

362nd INTG Meeting : 18 June 2013 :

“Healing Africa: The Havana Prescription”.

A new film by Tom Fawthrop who will be in attendance to discuss the film

Presentation of the talk: The film traces the journey of students from South Africa’s poorest to fulfilling their dream – to become the doctors that are so badly needed by their rural communities. Little reported by the Western world, Cuba is the only country that provides over 20,000 free scholarships a year to 34 countries in Africa and the rest of the developing world. The film shows the progress of five South African students through Cuban medical school, and in South Africa, looks at the role of Cuban trained doctors in building a different kind of health system.

The Speaker: *Tom Fawthrop is an independent journalist and film-maker based in SE Asia during past 30 years. Outside Asia he has worked on various assignments in Latin America: Cuba, Colombia, Ecuador and Venezuela. In Africa: Kenya & South Africa. He is a regular contributor & correspondent for: The Economist/ Guardian/ South China Morning Post.*