

Talking Points -- Luncheon Presentation  
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From the day I was confirmed as Surgeon General, I was on the governing board of the National Council for International Health and helped guide that group through various vicissitudes as it sought to find its place, both in international health and on the Washington scene.

These talking points were essentially the notes on which I delivered my talk (part directly from notes and part ad-lib); hence, the format is not that of a lecture.

Eventually as the National Council for International Health came on harder times, I was asked as a private consultant to make recommendations for the future of the organization. Out of my recommendation came the demise of the National Council of International Health (because it was a confusing title for a group that didn't seem to have much meaning for the public), and the new organization now functions under the leadership of Nils Daulaire in White River Junction, VT, as the Global Health Council.

The chief thrust of my message was that, despite rumors about the destruction of the International Health Program in the Public Health Service, I was there to say that the program is alive and well, and I covered the following areas in my presentation: 1. The budget for International Health in PHS; 2. How International Health is organized in PHS; 3. Our multilateral program involvement; 4. Bilateral programs of the PHS; and 5. Activities that may be of particular interest to this group – selected international activities of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, NIH, and of the Centers for Disease Control.

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Bilateral programs  
Centers for Disease Control  
International Health  
Multilateral programs  
National Institute of Allergy &  
Infectious Disease  
National Institutes of Health  
Public Health Service