

Meet The Expert

Ms. Roberta Gianfortoni

**Former Director, Master of Public Health Programme
Harvard School of Public Health**

**will be the expert in an interactive session on
'Advancing Public Health through professional training & practice
on 17th January 2019 between 03.00 p.m - 4.15 p.m at the Learning center @ ICPH**

Profile of the Speaker

Ms. Roberta Gianfortoni

Ms. Roberta Gianfortoni is much respected and experienced higher education administrator with extensive knowledge of the public health field.

Harvard School of Public Health: Her professional life includes a 25 year leadership role at the Harvard School of Public Health in the following capacities:

- Director, Master of Public Health (MPH) Program: 1989- 2015
- Assistant Dean for Professional Education: 2003-2015
- Director for Professional Education, 1989-2003

Under her leadership the globally acclaimed MPH programme grew in scale and strength. She helped develop, guide and direct the MPH in collaboration with a faculty director and steering committee. The program currently enrolls over 420 students annually in seven interdisciplinary concentrations. Thirty-five percent are international students from over 40 countries, approximately 80% are physicians, 10 % are medical students and the remaining students are lawyers, dentists and others with master's degrees and experience in health related fields. Work closely with faculty on educational issues and student policy. Manage an annual budget of over \$500,000 and direct and manage 3 program staff assistants.

Ms. Roberta Gianfortoni's accomplishments:

- She established, organized and directed a revision of the MPH Program from a departmentally based program to an interdepartmental career-oriented program.
- Coordinated the growth of the program from 230 to over 400 students.
- Directed expansion of a full-time only degree program to include part-time and summer-only degree options.
- As an active member of the School-wide Committee on Educational Policy (CEP), review, approve and recommend course proposals, new programs and academic policies.
- Work with Admissions Office and faculty to ensure consistency regarding admissions criteria.
- Provide extensive advising, guidance and support to students on program planning, course selection and career direction.
- Coordinate with faculty on financial aid decisions and policy for MPH students. Actively manage opportunities to redress disparities for underserved populations and strengthen school goals for equity regarding merit and need for international and domestic students.
- Due to broad knowledge of the school, participate in numerous committees and school activities, including review committees for fellowship programs and providing guidance on the school-wide orientation program.
- Co-create planning and programming for Teaching Assistants, incorporating a yearly training for course teaching assistants to address a number of classroom and teaching activities.

Education

University of, Wisconsin Milwaukee, WI; MA, Anthropology
State University of New York, Binghamton, NY; BA, Anthropology

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Massachusetts Public Health Association
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