

Monthly newsletter #19 March '25

# KCGH, NVTG & OIGT

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 once again teamed up to create this joint newsletter, a unified source of updates, activities, and opportunities in global health.

Through **symposia**, **e-learnings**, **and key events**, we aim to foster knowledge exchange and collaboration on pressing global health challenges. Stay informed about upcoming highlights, including **Global Health Day on 15 May** and our **Fall Symposium on 20 November**.

Keep an eye on our **agenda and newsletter** for ways to engage with the latest discussions and initiatives in global health.

If you would like to contribute to this newsletter, please contact <u>communicatie@kcgh.nl</u>.

## News

The **urgent letter** calling on the Dutch government to respond decisively to recent U.S. global health policy shifts has received overwhelming support. Over **40 organisations** — including universities, NGOs, hospitals and the NFU — and **more than 250 individuals** have already signed the statement.

On 10 February 2025, **KCGH**, **NVTG** and OIGT, together with a broad coalition of global health actors, sent this letter to Ministers Agema and Klever. It expresses grave concern about the potential consequences of the U.S. withdrawal from the WHO and the suspension of USAID-funded health programmes. These developments threaten access to vital services such as HIV treatment, maternal care and infectious disease control.

Read more

Broad support for urgent call on Dutch response to U.S. global health policy changes



Kom in actie tegen de besluiten van de VS die wereldwijde gezondheid en stabiliteit bedreigen.

We call on the Netherlands to intensify its diplomatic and financial efforts and to promote a strong EU response.

∠ You can still co-sign: <u>sign here</u>.

Voting is now open for the Albert Schweitzer Prize 2025! Each year, the Albert Schweitzer Fonds awards this prize to support health pioneers with innovative project ideas that improve health and well-being in

### Cast your vote – Albert Schweitzer Prize 2025



Sub-Saharan Africa.

By casting your vote, you can help give these impactful initiatives a head start. Explore this year's inspiring nominees and choose your favourite. While you're there, you can also register (free of charge) to attend the **festive award ceremony on 9 April.** 

*The vote and register <u>here</u>.* 

**Register here** 

## Courses & Events

### ETAT+ Course: Emergency Care for Children | 19–21 March



**Register now** 

Are you a clinician working in global health or interested in strengthening your paediatric emergency skills? Join the next ETAT+ course – a 3day hands-on training in Emergency Triage, Assessment and Treatment, taking place from 19– 21 March 2025.

Developed by the WHO, **ETAT is a globally** recognised training that equips healthcare professionals to quickly recognise and manage life-threatening conditions in children – such as severe infections, dehydration and respiratory distress – particularly in resource-limited settings.

In the Netherlands, this course is delivered by a passionate team of paediatricians dedicated to **Global Child Health**. Expect an inspiring and practical learning experience!

**P Location:** OIGT office, Arthur van Schendelstraat 650, Utrecht

- **Dates**: 19–21 March 2025
- Sector Accreditation: 21 points (NVTG)
- IIIII Fee: €380 (incl. lunch & certificate)
- Register by emailing: <u>cursusdagen@oigt.nl</u>

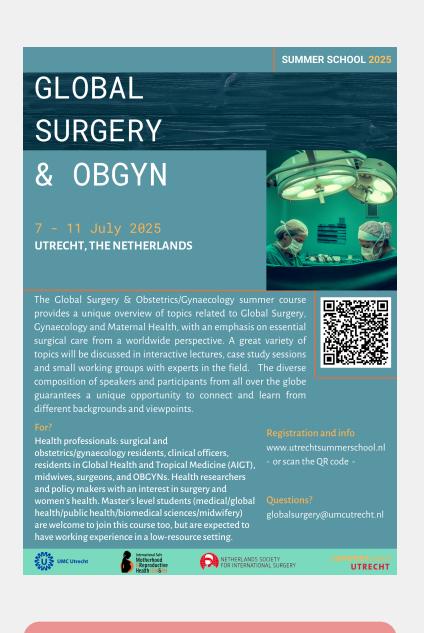
## Summer School: Global Surgery & OBGYN | 7–11 July 2025

Looking to deepen your knowledge in global surgical and maternal health care? Join the Global Surgery & OBGYN Summer School from 7–11 July 2025 in Utrecht!

