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## The AFMC-Charles Boelen International Social Accountability Award

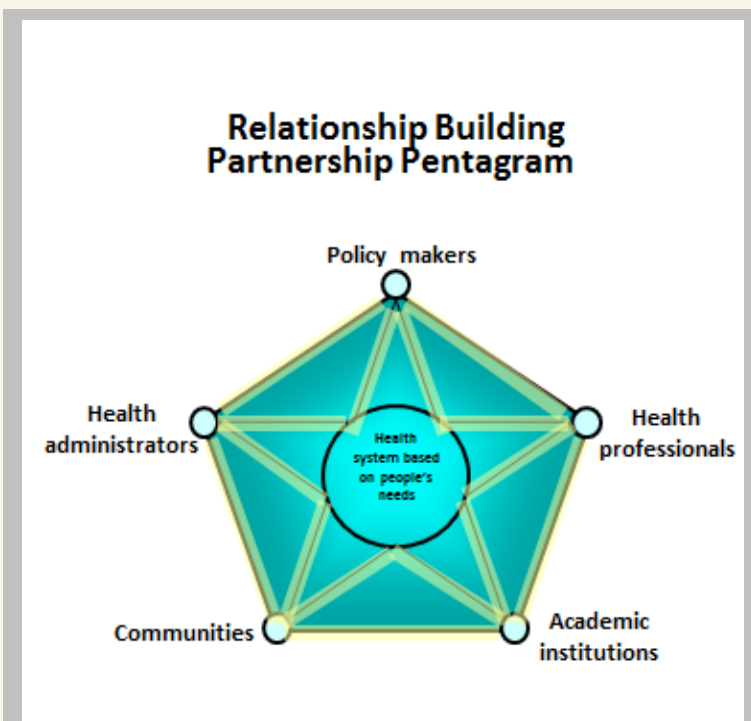
### AFMC PRESENTS NEW INTERNATIONAL AWARD

The **AFMC-Charles Boelen International Social Accountability Award** will recognize outstanding accomplishment in implementing the principles of social accountability in the academic world of health. With an international scope, it will aim at celebrating people and organizations whose professional accomplishments are an example of the principles of social accountability implemented as defined in the Global Consensus for Social Accountability of Medical Schools and in internationally recognized references.

#### AWARD CRITERIA

The award recognizes outstanding accomplishment in implementing the principles of social accountability in the academic world of health by demonstrating:

- A focused response to the priority health needs of citizens and society in education, research and/or service delivery missions, consistent with values of quality, equity, relevance and effectiveness
- An action taking into account the comprehensive needs of persons and the social determinants of population health
- A strong partnership with the main health stakeholders for efficient synergy in health development



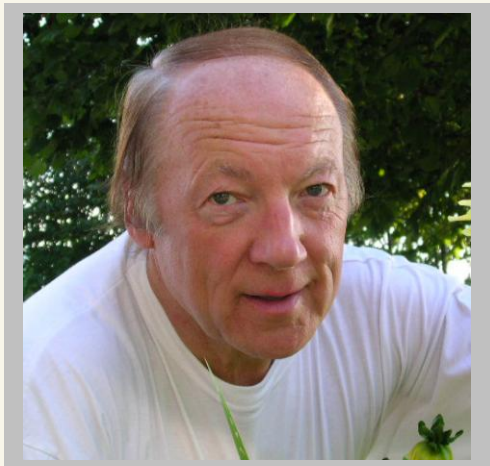
Boelen C, Towards unity for health, WHO, 2000.

- The use of proper evaluation indices and mechanisms to assess the impact of the academic institution on health system performance and population health status.
- A contribution to national and relevant sub-national policies in support to academic institutions engaged in actions for greater societal impact

\*\*\*Preference will be given to work tackling all three domains in an integrated fashion. Priority will also be given to the transferability of the experience to other academic institutions at national, regional or global level.

*“Social Accountability is a major focus for our organization and we look forward to giving out this award for the first time at next year’s Canadian Conference on Medical Education (CCME) in Vancouver.”*

– Dr. Geneviève Moineau, President and CEO, AFMC



## **ABOUT CHARLES BOELEN**

Charles Boelen is a Belgian born physician, specialized in public health, health system management and medical education, with a large experience in international health, namely as staff member of the WHO for 30 years. His work focusses on partnership in health, social accountability of academic institutions and the development of health professions.

## **ABOUT AFMC**

The Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada (AFMC) represents the country’s 17 faculties of medicine and is the national voice for academic medicine. Our organization was founded in 1943 and functions to support individually and collectively Canada’s medical schools through promotion of medical education, research, and clinical care.

## **ELIGIBILITY for the AWARD**

The award can be given to an individual, a team, a department, an institution, organization or association in the academic world of health. The call for candidates will be made at the same time as the other AFMC awards but will also be distributed as widely as possible via appropriate ways of communication to enable recognition of outstanding work performed in any part of the world. The annual selection process should consider candidates from different countries and regions of the world. The award winners will fairly reflect the world diversity from geographical, cultural and linguistic perspectives.

## **NOMINATION PROCESS**

Nominations may be proposed by an individual or by an organization.

Nominations must be submitted before the closing date for nominations, on October 31 of the year. The recipient will be granted a crystal globe symbolizing social accountability, a \$1,000 certificate and up to \$2,000 allowance to attend the Canadian Conference on Medical Education (CCME) at which the award will be officially presented. A complimentary registration of the conference will also be provided.

The following documentation must be provided for each nomination: name and affiliation, a resume if the nominee is an individual or a description of the mission if a team, a department, an establishment or an organization is nominated, a description of the works corresponding to the criteria enumerated above, as well as a recommendation letter no longer than 1000 words.

Collaboration with like-minded academic institutions, organizations or associations worldwide for the international promotion of principles of social accountability is expected at all stages of the award granting process.