. Thomasson, MD

Endorsed by: Medical Care, Socialist Caucus, Vietnam Caucus, Asian Pacific Islander Caucus for Public Health

CE Credits: Medical (CME), Health Education (CHES), Nursing (CNE), Public Health (CPH)

MONDAY (3456.0)

PROSPECTS FOR PEACE AND HEALTH IN THE MIDDLE EAST: VIEWS FROM THE US, ISRAEL AND THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES

4:30 - 6:00 PM

BCEC, 052A

MODERATOR: A. MEYERS, MD, MPH

4:30 PM — Medicine handcuffed: Palestinian hunger strike in Israel's prisons R. Marton, MD

4:50 PM — Health promotion under occupation A. Jarrar, MD

5:10 PM — Discussant: Noam Chomsky

5:40 PM — Discussion

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Patrice Sutton, MPH, Program Planner

TUESDAY (4243.0)

HEALTH IMPACTS OF WAR ON MILITARY PERSONNEL, VETERANS, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES

12:30 PM-2:00 PM
BCEC, 052A

MODERATOR: A. HIRSCHMAN, RN-C, FNP, MPH

- 12:30 PM — Living with the threat of house demolitions and its adverse psychological impacts:
The case of arab-bedouin women in southern Israel. N. Daoud, MPH, PhD; Y. Jabareen, SJD
- 12:45 PM — Prevalence and correlates of violent behavior by military service members.
M. E. Worthen, AB, MPhil, PhD; S. D. Rathod, PhD; G. Cohen; R. Ursano, MD; R. Gifford, PhD; C. Fullerton, PhD;
S. Galea, MD,DrPH; J. Ahern, PhD
- 1:00 PM — Working toward peace by providing civilian health and mental health services to active duty military personnel
- an update. M. Cruz, MD; H. Waitzkin, MD, PhD
- 1:15 PM — We believe in community: Using creative arts to help student veterans cope. G. Gorman, RN, PhD; S. Ezell, BA,RN
- 1:30 PM — Mortality in Iraq associated with the 2003-2011 war and occupation: Findings from a national cluster sample survey.
A. Hagopian, PhD

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Caucus of Health Workers
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TUESDAY (4414.0)

ADVANCING APHA'S 2009 POLICY "THE ROLE OF PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTITIONERS, ACADEMICS, AND ADVOCATES IN RELATION TO ARMED CONFLICT AND WAR"

4:30 PM-6:00 PM
BCEC, 253BC

MODERATOR: P. SUTTON, MPH

The goal of this roundtable is to advance the uptake of APHA's 2009 policy "The Role of Public Health Practitioners, Academics, and
Advocates in Relation to Armed Conflict and War" within and beyond APHA.

Table 1. A Toolkit for Global Health Professionals to Promote Peace. Moderators: Amy Hagopian and Martin Donohue

Table 2. Veteran's Health Issues. Moderator: Ann Hirschman

Table 3. Caring for Civilian Populations in Situations of Conflict. Moderator: Alan F. Meyers

Table 4. Engaging Health Professionals. Moderator: Robert Gould

Endorsed by: Medical Care, Socialist Caucus, Black Caucus of Health Workers

TUESDAY (301.0)

PEACE CAUCUS BUSINESS MEETING

6:00 - 7:00 PM

BCEC, 210C

EVERYONE WELCOME!

WEDNESDAY (5189.0)

RESISTANCE TO WAR AND BUILDING PEACE

12:30 PM-2:00 PM
BCEC, 052A

MODERATOR: R. GOULD, MD

- 12:30 PM — Art and science combined to explore the nuclear age at Hanford.
S. Gilbert, PhD, DABT; D. Noonan; N. Dickeman; D. Dickeman
- 12:45 PM — Women peacemakers: An online educational tool. C. L. Gould, MS, MPH; J. Gould, PhD; S. Gilbert, PhD, DABT
- 1:00 PM — Working toward peace by providing civilian services for military personnel - conceptual and practical findings.
H. Waitzkin, MD, PhD

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**Join Sir Michael Marmot and fellow progressive health advocates
for the 2013 Health Activist Dinner!**

Where: Seaport District, Boston, MA

When: Sunday, Nov 3rd from 6-9pm.

What: The Health Activist Dinner is a 30+ year tradition that celebrates activism for social justice in the field of health with an event that brings together progressive physician leaders and health activists from across the country. During the dinner, which coincides with the Annual Meeting of the APHA, we will present the winners of the 2013 Barsky, Cornely, Wellstone and Student Health Activist awards. Sir Michael Marmot, the renowned public health champion, lead investigator for the seminal Whitehall Studies, and former Chair of the WHO Commission on Social Determinants of Health, will keynote the dinner in acceptance of the 2013 Barsky Award.

Tickets at: <https://healthactivistdinner.eventbrite.com/> (You may purchase 1-10 tickets in your name to share with colleagues).



**Tuesday 8 PM- 12 midnight
Occupational Health Section Dance Party**

Fund Raising Social, Party, and Dance
All welcome!!!!

Location: The Bell in Hand Tavern on the second floor <http://bellinhand.com/homepage>.
The Bell in Hand Tavern is just a block from Quincy Market/Faneuil Hall. There will be a DJ and cash bar; the kitchen will be open so you can order food.



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