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Bi-monthly Newsletter

March - April 2021

7 April is World Health Day. This year, the WHO is inviting all of us to connect in a new campaign to "build a fairer, healthier world". Inequality in health exists, has grown bigger during the pandemic, but is preventable. Working together, collecting reliable data, tackling inequities and acting beyond borders are core elements to ensure the right to good health for everyone, everywhere. Uniting Streams is responding to this with conviction and enthusiasm.

More on the campaign plans and materials can be found on the [WHO website](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Scientific Session - NVTG Annual Meeting

This year, the annual meeting of The Netherlands Society for Tropical Medicine and International Health (NVTG), will take place on Friday April 16th at 2:30PM (CET/GMT+1). The first part of the meeting is a member-only event. The second part, the scientific session (starting at 4PM) is open for all. Like every year, we have invited PhDs that have recently defended their thesis or will do so soon.

Starting time: 4PM (CET / GMT+1)

Chair: Suzanne Smit, Assistant Professor Infectious Diseases at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

Speakers: Isaie Reuling, Sarju Sing Rai, Tim Riswick, Bony Wiem Lestari

Registration: Open for all, register via [this link](#).

Symposium on Racism, Migration and Health

April 17, 1PM CET

Medicine on the Move is organizing a free online symposium on racism, migration and health. The symposium has a special focus on children, as the most vulnerable group. If you're interested in gaining insight on how implicit bias and discriminatory policies affect health, join the symposium on April 17th.

Registration via [this link](#)

Symposium on Racism, Migration and Health

APRIL 17, 2021
1 P.M. CET
| BLACKBOARD COLLABORATE



Virtual Global Forum on TB Vaccines



20 - 22 April

The Virtual Global Forum on TB Vaccines will be held from 20 - 22 April 2021. It will provide an overview of the state of the field and recent progress in TB

remotely to discuss opportunities and challenges for TB vaccine R&D in the times of a pandemic.

[Click here](#) for more info and registration

Big Data Symposium - Bloomsbury SET



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22 April, 14:30-16:00

Utilizing big data to tackle infectious diseases and antimicrobial resistance is the topic of the final event in symposium series of Bloomsbury SET program. The symposium will showcase projects using big data and machine learning. The Bloomsbury SET (Science, Economics, Technology) program is a Knowledge Exchange platform that supports innovation in the field of Healthcare and Medicine with the aim to accelerate the delivery of innovative scientific and technical solutions to help safeguard human health.

Info and registration [here](#).

Global Health Writing Retreat 2021

4 may - 21 may

This year, the global health writing retreat will be held in a different format than previous years. The 2021 edition will be fully online, and consists of

Registration via: Utrecht Summer School

GLOBAL HEALTH PHD AND POSTDOC WRITING RETREAT

A collaboration between:



Seven half-day workshops
4 May - 21 May 2021

Location

Online

Fees

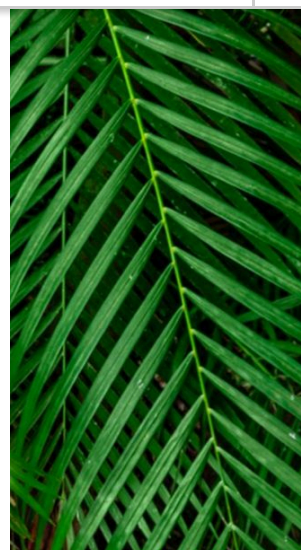
Varying rates* between
€150,- and €395,-

*Reduced fees for
participants from LIC/MIC
See website for conditions

May 21st
19:30 - 21:00

After a hiatus, the **TropQuiz** is back! As a social finale event to the global health writing retreat, Uniting Streams will be organizing the TropQuiz - an online pubquiz for the global health fanatic. Registration will be open for all; participation in the writing retreat is not necessary!

More info following soon!



Reminder: abstract submission



The call for abstracts of the 12th European Congress on Tropical Medicine and International Health is extended till April 9th! Don't forget to submit your abstract before it's too late!

The abstract can be on any subject of relevance to global challenges in health, migration, and equity both research and practice. The abstract should correlate to at least one of the 9 tracks at the congress. You can only choose one track in the submission portal. If your abstract fits in to more than one track, you will have to make a choice.

For more info, [click here](#).

PAST EVENTS

Film Festival

March was Global Health Film Festival month. This edition screened 4 movies, one every Saturday. The spectators were brought behind the scenes of the Calais Jungle ([On Our Doorstep](#)), in a public hospital in Nicaragua where a new law made abortion illegal ([A Quiet Inquisition](#)), at the core center of contemporary epidemics ([Unseen Enemy](#)) and, finally, on board on a climate justice movement started by Kenyan farmers ([Thank You For The Rain](#)).

The panel discussions after each screenings covered different topics relevant to international medicine and global health today.

WEBINARS & COURSES

22 April, 10:00 - 11:30

Webinar: Research contracts and Intellectual Property

Research results sharing, intellectual property and publishing rights: the legal advisors of the University of Amsterdam will share what and how researchers, who are involved in collaborations with parties outside their knowledge institute, need to settle in an agreement and who is authorized to sign.

Info and registration [here](#).

29 April, 20:00 - 21:30 *[in dutch]*

Lezing: 'Coronagekte? Over complotdenken in onze samenleving'

Sinds de coronacrisis tieren complottheorieën welig, maar al langer worden officiële waarheden van overheid, media en wetenschap betwist [...] .Vaak worden deze ideeën neergezet als irrationeel, onwaar en gevaarlijk, maar kunnen we zo dit wantrouwen nu begrijpen? In deze lezing neemt Harambam je mee in de wereld van complotdenkers om te laten zien hoe en waarom de waarheid voor velen op losse schroeven is komen te staan.

