Building community to connect colleagues, share experiences, and spark new solutions is central to GHI’s mission. In 2014-2015, the Institute reached across disciplines to encourage new collaborations.

80 dairy leaders, including World Dairy Expo participants, Chancellor Rebecca Blank, and the UW community, shared ideas and experiences at September’s “UW-Madison Leading the Way: Advancing Dairy Cattle and Human Health, Well-being, and Economic Prosperity Around the World.” UW’s GHI, School of Veterinary Medicine, and College of Agricultural and Life Sciences co-hosted the consultative meeting.

125 international speakers and guests joined then Acting Surgeon General Boris Lushniak, Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Gina McCarthy, former UW-Madison Chancellor Donna Shalala, Lancet editor Richard Horton, and GHI Director Jonathan Patz for September’s “A Civil Society Event on Action in Climate Change and Health” in New York City. UW’s GHI, Office of Sustainability, Nelson Institute, and Wisconsin Energy Institute were among the co-hosts.

300 students, faculty, staff, and friends gathered for April’s “Global Health Symposium 2015: Advancing Health in an Interconnected World.” Keith Martin, executive director of the Consortium of Universities for Global Health, keynoted an evening that included talks and posters from more than 50 presenters representing 10 campus units and work in more than 20 countries.

20 rural Wisconsin high school students attended the second annual High School Global Health Day. They were introduced to the determinants of health in a global context and learned how global issues may affect their lives and communities.

26 events hosted and co-hosted by GHI brought UW-Madison alumni and world experts to campus to share their experiences with global health topics, including communities displaced by rising seas, girls’ empowerment, e-learning for sustainable health, rabies, dying with dignity, Ebola, polio eradication, and the future of global health.