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Dr. Margaret Chan joins top health leaders at IHF's 38th World Hospital Congress

CHICAGO, May 8, 2013—Top healthcare and hospital leaders from around the world will come together in Oslo, Norway, June 18–20, 2013, at the International Hospital Federation's (IHF's) 38th World Hospital Congress. Following the event's Opening Ceremony, which will feature HRH Crown Prince Haakon of Norway as a guest of honor, Dr. Margaret Chan, Director-General of the World Health Organization, will address how innovation and technology are game changers in the future of health.

The World Hospital Congress is an opportunity for healthcare leaders around the world to share information on the challenges and opportunities in healthcare.

Key decision makers in the healthcare and hospital industry will have the opportunity to participate in five plenary sessions and more than 30 parallel sessions run by IHF members such as the American Hospital Association (AHA), the Norwegian Hospital and Health Service Association (NSH), and the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) along with other key health and hospital associations from around the world.

In addition, the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) will present a session on healthcare managers' competencies and challenges. The presenters will discuss ACHE's competency model for leaders and different approaches by health systems across the United States for developing managers.

On the last day of the Congress, an operation will be broadcasted live from St. Olavs Hospital's Operating Room of the Future.

Key sponsors of the 38th World Hospital Congress are Microsoft, HP and Accenture. For more information or to register, visit www.oslo2013.no.

The World Hospital Congress was first held in 1929 in Atlantic City, N.J. This event remains the world's unique forum where decision makers and leaders from regional and national healthcare federations, hospitals and healthcare organizations are brought together to engage in dialogue and exchange experiences, ideas and knowledge on best practices in leadership in hospital and healthcare management and delivery of services. The World Hospital Congress is a biennial event. The 2011 Congress was held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

About the American College of Healthcare Executives

The **American College of Healthcare Executives** is an international professional society of more than 40,000 healthcare executives who lead hospitals, healthcare systems and other healthcare organizations. ACHE offers its prestigious FACHE® credential, signifying board certification in healthcare management. ACHE's established network of more than 80 chapters provides access to networking, education and career development at the local level. In addition, ACHE is known for its magazine, *Healthcare Executive*, and its career development and public policy programs. Through such efforts, ACHE works toward its goal of being the premier professional society for healthcare executives dedicated to improving healthcare delivery. **The Foundation of the American College of Healthcare Executives** was established to further advance healthcare management excellence through education and research. The

Foundation of ACHE is known for its educational programs—including the annual Congress on Healthcare Leadership, which draws more than 4,500 participants—and groundbreaking research. Its publishing division, Health Administration Press, is one of the largest publishers of books and journals on health services management including textbooks for college and university courses.

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