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May '24

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.

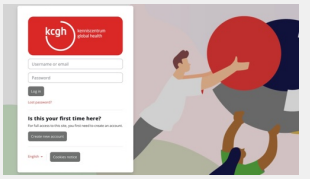
If you wish to share something via this newsletter, please reach out to communicatie@kcgh.nl

News

KCGH new e-learning environment launched!

We are thrilled to announce the launch of KCGH's **new e-learning platform**! This innovative, Moodle-based platform is now available to **enhance global health education access** by providing free, comprehensive e-learning opportunities. Our initial offerings include the "**Pre-departure Course for Medical Students**," developed by the University of Groningen, and "Introduction to Planetary Health," created by UMC Utrecht, the Asian University for Women, and the Alliance of TU/e, WUR, UU, and UMC Utrecht (EWUU), in collaboration with Elevate Health.

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



Visit the e-learning page

Read this month's op-ed

NVTG Column series #2: Sjoerd Verschoor

In this month's newsletter, we feature the **second op-ed by NVTG members, penned by Sjoerd Verschoor**. Our series of opinion pieces aims to inspire and expand your perspectives on global health. This edition delves into the concept of **Effective Altruism, posing the critical question: "Are we doing truly good by what we are doing?"** Join Sjoerd as he explores this intriguing topic, encouraging us to reflect on the real impact of our actions in the field of global health.

Successful Global

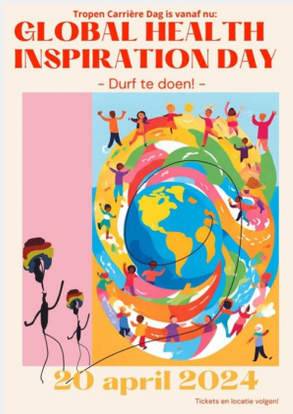
Health Day & new name for NVTG!

On the 18th of April, the Global Health Day was held and visited by over 70 participants. The day revolved around an interesting workshop by Design Innovation Group on **Human-Centred Design (HCD)** and what role HCD techniques can play in various aspects of Global Health. Participants practised different HCD tools.

The workshop was followed by the **General Member Meeting (ALV) of the NVTG.** One highlight during this meeting was the voting results of the new name election. Members expressed the desire via democratic procedures to change the name of the NVTG to the **Netherlands' Society for Global Health (NSGH)!** The NVTG is now entering the (judicial and administrative) processes to put this change into motion.

*To follow up on this name change, the NVTG has created a **vacancy** for a **project- and communications officer (12hrs/week)**. You can read the full vacancy here:*

NVTG Vacancy



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Global Health Inspiration Day '24

On 20th April, we celebrated the Global Health Inspiration Day, formerly known as Tropencarrièredag. As the name suggests, the programme was highly inspiring, ensuring that many attendees found direction in areas such as equitable partnerships, hospital establishment, or working as a global health specialist in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). We would like to extend our gratitude to TROIE and especially the committee for Global Health Inspiration Day for their fantastic organisation of this event. We look forward to the next one!

Planetary Health Alliance Meeting '24

From 16th to 19th April 2024, the Planetary Health Alliance Meeting Summit took place in Kuala Lumpur. During these days, numerous discussions, meetings, and presentations were held with the aim of translating the Planetary Health roadmap into action. **Curious about what you can do?** Visit the Planetary Health Alliance to learn more about the roadmap to action.

PHA website

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Read update

Update CIGT

The **Concilium Internationale Gezondheidszorg en Tropengeneeskunde (CIGT)** is the advisory board of the NVTG, **overseeing the training of** International Health and Tropical Medicine (IGT) physicians. It ensures the **development and quality of global health practices**. Chaired by Irene de Vries, with Inge de Grauw as secretary, the CIGT includes various experts and working group representatives. **Currently, the CIGT is developing the National Training Plan (LOP) 2025.** You can find their full update here.

Thursday Tips

Did you know that every Thursday KCGH publishes its so called Thursday Tips in which interesting global health documentaries / podcasts / series / books and more are highlighted?

Make sure to follow us on Instagram and LinkedIn if you don't want to miss any and share with your colleagues, friends and/or family!

Update IFFHRO

IFHHRO | medical human rights network

Read more

Health professionals are crucial in ensuring the right to health, yet there is a significant knowledge gap in this area. IFHHRO is developing an **assessment toolkit to educate and engage health professionals in human rights**. Dr Annemarie Middelburg highlights the need to enhance their understanding and advocacy skills. The next phase will focus on **education gaps** and explore the demand for a **Right to Health E-learning platform**.

Courses & Events

Webinar Expert Group Global Child Health | May 22 | 20:00-21:45

This online event will feature presentations by Faye Thijssen, Sonja Kranendonk, and Peter Moons, covering topics from the decolonisation of global health to international adoption and paediatric care in Malawi. To register and receive accreditation, **email your name and BIG number to** info@expertisegroepglobalchildhealth.nl **with "ALV registration"** in the subject. More details and the link will be available on their website. Don't miss this insightful event!

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To the website

Clinical Evening on Tropical Medicine | May 30 | 19:15

Programme

The Centre for Tropical and Travel Medicine of Amsterdam UMC invites you and your colleagues to the Clinical Evening on Tropical Medicine on at AMC, lecture hall 4. The event starts at 19:40, with coffee/tea from 19:15. The programme features expert presentations on various tropical medicine topics. **To register, please email** niga_aanmelden@amsterdamumc.nl **with your name and BIG number.** Attendance is free. Accreditation has been requested from relevant parties including NVTG.

The event will take place at De Brakke Grond, Nes 45, Amsterdam.

