

# DR. ERIKA WICHRO SELECTED FOR TOP INSPIRATIONAL LEADER OF THE YEAR IN HEALTH BY IAOTP

*Dr. Erika Wichro will be honored at the International Association of Top Professionals annual awards gala in Las Vegas*

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- Dr. Erika Wichro, MPH, MA, MAS, Global Health Expert and Crisis Management Advisor, was recently selected as Inspirational Leader of the Year in Health for 2025, awarded by the International Association of Top Professionals (IAOTP).

While inclusion with the International Association of Top Professionals is an honor in itself, only one member who is a dedicated Inspirational Mentor is selected for this distinction. Dr. Wichro is being recognized for having decades of professional experience in the public health and humanitarian sectors and as an overall inspiration. She will receive this award at IAOTP's Annual Awards Gala being held this December at the Bellagio Hotel in Las Vegas. IAOTP is incredibly honored to recognize Dr. Wichro for all her success and dedication.

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Dr. Wichro stands out as a radiant force in Global Health. She is a dynamic, results-driven leader whose deep expertise bridges medical and systems-level response, showcasing her brilliance in health emergency and humanitarian crisis leadership, pandemic preparedness, and global capacity building. Dr. Wichro is deeply committed to fostering a world where humanity, strategy and system resilience align to serve the greater good. She has demonstrated success by serving those most in need and using her abilities to strengthen connection, cross-sectoral collaboration and system resilience. Her success in serving those most in need is a testament to her empathy and compassion, making her a role model for others in the field. She is multilingual in English, German, French, and continuously expands her linguistic and intercultural reach to serve diverse populations.

Dr. Wichro's current portfolio includes leading roles on regional and global initiatives. As Technical Lead of the South Asia Regional Surge Capacity Assessment, commissioned by the World Bank (WB) and conducted by the Oxford Policy Management Limited (OPM), she guided a comprehensive, groundbreaking review of health emergency readiness across India, Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka and the regional level of WB's SAR region. The assessment focused on strengthening surge capacities for systems, staff, space (infrastructure) and stuff (logistics) in disaster and health emergency contexts. She also leads the Diversity and Inclusion Working Group within the European Union Civil Protection Mechanism Training Programme, guiding the integration of D&I integration as one of the cross-cutting competences across high-level EU training curricula. Her contributions have helped strengthen crisis responders' self-awareness, collaborative teamwork, and mindful actions in diverse, high-pressure environments.



Her areas of expertise include but are not limited to, clinical-medical work, worldwide health emergency and humanitarian crisis management, public and private pandemic preparedness, outbreak response and participation in various high-level and field assessments, program reviews and medical research programs. With decades of experience in multi-sectoral consulting in highly challenging environments, she has made significant contributions. Her work exemplifies a profound commitment to improving health outcomes on a global scale, demonstrating exceptional competences and dedication in every aspect of her diverse and impactful career.

Dr. Wichro's areas of specialization include emergency health operations in response to Ebola, Polio, Measles, Bird Flu, and COVID-19 for organizations such as the World Health Organization (WHO), European Commission (EC), and U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). In Austria, she played a pivotal role in national pandemic planning and outbreak response (C-19 & Influenza). She has served in high stakes contexts in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Syria, Turkey, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Albania, South Sudan, Malawi, Ghana, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Fiji, the Pacific Countries, the USA and beyond.

Dr. Wichro and her team provide expert services in strategic coordination, health systems strengthening, public-private collaboration, risk assessment and rapid response, community engagement, data analysis, and policy shaping. Her holistic, people-centered approach supports

sustainable transformation and resilient systems.

Dr. Wichro holds an MD from the Medical University of Graz (AUT), a Master of Public Health from Boston University (USA); and a Master of Arts in Applied Ethics from Karl-Franzens University Graz (AUT). Her training extends to Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, other renowned institutions, and includes an Executive Master in International Law in Armed Conflict from the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights. (Switzerland). She also serves as Psycho-Social Expert within the EU Civil Protection Mechanism and a respected trainer in high-level EU courses and for UN Organizations.

Dr. Wichro's illustrious career has been marked by numerous international honors. For her outstanding leadership and commitment to the healthcare industry, she received the Presidential Award in Public Health by the International Association of Top Professionals (IAOTP) in 2024, was named as the Top Global Impact Health Consultant of the Decade and featured in the 1st Edition of Top 25 Global Impact Leaders in 2023, received the Humanitarian of the Year Award, the Lifetime Achievement Award, and was honored as one of IAOTP's Top 50 Fearless Leaders in 2022, Empowered Woman in 2021 and Top International Public Health Expert in 2020. She graced the front cover of TIP (Top Industry Professionals) Magazine. has been featured on the famous Nasdaq Billboard and Reuters Billboard at New York's Times Square and on the Planet Hollywood Billboard on the Las Vegas strip. Her interviews and thought leadership appear across international platforms including TIP Magazine and IAOTP Radio. This December, she will be awarded for her selection of Inspirational Leader of the Year in Health at the remarkable Bellagio Hotel in Las Vegas.

Outside of her consultancy and advisory work, Dr. Wichro is an active volunteer for humanitarian relief, a featured speaker on system resilience and cross-sectoral crisis management, and a contributor to expert journals such as the Crisis Response Journal. She supports scenario-based planning exercises, including the recent 7.5-magnitude earthquake simulation in Romania, and actively shapes civil protection policy and practice.

Looking back, Dr. Wichro attributes her success to courage, curiosity, compassion, systems thinking, and the unshakable belief in human potential. In her free time, she enjoys sacred travel, family connection, personal development and sharing her wisdom through education and mentorship. As she continues to guide the transformation of systems and hearts alike. Dr. Wichro embodies the balance of visionary action and grounded compassion.

For more information on Dr. Erika Wichro, please visit:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HW1aCU5SP6s&t=1s>

<https://tip-radio.com/episode/dr-erika-wichro-selected-for-the-empowered-woman-award-by-iaotp/>

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IAOTP's experts have given thousands of top prestigious professionals worldwide the recognition and credibility they deserve and have helped them build their branding empires. IAOTP prides itself on being a one-of-a-kind boutique networking organization that handpicks only the best of the best and creates a networking platform that connects and brings these top professionals together.

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