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The Hamilton Friendship Association with Cuba proudly Presents:

Africa Called, Cuba Answered

Cuba's Critical Contribution to the Fight against Ebola Featuring Dr. José de Jesús Portilla García

Wednesday, May 27 6:30 pm

URBIS 267 King St East

(formerly Volunteer Hamilton) • Venue is wheelchair accessible

Free event/donations accepted • All funds raised go to CNC's Cuba for West Africa Fund

The Hamilton Friendship Association with Cuba is pleased to welcome Dr. José de Jesús Portilla García to McMaster Campus on Thursday May 28. Dr. Portilla García is taking part in a nation-wide four organized by the Canadian Network on Cuba (CNC) to discuss the invaluable contribution of the Cuban medical brigades to the global flight against Ebola in the West African nations of Liberia, Guinea and Sierra Leone.

Standing side-by-side with the peoples of West Africa, more than 450 Cuban doctors and nurses – chosen from more than 15,000 volunteers - went to West Africa and joined the struggle against Ebola. The Cuban medical mission was by far the largest sent by any country.

Internationally recognized for their unique and successful model of medical internationalism, with tens of thousands of medical personnel stationed around the globe, Cuba has been at the forefront of disaster medical relief for decades. Always the first to send the most when disaster strikes, including to Indonesia, following the Tsunami and to Haiti and Pakistan following the earthquakes, Cuba consistently punches above its weight when it comes to medical relief work. Come to see why Cuba's unique medical brigades are renowned worldwide for their contribution to global health and friendship between nations.

About Dr. Portilla Garcia: Dr. Portilla García has considerable experience in and knowledge of Cuba's medical internationalist missions across the globe. He has had a distinguished career. Highlights include: chief of Cuban medical personnel during Cuba's internationalist mission in the former Republic of Congo; head of PCC's Department of Heath for the province of Havana and director of the Department of Bilateral Collaboration in the Ministry of Public Health. Dr. García Portilla also represents Cuba at various international conferences and gatherings.

The HFAC in coordination with the McMaster Michael DeGroote School of Medicine's Global Health Committe and Infectious Diseases Interest Group is hosting a special session for health care students and professionals on Thursday May 28. For more information on this, please contact us directly at hamiltoncubafriendship@gmail.com

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Cuban Doctor on Cross-Canada Tour May 14-30, 2015

From May 14 to 30, Dr. José de Jesús Portilla García, a participant in various Cuban medical internationalist missions, will speak in several Canadian cities on Cuba's Humanitarian Medical Missions across the world, especially in fighting the Ebola epidemic in the West African nations of Liberia, Guinea and Sierra Leone

Cuba has made a critical contribution to the fight against the Ebola epidemic in the West African nations of Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone. Standing side-by-side with the peoples of West Africa, more than 450 Cuban doctors and nurses – chosen from more than 15,000 volunteers - went to West Africa and joined the struggle against Ebola. The Cuban medical mission was by far the largest sent by any country. Even the Wall Street Journal stated: "Few have heeded the call, but one country has responded in strength: Cuba.

Dr. Portiila's visit includes stops in Toronto (May 14-17); Halifax (May 18-19); Vancouver (May 20-21); Calgary (May 22); Ottawa (May 23-24); Montreal (May 25); Kingston (May 26); Hamilton (May 17) and Niagara (May 28). Dr. Portilla will conclude his tour of Canada on May 30 in public event in Toronto during the 7th Convention of the Canadian Network on Cuba (CNC).

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Currently, he oversees Cuba's medical missions in 15-countries from the Americas to

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The tour is organized by the Canadian Network On Cuba (CNC). For information contact Isaac Saney, CNC Co-chair and National Spokesperson: email: isaney@hotmail.com and/or cell: 902-449-4967.

Cross-Canada Tour **Cuban Doctor to Speak on** Cuba's struggle against Ebola in West Africa Saturday May 30 at 7:30 p.m. Steelworkers Hall at 25 Cecil Street (East of Spadina Avenue, 1 block south of College Street) DR. JOSÉ PORTILLA GARCIA has worked in solidarity and humanitarian medical missions around the world including fighting Ebola in West Africa. This will be the last stop on his three-week cross-Canada tour to raise awareness of Cuba's extensive international humanitarian work. FERNANDO GONZÁLEZ one of the Cuban Five heroes, and now, Vice-President of "Instituto Cubano de Amistad con Los Pueblos" (ICAP - English translation: "Cuban Institute of Friendship with the Peoples"). Fernando was released and returned to Cuba after 15 years in a U.S. prison for fighting terrorism against Cuba. He will speak about US Aggression in Relation to Cuba **FREE ADMISSION** The tour is organized by the Canadian Network on Cuba (CNC). For information contact Isaac Saney, CNC Co-chair and National Spokesperson at isaney@hotmail.com or cell: 902-449-4967. www.canadiannetworkoncuba.ca by TORONTO FORUM ON CUBA torontoforumoncuba@rogers.com uba.com

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A Different Booklist (746 Bathurst Street) Organized by: A Different Booklist & Canadian Cuban Friendship Association-Toronto

HALIFAX

Tuesday, May 19--7pm Room 1058, Mona Campbell Building 1459 Le Marchant Street, Dalhousie Organized by: Nova Scotia Cuba Association For information: 902-449-4967, isaney@hotmail.com

CALGARY Friday, May 22 -- 7:30-10:30 pm

Unitarian Church, 1703 1st St. NW Organized by: Canadian-Cuban Friendship Association-Calgary For information: 403-289-4689 or 403-971-

MONTREAL

Monday, May 25 -- 7pm

Centre St-Pierre, Laure-Gaudreault Hall 1212 Panet Street, Montreal (near Beaudry

Organized by: Table de concertation de solidarité Québec-Cuba

For information: 514-991-4388 or 514-298-6820, info@solidaritequebeccuba.qc.ca

KINGSTON

Thursday, May 26--7pm

Unitary Place 206 Concession Street (west side entrance)
Organized by: CCFA (Kingston) For information: haroldapickering@hotmail.com

HAMILTON

Wednesday, May 27 -- 6:30 pm

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NIAGARA

Thursday, May 28--7pm

Rotary room, St. Catharines Library 54 Church St Organized by: CCFA (Niagara) For information: salehw@yahoo.com

TORONTO

Saturday, May 30 - 7:30 pm

Steelworkers' Hall, 25 Cecil St. (south of College, east of Spadina) Free admission Speakers: Fernando González, of the Cuban Five and Vice-President of the Cuban Institute of Friendship with the People's (ICAP) & Dr. José Portilla García Organized by: Canadian-Cuban Friendship Association-Toronto

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