



2016 AMWHO at UNC Regional Conference
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
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Dear AMWHO Participants,

It is our honor to welcome you to the 2016 AMWHO at UNC Regional Conference, the first regional American Mock World Health Organization conference in North Carolina. As Conference Co-Directors, we look forward to continuing the incredible example set by AMWHO as the nation's premier global health-policy experience. We are excited to provide students from North Carolina more local opportunities to enrich their knowledge of public health and engage with AMWHO closer to home.

As a regional conference, AMWHO at UNC will be working with a smaller assembly of ambassadors than its national counterpart. However, we believe this close-knit committee will provide delegates with an even more interactive and rewarding experience. As the legacy of the very first WHO simulation organization in the United States, AMWHO at UNC is in a unique position to spearhead innovative changes to the existing conference model. Our Secretariat has worked tirelessly to address feedback from previous conferences and introduce novel ideas, such as coming up with engaging ways to interact with guest speakers and streamlining the parliamentary procedure to facilitate more productive debate. Consequently, we hope the more immersive and proactive environment will allow delegates to practice fluency in global health diplomacy and effectively construct health policy.

It is also our distinct pleasure to announce that the theme of the 2016 AMWHO at UNC Regional Conference will be **Reproductive Health Equality (RHE)**. The recently renewed Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, a product of the Fourth World Conference on Women, recognizes gender equality as a means of "creating a more sustainable, inclusive and peaceful world." RHE serves as a powerful tool in further diminishing discrepancy between the sexes in a world with increasing global inequities. This theme will prompt delegates to consider the social, economic and political perspectives of a highly contested and sensitive topic and ultimately draft holistic resolutions that can serve as guidelines for member states of the World Health Assembly in Geneva 2016.

With the promising weekend in mind, we look forward to welcoming you to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill this *9 September - 11 September 2016* for the premier AMWHO at UNC Regional Conference! Please do not hesitate to direct any questions or concerns regarding the conference to amwho@unc.edu.

Best,

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Conference Co-Director

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