Welcome to International Innovation

“HEALTHY CITIZENS ARE the greatest asset any country can have” – so spoke Sir Winston Churchill, one of the UK’s most celebrated Prime Ministers. In our increasingly connected and globalised society, however, this sentiment has taken on a wider meaning. Nowadays, healthy citizens are not just an asset for individual countries, but rather for the entire world.

Likewise, protecting and promoting the health of the world’s citizens has become an ever more collective global effort. Healthcare is a universal concern, and only by working together can researchers and healthcare professionals hope to develop solutions to major issues. In this edition, we feature an array of medical researchers from around the world, spanning a wide range of fields from parasitology to bioethics.

We begin by taking a look at last year’s World Stem Cell Summit, speaking with the key players involved in efforts to accelerate the discovery and development of innovative stem cell therapies on an international scale. From there we continue our exploration of this global vision for healthcare through our discussion with Dr Jonathan Quick, Board Chairman of the Global Health Council, an organisation which acts as an advocate for worldwide health issues. Finally, our joint interview with Dan Andrée and Florence Lelait from the Strategic Forum for International S&T Cooperation demonstrates how transnational research is integral to progress, and outlines the ways in which it can be encouraged and nurtured.

Global challenges require global solutions; especially within the world of medical research. As the healthcare community continues to face novel challenges – from drug resistance to emerging infections – it is vital that the innovators involved keep pace, pool knowledge and above all present a united front in the face of disease and injury.

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