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SIEMENS Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics

is the largest clinical diagnostics company in the world, offering products and services designed for efficient delivery of patient test results used for diagnosing medical conditions, monitoring patient therapy and providing quality healthcare.

Built on a rich history of innovation from Diagnostic Products Corporation, Bayer HealthCare Diagnostics and Dade Behring, the company offers comprehensive solutions designed to improve clinical outcomes, streamline workflow, and enhance the operational efficiency of clinical laboratories.

Siemens' broad portfolio of innovative products include a variety of diagnostic systems – integrated chemistry, immunoassay, routine chemistry, automation, haematology, haemostasis, microbiology, diabetes, urinalysis, blood gas monitoring, and molecular testing. Dedicated staff are committed to meeting the needs of customers by providing high quality products and highly responsive service and support.

Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics offers a broad portfolio of performance-driven diagnostics solutions that provide effective ways to assist in the diagnosis, monitoring, and management of disease. Its products and services offer a balance of science, technology, and practicality to provide healthcare professionals with the vital information they need to deliver better, more personalised healthcare to patients around the globe.



Research by **University of Liverpool** online Master of Public Health (MPH) graduates continues to attract attention internationally. Three graduates presented at the 2012 World Congress on Public Health, another online graduate presented at a major diabetes conference, and now two successful graduates have had their abstracts accepted for presentation at the American Public Health Association (APHA) annual meeting in October.

The two graduates going to APHA in San Francisco are: **Elizabeth Isimhen Williams**, MPH Nutrition programme, Helen Keller International, Dhaka, Bangladesh, presenting '*Social determinants of health and HIV prevention and care project planning: A case study among beneficiaries of the United States President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) in Gaza province of Mozambique, South East Africa*'; and **Mohammed Zurga**, MD, MPH, Faculty of Health and Life Sciences, School of Medicine, University of Liverpool, UK, presenting '*An Analysis of the Association of Adult Obesity and Socioeconomic Factors in the State of Maryland*'.

Earlier this year, three University of Liverpool online MPH graduates – **Innocent Ibegbunam**, **Emily Moonze**, and **Rose Apondi** – presented their research to the 2012 World Congress on Public Health, and fellow online MPH graduate **Funmi Oduniyi** outlined her research to a leading diabetes conference in Scotland.

Both qualitative and quantitative research and sharing of best practice with other students around the world form an important part of the University's online MPH and MSc in Clinical Research studies. All the University's online programmes, offered in conjunction with e-learning partner Laureate Online Education, are accessible from start to finish online, making it possible for busy health professionals to study while they continue working in their communities. For more on the programmes see <http://www.liverpool-degrees.com/programmes/health>.

For more on the inaugural Africa Health webinar on medical education in Africa with guest speaker Dr Francis Omaswa, Executive Director of the African Centre for Global Health and Social Transformation (ACHEST), please visit <http://www.liverpool-degrees.com/africahealth>



As part of an initiative to improve healthcare delivery in Zimbabwe, **Crown Agents** procured all equipment for the EU-funded launch of the Accelerated Midwifery Training Programme this May with the graduation of 132 students. Last year, Crown Agents won a British Expertise International Award under the Development category for introducing an innovative payment retention scheme in Zimbabwe to address widespread health worker absenteeism amidst increasing economic instability and an untimely cholera epidemic. Health worker attendance rose to nearly 100%, resignations decreased by 95%, and more than 18 000 health workers have been paid US\$70 million. Crown Agents also continues to manage the supply chain for the Delivery Team Topping Up Project in Zimbabwe to ensure the reliable in-bound and out-bound delivery of condoms and contraceptives to even the most remote locations.

Across seven further African countries, Crown Agents is supporting a global nutrition initiative through setting up a new supply chain for micronutrients used to fortify food staples such as oil, flour, and cereal, known as premix. The Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition premix facility aims to reduce malnutrition by working with the private sector to provide reliable nutrients to fortify foods. We are currently operating in Ethiopia, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Uganda, and South Africa.

Crown Agents has also recently completed the inception phase for a DFID-funded project that aims to improve accountability of health service delivery for women and men in Uganda by supporting citizens and civil society to better engage with the government on all aspects of health service provision. The project is expected to have a lasting impact on the Ugandan health sector, including more functional health unit management committees and greater capacity for civil society organisations to promote social accountability in the health sector.