This interactive course offers a rich programme of lectures, case discussions and small working groups on **essential surgical and obstetric care in lowresource settings**. With speakers and participants from across the globe, it's a unique chance to exchange ideas and build new perspectives on global health.

The course is open to **surgical and OBGYN residents, AIGs, midwives, clinical officers, health researchers and master's level students** with relevant experience.

Refugee healthcare professionals can participate free of charge via the InclUUsion



More info & registration

programme: <u>more info</u>

- **Early bird rate available until 1 April!**
- **Questions?** globalsurgery@umcutrecht.nl

## Conferences

## WHIG Spring Symposium: New in the Netherlands? | 2 April



2 april | 17:00 | Seats2Meet, Utrecht

**Register now** 

2025

How do we improve healthcare for newcomers to the Netherlands? The Spring Symposium by NVTG working group WHIG focuses on current challenges in general practice and travel medicine. This year, we will explore healthcare for refugee children, the role of culture and gender in the consultation room and the introduction of a new dengue vaccine.

Programme highlights:

- Caring for refugee children Dr Nadia Oeij,
  EKANN
- Culture & gender in healthcare Sawitri
  Saharso & Saartje Tack
- Dengue vaccine: What GPs need to know Dr
  Quirijn de Mast

#### More info: <u>click here</u>

- @17:00
- Seats2Meet, Utrecht
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### Global Health Inspiration Day – Crisis of Kans | 12 April in Amsterdam

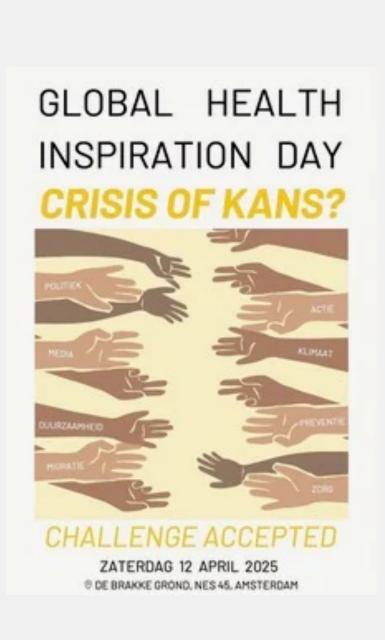
Mark your calendar for the next edition of the Global Health Inspiration Day, taking place on Saturday 12 April at **De Brakke Grond in Amsterdam**!

Under the theme *Crisis of Kans*, this energising day will offer **workshops and thought-provoking talks on today's most pressing topics** — **from climate change to shifting political landscapes, from healthcare systems to inclusion and exclusion.** Together, we'll explore: Is this a crisis, or an opportunity? Do we fight, or do we put out fires? And what does the future hold?

Get ready for inspiring conversations, new connections, and a healthy dose of action. Challenge accepted.

**Date:** Saturday 12 April | ② 9:00–17:00 + networking drinks

- **P** Location: De Brakke Grond, Amsterdam
- Tickets: <u>Book your spot here</u>



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### Global Health Day 2025: Appropriate Care | 15 May

Providing **appropriate care** is widely supported in principle but often difficult to implement due to **challenges like budget constraints and health worker shortages**. At the third edition of the Global Health Day, organised by KCGH, NVTG and OIGT, **experts and professionals will explore how to navigate these complexities and apply effective, sustainable and patient-centred care in diverse contexts.** 



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#### The **programme** includes:

- Keynotes by (international) experts
- Parallel sessions led by NVTG working groups
- In-depth discussions on the latest scientific insights and practical approaches
- NVTG General Assembly (ALV) at the end of the day
- 9:00 17:00
- **?** Social Impact Factory, Utrecht
- NVTG members €60 | Non-members €95 | AIOS +
- opleider €100,- together
- ✓ Accreditation pending via NVTG

# Save the date

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

- ECTMIH2025 | Sept 29 Oct 2
- NVTG/KCGH/OIGT Fall Symposium | Nov 20

Curious about more **international events**? Check the **NVTG agenda**.



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