

The Global Diabetes Alliance (GDA) is a group of research scientists from six continents including members from Belgium, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, China, Colombia, Denmark, Egypt, India, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Korea, Netherlands, South Africa, Tanzania, the United Kingdom, and the United States that comprise more than two-thirds of the world's population.

Our work is focused on understanding, preventing, and treating diabetes. Our objective is to forge the strongest possible response to the growing "tsunami" of diabetes that is taking the lives of millions each year and threatens the well-being of hundreds of millions more in terms of disability and economic costs of increased healthcare and reduced productivity, creating the risks of increased social and economic instability.

Our mission is not one of simple academic curiosity. We need to better understand diabetes in all its forms so that we can more effectively design specific preventive and therapeutic approaches. Our hope is that the diagnostic protocols we have designed will be the tools whose results will be the missing information needed to stem the current diabetes epidemic.

We assembled in Seattle on October 21&23, 2007, to form an international diabetes alliance that is now developing powerful and unprecedented research projects? with direct links from research to improved practice? and is seeking the funding required for their implementation.

We are working trying to optimize and standardize the methodology of:

Diabetes Research - Epidemiological Surveys - Registry - Guidelines & Educational Curricula GDA's office is located at Pacific Northwest Diabetes Research Institute, 720 Broadway, Seattle, WA 98122 , USA phone # (206)726-1210 , fax # (206)706-1217. R. Paul Robertson, MD, is Chairman of the Board of Trustees, We are established as a not-for-profit organization (501c3) and can receive grants.

For more information about the GDA mission and steering committee, please visit our web site :

<http://www.global-diabetes.org/>

I am writing to invite you to attend the 2nd Global Diabetes Alliance (GDA) Congress to be held in Cairo, Egypt, on October 26 ? 29 , 2010 , The goal is to prepare specific protocols that would be appropriate for use by investigators worldwide so that we can obtain group data collected in the same manner. The tentative program of the conference is available in the conference web site. The participation in this conference is not open for everyone , the organizing committee will invite 300 key diabetologists and researchers worldwide.

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