

## Gordon Perkin Steps Down As President

*Board Begins Search For A Successor*

After 19 years in the top job, Dr. Gordon Perkin stepped down as PATH's president on November 1, 1999. He has joined the Seattle-based Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation as Director of the Global Health Program.

Speaking on behalf of the organization, Board Chairman Dr. Horacio Croxatto commented, "Gordon Perkin has molded, developed, and led PATH for 19 years and has dedicated himself to its mission, the health of people worldwide. The Board of Directors accepts his resignation with sadness, but with undying gratitude for all his years of service and achievements."

One of three co-founders of PATH, Dr. Perkin was named president in 1980. Under his leadership, PATH has achieved global impact with "appropriate technologies" such as easy-to-use syringes and diagnostic tests as

well as with trailblazing projects in child immunization, family planning, AIDS prevention, and other health areas.

The search for a new president is underway. The PATH Board of Directors has established a search subcommittee of the Board and retained a professional recruiter to manage the search process. In the interim, the Board appointed Vice Presidents Peggy Morrow and Eric Walker to serve as Acting Co-Presidents and asked staff to move "full speed ahead" on program implementation.

"The search for a new president will be challenging, but it presents an exciting opportunity to position PATH for the future," Dr. Croxatto noted. "The Board is committed to hiring the very best person to lead PATH forward."

## PATH Endowment Gets A Name

*Tribute To Gordon Perkin Is Announced*

PATH's endowment fund, created in 1998, has been named in honor of the organization's co-founder and longtime president. The new name does not change the purpose of the fund, which is to generate unrestricted revenue to support PATH's mission. The *Gordon W. Perkin, M.D., Endowment Fund* will provide flexible funding that can launch new programs, bridge funding gaps, meet co-funding requirements, and be applied where needed most.

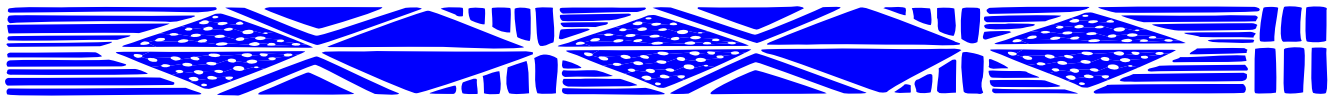
Announcing the tribute, the PATH Board of Directors noted, "PATH's accomplishments over the past two decades would not have been possible without Dr. Perkin's vision, leadership, and commitment to innovative ideas and smart strategies. The Perkin Endowment Fund will help to ensure that his legacy continues."

Future unrestricted endowment gifts will be added to the Perkin Endowment Fund, which now stands at \$1.1 million.



*Since 1977, PATH has worked to improve the health of women and children in developing countries. This issue highlights milestones along the way.*

*See inside...*



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

In 1980, I came to Seattle to lead a fledgling organization that had eight employees and an annual budget of under \$1 million.



Dr. Gordon W. Perkin

Nineteen years later, PATH has an impressive track record of accomplishment and growth. We have carried out more than 950 projects in 100 countries. This year's budget is nearly \$30 million, and 234 employees work in 14 offices around the world.

My desire when I joined PATH was to "make a difference" in the world. With the support of many donors and the dedication of a talented staff, PATH has made a real difference in improving world health during the past two decades.

I believe PATH is poised for even greater achievements in the next century. PATH has never been stronger. We have wonderful, committed people managing very productive and important programs, with substantial funding in place and in sight.

It has been a tremendous privilege to serve as PATH's president. The past 19 years are a great time for me to remember... but now is also a great time to be part of PATH!

My very best wishes to all PATH staff and supporters,

Gordon W. Perkin, M.D.

## NEWSBYTES



### ***PATH gets a big boost for cervical cancer prevention efforts..***

PATH is one of five international agencies forming the Alliance for Cervical Cancer Prevention, which recently secured a \$50 million grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The five-year grant will accelerate efforts to clarify, promote, and implement strategies for preventing cervical cancer in developing countries.



PATH and other Alliance representatives gather for the announcement of the \$50 million Gates Foundation grant.

Cervical cancer kills more than 200,000 women each year and is the leading cancer killer among women in the majority of developing countries. The disease generally strikes women in midlife when they have completed their child-bearing and are playing important economic and social roles in their families and communities. Cervical cancer can be prevented through early identification and simple treatment of precancerous conditions.

Besides PATH, the Alliance members include: AVSC International, the International Agency for Research on Cancer, JHPIEGO Corporation, and the Pan American Health Organization. Work will be carried out in several countries, including Ecuador, India, Mexico, Peru, South Africa, Thailand, and Venezuela.



