The Global Vision

In addition to its national and regional roles, LAUMS will inevitably participate in the rapid developments impacting medicine globally. Opportunities present themselves in at least four areas:

1. **Establishment of academic relationships and collaborative efforts with major American medical centers.** In addition to the relation with Harvard Medical International, LAUMS is establishing collaborative agreements with other American medical schools. These are crucial not only for maintaining organic and vibrant relationships with American academic medicine, but also for providing LAUMS graduates with pathways and opportunities for career development in the USA.

2. **LAU is also developing links with European Universities and scientific centers of biomedical research, particularly British and Irish medicine, with which we share a common language.**

3. **Training and employment opportunities for LAUMS graduates in America:** According to a report of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) published in April 2006, the projected needs for medical graduates in the USA require an increase of 15% by 2015. Despite plans by more than 40% of American medical schools to increase First Year enrollment in the coming 5 years, these increases will fall far short of expected needs, as projected by the AAMC and the Council on Graduate Medical Education (COGME).