The International Conference on Urban Health (ICUH) is the Annual Meeting of the International Society for Urban Health, founded in 2002 at The New York Academy of Medicine (NYAM) and is the pioneer global organization bringing together experts from across academia, government, NGOs and business to improve the health of cities (Source: NYAM website).

The scope of the 15th International Conference on Urban Health, organized by Elsevier Ltd, ISUH, Uganda National Academy of Sciences, and other institutions, was to provide an opportunity for practitioners, academics, communities, and policymakers to share knowledge and learning from around the world to help stimulate effective management of the urban areas for health and health equity. The Conference Chairs were Nelson Sewankambo, Uganda National Academy of Sciences, Uganda, and Jo Ivey Boufford, President, ISUH, New York University, USA.

The theme of the 2018 conference was “Managing Urbanization for Health: a Priority for all Nations”, and the conference topics were:

1. The Governance of Complex Systems
2. Culture and Inclusivity
3. Disasters, Epidemics, and the Unexpected
4. Cities as Economic Engines
5. Safety, Security, and Justice
6. Spiritual Health in the City

Speakers and Chairs included: Mary Bassett, Harvard FXB Center of Health and Human Rights, USA; Jason Corburn, UC Berkeley, USA; Hans
Guttman, Asian Disaster Preparedness Center, Thailand; Philippa Howden Chapman, University of Otago, New Zealand; Eunice Karanja Kamaara, Moi University, Kenya; Liza Kimbo, LiveWell Ltd, USA; Catherine Kyobutungi, African Population & Health Research Center, Kenya; Lidia Morawska, Queensland University of Technology, Australia; Robert Ndugwa, UN Habitat, Kenya; Steffen Nielsen, Novo Nordisk A/S, Denmark; Aromar Revi, Indian Institute for Human Settlements, India; Sotiris Vardoulakis, Institute of Occupational Medicine (IOM), UK.

Romania had one presenter to the poster category, Gabriel Camară (Faculty of Geography and Geology, “Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iași), who presented the poster “Availability of data from national and international sources used in urban air quality monitoring: the case of Romanian cities”; his work has been awarded a grant from UEFISCDI (an agency from the Romanian Ministry of Research).

The next International Conference on Urban Health (ICUH) will take place in Xiamen (China) in November, 2019.

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