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KCGH, NVTG & OIGT

Uniting for Global Health

The Dutch Society for Tropical Medicine & Global Health (NVTG), the Training institute Global Health and Tropical Medicine (OIGT), and the Knowledge Centre Global Health (KCGH) have joined forces to bring you a consolidated source of updates and activities in the field of global health in the form of a **joint newsletter.**

We strive to collectively inform you **every month** with the latest news regarding activities, updates, funding opportunities and more.

If you wish to share something via this newsletter, please reach out to communicatie@kcgh.nl

News

4 new e-learning modules launched on KCGH platform

We are very happy to announce the launch of **4 new e-learning modules on** KCGH's e-learning platform! UMC Utrecht has been so kind to share with us online modules that have been developed under the CATAPULT project in 2021 by Julius Centre Global Health UMC Utrecht in collaboration with Elevate Health. The new modules include:

1) Introduction to Public Health

2) Introduction to Epidemiology

3) Global Reproductive, Maternal and Child Health

4) Environmental Health

Check out all free(!) e-learning modules

We would love to further develop this platform and its content together with you: You can read more about it here.

More information

Global Health Thesis / PhD prize 2024

KCGH is excited to announce the **2024 Thesis/Dissertation Prize**. This award celebrates innovative and impactful research by **recent graduates (Bachelor's or Master's) and PhD graduates in global health**. Prizes include **€500** for two outstanding theses and **€1000** for one exceptional PhD dissertation, supporting further professional development.

Again, in collaboration with the Expertise Group Global Child Health, a **€500 prize for the best thesis in Global Child Health**, rewarding originality, collaboration, and practical applicability in low-income settings.

Submit your thesis or dissertation by October 1st, 2024, to info@kcgh.nl. Winners will be honoured at the Symposium on Mis- & Disinformation on November 27th.

Send us your work or share with your students, colleagues, or PhDs!

Courses & Events

Webinar Planetary Health Across Borders | Jun 17 19:30-21:30

NVTG working groups Zorg voor Klimaat and GEO will host an inspiring webinar titled "Planetary Health Across Borders." **This event will focus on the impact of climate change in various countries and the lessons we can learn from their experiences.**

The webinar will feature three engaging speakers:

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Arie Glas will discuss the situation in **Malawi** and **how climate change affects public health there**. **Doctors Without Borders** will share insights from their global projects, and a representative from **Friendship**, an NGO dedicated to sustainable development, will present their findings.

This webinar is ideal for healthcare professionals and anyone interested in planetary health beyond the Netherlands.

World Population Day: A Global Perspective on NCDs | Jul 11 19:00-22:00

On World Population Day Julius Global Health (UMC Utrecht, Universiteit Utrecht) and KCGH invite you to our symposium, "A Global Perspective on Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs)" in **Academiegebouw, Utrecht**. This event focuses on the growing burden of chronic diseases, especially in LMICs.

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Keynote speakers **Prof. Vilma Irazola** and **Prof. Elvin Geng** will share their insights into NCD prevention and management from various backgrounds. A panel discussion with these experts, along with **Arti Singh, MD PhD and Prof. Oscar Franco**, will explore strategies for addressing NCDs globally.

Normal admission is €15, NVTG members enjoy a reduced tariff of €5 (register via kcgh.nl).

A reduced fee of €5 is available for students and residents of LMICs; please email info@kcgh.nl with proof of residence or enrollment.

Transformative Change & Leadership Course | Sep 17 - Jan '25

Programme & registration

Do you see many pressing issues around you but you lack the tools or skills to take active action? **Join our course on Transformative Change & Leadership** to gain & strengthen those! During 5 Tuesday afternoons in autumn this year you and fellow Global Health Professionals will be equipped with skills ranging from **stakeholder mapping** to **strategy design** and **forming theories of change** to turn your ideas into actions. Moreover, you will be inspired by the wonderful speakers from the work field who share their expertise from diverse sectors.

We have limited spots available, so secure yours now and make a change!

Conferences

Conference "Zorg Voor Nieuwkomers" | Oct 9

Utrecht will host a conference on healthcare for newcomers, organised by KCGH and NVTG together with partners. This event aims to **enhance healthcare for refugees and vulnerable newcomers, including labour migrants** in the Netherlands, focusing on the specific **health risks and needs** stemming from their backgrounds. It offers **an opportunity for knowledge exchange and collaboration** among healthcare professionals and policymakers.

Registration is now open! NVTG members receive a 15 EUR discount when they register via KCGH.nl and fill out their membership.

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Save the Date: Placenta Accreta Spectrum Symposium | Nov 23

Mark your calendars for the **"Placenta Accreta Spectrum Symposium: The Role of Telemedicine,"** co-organised by the International Society of PAS (IS-PAS) and KCGH. One of the initiators of this event is Albaro Nieto, PhD, who focused PAS and lessons for LMICs and beyond. This event will address the **complexities of managing PAS**, particularly in **LMICs** where the incidence of cesarean births is higher. The symposium will cover key topics such as **definition, surgical planning from ultrasound, individualised treatment, and the role of telemedicine in global health.** In the afternoon, the programme will be filled with masterclasses o

Don't miss this opportunity to engage in critical discussions and practical sessions on PAS. Keep an eye on this newsletter and our socials for more details!

Conference on Misinformation in (Global) Health | 27 Nov

NVTG and KCGH organise a crucial conference in November focusing on Mis- and Disinformation in (Global) Health. This event aims **to unite health professionals, policymakers, and researchers to combat the spread of health-related misinformation and disinformation**, enhancing the **resilience** of health systems and public health. The conference will feature international **interdisciplinary keynotes and panels** on current research trends, the impact of disinformation in healthcare, policy interventions, and future challenges in health communication.

Register now! NVTG members receive a 15 EUR discount when they fill out they are NVTG member on the KCGH registration page.

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European Conference on Global Surgery | Oct 8-12

This year's European Conference on Global Surgery, set to take place in Essen, Germany, revolves around the theme "**Shaping the Future of Global Surgery Together**," offering a platform for crucial discussions. Global surgery is an imperative field, focusing on bridging the **gap** in surgical care across the globe, thus fostering equitable access and enhancing the quality of surgical services in underserved regions.

The event is co-organised by the NVTG working group Netherlands Society for International Surgery and receives support from KCGH.

Registration has opened! Secure your spot for the conference or the pre-conference workshops now.

Recently published

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BOOK: De puzzel van Wajir - Frank Terwindt

Frank Terwindt's newly published book, "De Puzzel van Wajir," offers an autobiographical account of his over **30 years of experience in public health across African and Asian developing countries**. Aimed at a broad audience, this insightful work vividly describes and analyses **the complex challenges and dilemmas faced by a public health consultant**.

While not an academic textbook, it provides valuable lessons and real-world examples that can benefit students and professionals in tropical medicine, public health, and global health. The book addresses important issues like health equity, infectious diseases, and the effectiveness of development work amidst current political scrutiny.

Note: this book is in Dutch.

Save the date

Mark your calendars for the coming events (more details follow soon):

- **TROIE Alumni Day | Oct 5**

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