

Dr Cox speaks at Vatican health conference



● DR DESIREE COX: Founder & CEO of The HEALinc Enterprise

★ DR Desirée Cox, MD., PhD., recently participated in the Fourth International Vatican Conference *Unite to Cure: A Global Health Care Initiative* under the theme “How Science, Technology and 21st Century Medicine Will Impact Culture and Society.”

From April 26 – 28, international thought leaders and luminaries from a range of disciplines exchanged creative ideas and engaged in powerful conversations about the future of medicine in the spirit of global collaboration.

In addition to receiving a stirring address by *His Holiness Pope Francis*, many global industry leaders and famous faces participated in the event including singer *Katy Perry*, *Tony Robbins*, *Deepak Chopra*, *Dr Mehmet Oz*, *Dr Sanjay Gupta*, *Dr Robert (Bob) Hariri*, and *Peter Diamandis*, medical doctor, entrepreneur, engineer and founding partner of *Singularity University* and founder of the *XPRIZE*.

The conference was videoed

and is available on YouTube.

Dr Cox, the Ambassador of the Nassau Chapter of Singularity University, is the founder and CEO of *The HEALinc Enterprise* which includes *The HEALinc Innovation Incubator* (www.thehealinc.com) and the *2018 HEALinc Future Health Innovation Summit* (www.healincfuturehealthsummit.com) which will become an annual Summit for Regenerative Medicine, Precision and Digital Health in The Bahamas.

The 2018 Inaugural HEALinc Future Health Summit will take place **October 7th-9th at the Melia Hotel**, Nassau. Dr Cox, who also Chairs the *National Stem Cell Ethics Committee* (NSCEC) of The Bahamas, made her presentation during a panel discussion on “*Preparing for a Future in Cell Therapy - Regulations, Registries & Scalability*”.

The members of the 2018 Vatican Conference panel agreed that the future of regenerative medicine is here, while discussing how to help as many patients as possible effectively and quickly; how to accelerate the process and how to scale delivery; and, various considerations related to safety, quality, efficacy and the global regulatory landscape.

These issues are particularly important when considering that there are multiple agencies, regulatory bodies, scientific, academic communities and industries which, although autonomous in their own countries or regions, do not necessarily cross geographical, sociological or ideological boundaries in a collaborative way.

Dr Cox’s input on the panel was quoted in *The Vatican Cura Foundation Newsletter (June 2018)*: “*Without patients and people in underserved communities being in the conversation, it still remains*

a very first-world, one per cent and mostly U.S. and European-focused conversation. We need to make sure that emergent players with disruptive and innovative ideas are in the conversation right from the beginning. Diversity is critical to creating a future health landscape that works for the many, not just the few. We need to see this as a global conversation and a global collaboration.”

She emphasized that although it is not widely recognised, The Bahamas has had a Regulatory body and an Ethics Committee in place since laws were enacted in 2013/14. And these laws ensure that intellectual property rights are protected, and evaluation of technology and scalability are assessed. The Bahamas is in a unique position to offer investors access to Caribbean and Latin American markets quickly and effectively.

Other panel discussions centred around Building Bridges Between Faith and Science, CRISPR and Gene Editing, and The Catalytic Power of Disruptive Technologies.

Dr Peter Diamandis and Dr Bob Hariri will be among the featured speakers at the 2018 HEALinc Future Health Summit, which will be held at the Melia Nassau Beach Hotel from October 7 to 9, 2018.

Notable future-health experts from around the world will address timely industry topics at the Summit including *digital health*, *cellular health*, *regenerative medicine* and *precision health*, while discussing ways to design, promote and pay for future health innovation.

For more information on the upcoming Summit see www.healincfuturehealthsummit.com; call USA/Canada tel: (877) 426-536 (USA/Canada); (855) 826-1165 (Bahamas); (716) 422-3798 (world wide); or email: healincfuturehealthsummit@yahoo.com.