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Sharing wisdom and knowledge across borders: UC Berkeley and Mexican National Institute of Public Health

WHAT:

The signing of a collaborative agreement between UC Berkeley, School of Public Health (UCB-SPH), and Mexico's National Institute of Public Health (NIPH) to forge and expand their collaboration in the research and training arena. This partnership will provide a strategic shared capacity to better inform leaders and institutions in the U.S. and Mexico on practical public health solutions.

- **The National Institute of Public Health, Mexico** is the nation's premier public health research center.
- **The UC Berkeley School of Public Health** is one of the United States' leading schools dedicated to providing solutions to the global health challenges of the 21st century.

The meeting will also recognize the **Health Initiative of the Americas (HIA)** as a permanent program of the UCB-SPH. Since 2001, HIA has been coordinating and optimizing the availability of health resources for Mexican and Latino immigrants and their families through bilateral training, research, and health promotion activities, putting special emphasis in the bilateral responsibility of policy implications. HIA has also been the coordinator and convener of Binational Health Week (BHW) in the U.S. and Canada.

WHO: UCB Chancellor Robert Birgeneau, Dean Stephen Shortell of UCB-SPH, Dean Mario H. Rodriguez, of NIPH and faculty, students and other key members from both institutions.

WHEN: **March 6th, 2008, 8:00am to 11:45am, UC Berkeley Alumni House**

WHY: Latinos in the U.S. are the largest and youngest ethnic minority in the country, yet they remain the least insured group and have the largest limited access to health care services. Partnerships such as this one are fundamental to build across borders and cultures to ensure a healthy future for all people.

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