



Medical education leaders from the Americas converge on Santiago

OTTAWA, May 23, 2017 –Santiago is the first centre outside of Canada and the first Latin American city to host its own International Medical Education Leaders Forum (IMELF), which is underway this week.

IMELF is an 'invitation only' meeting that brings together global medical education experts to discuss challenges and solutions to postgraduate medical education and global healthcare. For the past ten years, IMELF has been hosted in Canada by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada with international participation.

Interest in sharing IMELF's learnings to a larger audience has grown, according to the President of the Royal College of physicians and surgeons of Canada, Dr. Françoise P. Chagnon: "IMELF Santiago is an opportunity for our partner, the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (PUCC), to lead the conversation about what trends and issues are affecting medical education and healthcare systems in the Americas," she said.

"We want to create a movement where global medical education leaders can address today's most pressing issues in healthcare and develop solutions to ensure better quality of care for all citizens."

"When you're working in the field sometimes you think your problems are only experienced by you," said Dr. Luis Ibañez Anrique, Dean, Faculty of Medicine, PUCC. "IMELF is an opportunity for everyone to improve by learning how other leaders problem solve."

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