Ohio State will host its first Health Sciences Innovation Conference in Mumbai, India on January 15 – 18, 2015. Nobel Laureate Professor Luc Montagnier, discoverer of HIV, will present a keynote lecture.

The focus of the conference will be India’s rapidly growing biotech and health sciences industry with the goal of developing strategic partnerships between Ohio State faculty and other Indian academic institutions. The All India Institute for Medical Sciences (AIIMS), the country’s top public health care and research institution, will partner with Ohio State in hosting this conference. As part of this partnership, a two-day workshop on Regenerative Medicine will be hosted by AIIMS at New Delhi on January 12-13, 2015.

Chandan Sen, professor and associate dean in the College of Medicine, is chair of the organizing committee and William Brustein, vice provost for global strategies and international affairs, is serving as co-chair. The Ohio State India Gateway will provide support for the conference in-country.

**Conference Goals**

The conference has three specific goals that align with the mission of Ohio State’s India Gateway: Foster industry partnerships, academic partnerships and career development. Ohio State aims to generate research collaborations between the university health sciences faculty and Indian biotech/pharmaceutical companies, hospital and health systems and academic institutions. The conference also will help to secure placements for Ohio State graduates from India who are in these fields and returning to their home country as well as attract outstanding undergraduate, graduate and postdoctoral candidates from India to the health sciences colleges at Ohio State. Additionally, the conference seeks to engage health sciences companies from the U.S. to seek economic opportunities in India, and India companies to explore operations in the U.S. market, specifically in Columbus, Ohio.

**Seeking Conference Committee Members and Presenters**

Additional assistance is needed in planning and organizing the conference, and inquiries continue to be accepted for those faculty members who may have an interest in presenting or attending the conference.

Each session (research, education, clinical, commercial or career) will be 90 minutes and will host three speakers. The session organizers must secure a sponsor for their session (industry or college or department or donor) Session sponsorship starts at $5,000.
which covers registration and three nights lodging for all three
speakers.

Session slots are limited and will be committed based on a first come
first serve basis and thematic alignment between sessions.

Other levels of sponsorship include $10,000, $15,000 and $25,000.

If you are interested in being a part of an historical and innovative
event, please contact Brent Toto at Brent.Toto@osumc.edu.

Conference Registration

Early registration fee for the conference is $250 which covers
conference attendance, refreshments, lunch and publication material.
Student registration is $100 which includes programming related to
career opportunities and related networking. Register at the Health
Sciences Innovation Conference website.

Conference Location

The conference will be held in the historical Taj Mahal Palace hotel
in Mumbai overlooking the Arabian Sea. The hotel is Mumbai’s first
harbor landmark (first opened for business on December 16, 1903) and
the site of the first licensed bar in the city. For more than a
century, the Taj has played an intrinsic part in the life of the city,
hosting Maharajas, dignitaries and eminent personalities from across
the globe. Today it is one of the world’s top hotels and a favorite
destination for business travelers. Overlooking the Gateway of India
with a panoramic view of the bay, every one of the 560 rooms,
including 44 suites, blend rich history with modern convenience. The
Taj Mahal Palace has hosted notable guests such as The Beatles,
Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, Bill Clinton, Jacques Chirac, The King and
Queen of Norway, The Duke and Duchess of Kent, The Duke of Edinburgh,
The Prince of Wales, Roger Moore, Oprah Winfrey, Joan Collins, Mick
Jagger, Angelina Jolie, Brad Pitt, Deep Purple, Michael Palin, Hillary
Clinton and Barack and Michelle Obama. Mr. Jamshyd D. F. Lam (Retd.
Sr. Vice President IHCL) of the Taj Group was the General Manager from
1980 to 1985, during which time the Taj Mahal Palace and Tower was
ranked as the fifth best hotel in the world for two consecutive years.
The hotel was ranked 20th in Asia in the prestigious Conde Nast
Traveler Readers’ Travel Awards of 2010.