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CISEPO FOUNDER TO PROMOTE ARAB AND ISRAELI CO-OPERATION IN REGION

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Dr. Arnold Noyek, founder and chair of the Canada International Scientific Exchange Program (CISEPO), will visit Windsor and Detroit, January 31 and February 1 to meet with community and academic leaders, health care providers and speak at the Windsor Rotary Club, the Rotary Club of Windsor Roseland and the Detroit Medical Center.

CISEPO is a Canadian non-governmental organization based at Mount Sinai Hospital and the University of Toronto. Established in 1984, CISEPO began as a scientific exchange between Canada and Israel. In 1995, it broadened its mandate to bring together Israeli, Jordanian and Palestinian health professionals to facilitate cross-border collaboration through health initiatives. The program has identified hereditary hearing problems amongst infants and children in the Middle East and has developed workshops, research programs and rehabilitation services for the afflicted families.

Canadian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Honourable Pierre Pettigrew, stated, "The success of CISEPO is a testament to the vision of its founders. Their efforts have demonstrated that individuals from societies in tension or conflict can put aside their differences to work together for humanitarian purposes. The Government of Canada supports capacity-building projects, in general, and the CISEPO health initiative in particular."

Dr. Noyek will address the Windsor Rotary Club luncheon on Monday, January 31 and the Rotary Club of Windsor Roseland on February 1. He will also meet with University of Windsor President Ross Paul along with other senior university faculty and medical staff and provide a presentation to Windsor City Council on medical issues amongst diverse ethnic communities.

On February 1, the Detroit Medical Center (DMC) will host Dr. Noyek as part of its community symposium on health initiatives leading to increased Arab-Israeli cooperation.

Prior to the symposium, DMC will host a news conference at:

Kresge Eye Institute
Charlotte Failing Boardroom
Tuesday, February 1
3:00 pm

Dr. Noyek is the Director of the Peter A. Silverman Center for International Health at Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto, a professor of otolaryngology, public health sciences and medical imaging, and director of international continuing education at the University of Toronto.

For more information on the DMC news conference, please contact: Sue Capatina at 313-745-1255 or Capatina@dmc.org

To tickets or information on the Rotary Club luncheons or other Windsor events, please contact: Jim Moore at 519-94400411 or jamesmoore@sympatico.ca

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