EPHA event: Prioritising Health in Europe's Mobility Planning | May 30 | 09:15-13:15 CEST (Hybrid)

EPHA invites you to join an insightful hybrid event exploring the **crucial connections between clean mobility policies and health outcomes**. This event will highlight the importance of prioritising health in mobility planning for sustainable, accessible, and healthy transport solutions across Europe. Following the discussions, enjoy a light networking lunch at COMET, Pl. Stéphanie 20, Brussels. **In-person seats are limited**, so register soon. A **livestream option** is also available. Don't miss this opportunity to drive transformative change!

More info & registration

EuroHealthNet Annual Seminar '24 | Jun 3

More info

Titled "**Navigating Times of Change for Public Health**," this seminar addresses the crucial intersections of mental health, wellbeing, and health behaviours with health equity amidst societal challenges like the climate crisis and demographic shifts. The seminar will explore the **latest research and policies** supporting healthier societies, emphasising the **importance of mental well-being and the impact of systemic factors on health behaviours.** This gathering is an essential opportunity for professionals to gain insights and strategies to advance **health equity** in Europe during times of change. You can join in-person in Utrecht or online!

Gynaecology & Midwifery in LMICs | Jun 7 | 09:00-17:00

Are you a physician or trainee in international health, obstetrics, or gynaecology planning to work in low-resource settings? This one-day course organised by Boerhaave Nascholing, is essential preparation. Gain insights into **context-specific obstetric and gynaecological care**, focusing on unique diagnostic and treatment approaches. Topics include **caesarean sections, miscarriage management, and cervical cancer screening**, with a strong emphasis on **practical skills and ethical considerations**. Earn 6 KNOV accreditation points.

More info & registration

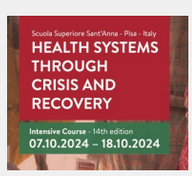
Summer School: Global Surgery & OBGYN | Jul 8-12

More info

Join the Global Surgery & OBGYN Summer School 2024, a collaborative effort by the Netherlands Society of International Surgery (NSIS), the Working Party for Safe Motherhood, and the UMC Utrecht. This course targets health professionals, researchers, policymakers, and master's students with experience in low-resource settings. Key topics include global surgical and maternal health challenges, G4 Alliance features, and strategies for improving outcomes. **Engage with international experts and peers to explore the intersection of surgery, obstetrics, and global health policy.**

Health Systems through Crisis and Recovery | Oct 7-18

This 14th edition of the course, organised at Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna in Pisa, Italy promises an in-depth exploration of how health systems can adapt and **thrive amidst crises and recovery phases**. Designed for global health professionals, the course covers critical aspects such as **policy and governance, health system delivery, and the impact of global events like disease outbreaks or climate change on health systems**. We believe this course could significantly benefit those in our network dedicated to enhancing global health outcomes and therefore happily share this course with you!



More info & registration

Transformative Change & Leadership Course | Sep 3 - Jan '25

More info & registration

You have a **second chance** of diving into the heart of transformative change with our upcoming course, designed to **empower** current and aspiring leaders! Spanning **five sessions from September 3rd to November 5th**, this intensive programme covers crucial topics from **advocacy strategies to stakeholder mapping**. Ideal for those committed to making a difference in global health, this course offers the **tools, knowledge, and network to drive meaningful 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.

Details on speakers and registration follow soon!

More info

Conference on Misinformation in (Global) Health | 27 Nov

More info + registration

KCGH 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 **interdisciplinary keynotes and panels** on current research trends, the impact of disinformation in healthcare, policy interventions, and future challenges in health communication.

Registration for non-NVTG members has opened, for NVTG members a link with discount details will follow soon.

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.

Mark your calendars or submit your abstract to be a part of this timely and significant conference!

More info

Dutch Global Health Film Festival (DGHFF)

Tickets are now available for the Dutch Global Health Film Festival!

The Dutch Global Health Film Festival is excited to host two inspiring evenings this year, taking place on **May 28th** and **June 11th at the** Louis Hartlooper Complex **in Utrecht**. These events will centre around the theme of **health equity**, exploring important topics including women's health and homelessness.

DGHFF website

Below the Belt | May 28 | 19:00-21:00

More info & tickets

This evening, we celebrate the **International Day of Action for Women's Health** with the screening of the powerful documentary "Below the Belt", where **four patients urgently search for answers to mysterious symptoms**. This film sheds light on the challenges within our healthcare systems that **disproportionately impact women**. After the film, there will be interactive activities and you can continue the sparked conversations in the foyer over a free drink!

🗣️ Language: English

🎟️ Ticket price: €8,-

Someone's Daughter, Someone's Son | Jun 11 | 18:30-21:00

The film "Someone's Daughter, Someone's Son" will be screened with the **growing homelessness problem** in mind. Here, we will dive into the **life of current and former homeless persons** and why people are still reduced to living on Britain's streets. After the movie, there will be interactive activities and you can continue the conversations in the foyer while enjoying a free drink!

🗣️ Language: Dutch

🎟️ Ticket price: €8,-

More info & tickets

Recently published

Read here

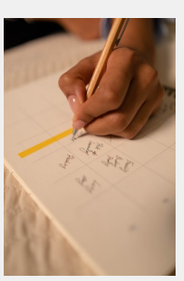
International Health Alert (IHA) 2024-1

The first IHA of 2024 has been published! Since its inception in 1985, IHA has curated **essential global health publications** from sources like The Lancet and Tropical Medicine & International Health. Under the NVTG since 1993, IHA covers **diverse topics including Child Health, Communicable Diseases, and Health Policy**. Published quarterly, editions are available as PDFs. Stay informed on the latest in global health.

Save the date

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

- **TROIE Alumni Day | Oct 5**



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