

The Global Centre for Mass Gatherings Medicine, a WHO collaborating centre, is hosting an international conference on mass gatherings medicine from 20 to 23 September 2013 in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Mass gatherings, such as *hajj* and *umrah*, pose a challenge to global public health because of the potential for the spread of diseases both during and after the event as a result of crowd density and population movement. It is expected that this conference, the second of its kind, will contribute to establishing a virtual network of institutions and individuals to work in partnership and promote collaborative global research efforts in mass gathering medicine.

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