***PATH and partners win two major USAID contracts..*** Two multi-million dollar contracts were awarded recently by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) for global initiatives to improve child and reproductive health. PATH is a partner in both projects.

The *Basic Support for Institutionalizing Child Survival II Project (BASICS II)* will focus on four areas: vaccination, neonatal survival, child nutrition, and integrated approaches to child health. The *Primary Providers' Training and Education in Reproductive Health Project (PRIME II)* will enhance the reproductive health knowledge and skills of primary health care workers in many developing countries. Both projects are five-year contracts.

PATH's unique capabilities complement those of its partner agencies, adding up to a "winning combination" in the eyes of USAID—and, ultimately, for the populations who will benefit from the projects.

## PROJECT PROFILE

### PATH Milestones

*As The New Millennium Approaches, A Look Back*

**P**ATH may not have been around for a thousand years, but it has achieved a lot in the 23 years since it was founded. The eve of a new millennium seems an appropriate moment to look back at PATH milestones since 1977—then redouble our efforts to address global health needs in the future.

- 1977** Program for the Introduction and Adaptation of Contraceptive Technology (PIACT), predecessor of PATH, is incorporated in Washington State.
- 1978** PIACT's annual budget is \$243,500.
- 1979** UNFPA provides funding to begin a 15-year program to improve contraceptive production in China.
- 1980** PIACT/PATH has 8 staff members. Office opens in Washington, D.C.
- 1981** The forerunner to today's Fund for Technology Transfer



PATH Staff, 1987

*Immunization programs and safe injection technologies have been priorities for PATH. Here, Dr. Gordon Perkin gives an injection.*

begins operation with a \$3 million corpus (now \$6 million) that supports health enterprises in developing countries.

- 1983** PATH office opens in Jakarta, Indonesia.
- 1985** USAID awards funding to improve diagnostic tests for major infectious diseases.
- 1986** PATH is an early leader in AIDS prevention, assisting efforts in more than 25 countries over the next 10 years.
- 1987** PATH launches its first hepatitis B model immunization program in Indonesia.

Technologies for Child Health (HealthTech), sponsored by USAID and managed by PATH, begins developing technologies to improve child survival.

- 1988** World Health Organization (WHO) designates PATH as a Collaborating Center for Hepatitis B Vaccination and for Research in Human Reproduction.

- 1990** PATH office opens in Nairobi, Kenya.

PATH is designated a WHO Collaborating Center on AIDS.

- 1992** The World Health Assembly calls for hepatitis B immunization for all of the world's infants by 1997. PATH and the International Task Force on Hepatitis B Immunization are instrumental in gathering support.
- 1993** PATH office opens in Manila, Philippines.
- 1994** With USAID support, PATH begins a Humanitarian Health Assistance project in Ukraine, shipping 28 million doses of diphtheria vaccine over 3 years.
- 1995** Pregnant women in Nepal can buy simple delivery kits to help ensure that they and their babies are not exposed to infections during childbirth; the kit was developed with assistance from PATH.



*First Lady Hillary Clinton learns about the delivery kit (inset) during a 1995 Asia trip. She praised the kit as an example of foreign aid that helps women.*

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**1996** Uniject™, a prefilled, single-use syringe developed by PATH, is licensed to Becton Dickinson and Company for global distribution.

*Outlook*, PATH's quarterly publication on reproductive health, is now printed in six languages. By 1999, it reaches over 30,000 health program managers in developing countries.

**1997** Vaccine vial monitors that indicate exposure to heat are now on every vial of oral

polio vaccine distributed by UNICEF.

**1998** PATH is designated as the implementing agency and secretariat for the Bill and Melinda Gates Children's Vaccine Program, funded by the Gates Foundation at \$100 million.

**1999** PATH has managed over 950 projects in 100 countries. It has 234 employees and an annual budget of nearly \$30 million.

## Many Happy Returns

*Go Global With A Gift To PATH*

In the holiday season, many people want to share their good fortune by donating to charities that are working to make the world a better place. If you are someone who "thinks globally," you can "give globally" by supporting PATH.

One way to be generous to PATH—and yourself—is to donate appreciated stock you have owned for a year or longer. You avoid the capital gains tax you would owe if you were to sell the stock. And you can take a charitable deduction for the stock's full market value.

Another option is to charge your donation to your credit card. If you do so before December 31, you can take the charitable deduction in 1999, even though the bill will not come until... the next millennium! And you may even earn frequent-flyer miles or other credit card bonuses as a reward for your good deed.

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