

Social Events

Opening Ceremony followed by a cocktail

Date: Monday 19 April 2010

Time: 17:45 – 20:30

Open to the public

The Opening Ceremony is **opened to all**. For this third edition, besides welcoming official personalities from the city of Geneva and the Swiss Confederation, this plenary session will focus on two strong testimonies from personalities who have a deep experience from the field and have involved themselves to make change happen in their respective area of practice.

We hope that this session will open the path for stirring up everyone's enthusiasm in attending this 3 day conference and welcoming all speakers hard work presented throughout the Forum.

17h45 **Welcome Messages**

Prof. L. Loutan, President of the Organizing Committee

Mr B. Gruson, Chief Executive Officer, Geneva University Hospitals

Prof. J.-L. Carpentier, Dean, Faculty of Medicine, University of Geneva

Mr P.-F. Unger, State Councillor in charge of the Department of Regional Affairs, Economy and Health (DARES), Republic and State of Geneva

Mr Martin Dahinden, Director-General of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation

18h30 **Keynote Addresses**

Dr Alberto Cairo, ICRC Rehabilitation Centre, Afghanistan

Rebuilding Lives in Afghanistan

Ms Gerry Elsdon, global TB advocate, South Africa

Women Against TB: My Personal Battle

19h15 **Cocktail and music by the Kaboul Ensemble**

For more information about the Ensemble, please [click here](#)

Gathering at the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Museum



Date: Tuesday, 20 April 2010

Time: 19h30 – 22h00

Price: CHF 60.- per person

Discover the fascinating history of the world's first humanitarian organization. Photos, films, objects and documents are presented through audio-visual displays and computer terminals followed by a cocktail.

The unique setting of the 'Today' area plunges you into the thick of current actions and gives you access to the latest news from the field.

The Café Dunant is a multimedia area which provides information on the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement in an interactive and entertaining way.

- **If you would like to register for this event AND the Forum at the same time:** go to the Registration page and click on the **Register online** button. During the registration process select the ICRC evening as well.

■ If you already have registered to attend the Forum, yet not for the ICRC evening:
Please contact MCI: genevahealthforum2010@mci-group.com

Closing Ceremony: The Anne Maurer-Cecchini Foundation Award

Date: Wednesday 21 April 2010

Time: 16:00 – 17:30

Open to the public

The Closing Ceremony is **opened to all**. On this occasion, the Forum will host the official attribution of the first Anne Maurer-Cecchini Award for Neglected Tropical Diseases. This prize of a CHF20'000 will be donated to a researcher or team of researchers in order for them to continue conducting their clinical research on a neglected tropical disease. For more information on the Anne Maurer-Cecchini Foundation and its prize, please [click here](#). For full details on the entire session, please [check this link](#).