Joint Institute Symposium, November 28-30, 2012
SAVE THE DATE!

The JI annual symposium will be held on the University of Michigan campus in late November 2012. Please mark your calendars now, reserving all day from November 28 to 30 for meetings and ceremonies. The JI Executive Board members should also place a tentative hold on November 28.

This year’s symposium will feature keynote speakers, breakout discussions, and posters sessions for JI and non-JI researchers. Last year almost 60 U-M community members from six schools and colleges were able to join their Chinese colleagues at the JI symposium hosted by the PUHSC. We anticipate the same wonderful representation as UMHS welcomes its PUHSC partners.

$100K Gift from Richard and Susan Rogel Supports GHI

Long-time benefactors Richard and Susan Rogel continue their impact on the education and research climate at the U-M through their recent donation of $100K to the JI. This generous gift will be used to create a Global Health Innovation Fellowship program within the Medical Innovation Center headed by Dr. James Geiger. The program will pilot a new process for tackling challenges in healthcare by supporting postgraduate fellows from PUHSC to come to U-M to be trained alongside U-M fellows by a traditional innovation fellowship team.

Mr. Rogel, who chaired U-M’s Michigan Difference campaign and serves on the President’s Advisory Group in addition to the U-M Health System Advisory Group, was deeply attracted to and impressed by the unique research platform between UMHS and PUHSC that serves as the foundation for the JI. Driven by his interest in the partnership, Mr. Rogel has visited PUHSC four times in the last two years and established a good relationship with both collaborative groups. It is his enthusiasm, generosity, and belief in the JI efforts that drove him to invest in this fellowship program – an educational initiative that will support and strengthen the JI collaboration over the long-term.

The JI strives to make a positive impact on the way physicians are trained as leaders in cutting-edge global health research. It hopes and expects that this influential and philanthropic act by the Rogels will inspire other funders to be a part of this undertaking.