21 June - 2 July

GIS for Global Health course

Are you interested in learning how to make use of GIS to apply spatial analytical methods to address public health challenges? Check out and apply for the virtual GIS for Global Health course offered by KIT's Center for Applied Spatial Epidemiology.

Info and registration [here](#).

VACANCIES

Intervention developer (32h/week)

The Amsterdam Institute for Global Health and Development (AIGHD), the Public health service of Amsterdam and Soa Aids Nederland are seeking an intervention developer for The Last Mile Phase 2: an action research project as part of the H-TEAM (HIV Transmission Elimination AMsterdam) Initiative. Candidates should have a MSc degree in a relevant (social of health sciences) field, should be familiar with health promotion development, and is well-equipped to work with qualitative and/or quantitative data analysis software.

More info on the [AIGHD](#) website.
Application deadline: April 11th.

PhD Candidate for RIVER-EU (0.6 FTE, 5 years)

The Department of General Practice & Elderly Care Medicine and the Department of Health Sciences, Global Health Unit, are looking for a PhD candidate to work on an international research project, entitled Reducing Inequalities in Vaccine uptake in the European Region – Engaging Underserved communities (RIVER-EU). This project aims to make access to vaccination, with specific focus on MMR and HPV, equitable. The team is looking for a candidate with a (research) master's degree in sociology, health sciences, public health, medicine or other health-related sciences, who has affinity with underserved communities and global health and knowledge of qualitative and quantitative research methods. Fluency in Dutch is required (oral and written). Working knowledge of Arabic and/or Turkish is an advantage.

Senior TB advisor (full time)

The Management Sciences for Health (MSH) seeks a Senior TB Advisor for a potential 5 -year USAID-funded health program in Afghanistan. The Senior TB Advisor will lead the implementation and scale up of an Urban DOTS Program and approaches in their designated city in close coordination with the NTP/MoPH as well as both public and private health actors. The candidate should have a MD plus certificate in internal medicine, MPH, or equivalent. Seven years of professional experience working in public health and TB in Afghanistan essential.

More info can be found [here](#).

Two positions for SURREAL: 1. Junior researcher on social inequalities, urban characteristics, health behaviour and stress for and 2. Junior researcher on the impact of urban policies on social inequalities in physical and mental health (full time)

SURREAL (Systems approach of urban environments and health) is a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Innovative Training Network (ITN) action funded by the European Commission. The aim of SURREAL is to deliver a unique, creative and single training network for 15 Early Stage Researchers working on an improved understanding of the urban health system's complexity. These project will be conducted at the Department of Public Health at Erasmus MC Rotterdam. They will focus on understanding how environmental exposures and personal characteristics contribute together to socioeconomic inequalities in health behaviour and stress and how 'urban natural policy experiments' impact inequalities in health behaviours and stress.

The positions are offered to MSc graduates in Health Sciences, Sociology, Epidemiology, Geography or other related field. Applicants must not have resided and not have carried out their main activity (work, studies) in the Netherlands for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately before the recruitment date.

More info can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

Application deadline: April 18th

On **April 7th**, at **12:45**, **drs. P.W.Y. Young** will defend the thesis named: 'Measuring HIV incidence, mortality, and cascade of HIV care in Kenya'. Link to the online defense will be published on the website of Utrecht University, via: <https://www.uu.nl/agenda/promotie-measuring-hiv-incidence-mortality-and-the-cascade-of-hiv-care-in-kenya>

Drs. M.A.H. Berrevoets will defend on: 'Antimicrobial Stewardship - Appropriate Antibiotic Care from the Patients' and Professionals' Perspective' on the **13th of April, 10:30**. More information via: <https://www.ru.nl/nieuws-agenda/agenda/promoties/@1295997/antimicrobial-stewardship-appropriate-antibiotic/>

Drs. A.O.A. Ali will defend his thesis titled: 'Determinants Of Treatment Defaulting Among Tuberculosis Patients in Khartoum State, Sudan' on the **20th of April, 10:00**. More information via: <https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/nl/events/promotie-dhr-ahmed-oa-ali>

On **April 20th**, at **15:00**, **drs. K. Kovacikova** will defend on: 'Chikungunya virus nonstructural protein 1 as an antiviral target'. Link to the livestream of the defence will be available via: <https://www.universiteitleiden.nl/agenda/2021/04/chikungunya-virus-nonstructural-protein-1-as-an-antiviral-target>

On **April 28th**, the defence of **drs. A.S. Post** will take place, at **12:30**. The thesis is titled: '*Plasmodium falciparum* and non-Typhoidal Salmonella in sub-Saharan Africa: Major Killers, Similar but Different'. Info and link via: <https://www.ru.nl/nieuws-agenda/agenda/promoties/@1301368/plasmodium-falciparum-and-non-typhoidal-salmonella/>

On **May 7th**, at **12:30**, **drs. R.L. Sluiter** will be defending on: 'Pharmacogenetics - Health economic aspects and other considerations for implementation in clinical practice'. Link to the online defense will be published on the website of Utrecht University, via: <https://www.ru.nl/nieuws-agenda/agenda/promoties/@1294679/pharmacogenetics-health-economic-aspects-and-other/>

Drs. M. Dara will defend the thesis titled: 'Tuberculosis in the WHO European Region, Research for Evidence-based Policies' on the **17th of May, 14:30**. More information via: <https://www.ru.nl/nieuws-agenda/agenda/promoties/@1295997/antimicrobial-stewardship-appropriate-antibiotic/>

On **May 18th**, the defence of **drs. C.H.C. Litjens** will take place, at **10:30**. The thesis is titled: 'Building bridges between preclinical and clinical pharmacology in tuberculosis

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