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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

Successful first edition Zorg voor Nieuwkomers!

The first edition of the Zorg voor Nieuwkomers symposium, held on October 9, was a resounding success. **Over 130 healthcare professionals, policymakers, and stakeholders** gathered to discuss key challenges and opportunities for improving healthcare for newcomers in the Netherlands. Topics ranged from **care for undocumented patients** and **the mental health of newcomers** to the **rights of labour migrants and maternity care for asylum seekers**. Resources, including the "Zorg voor Nieuwkomers in Beeld" handout, are now available on our website, offering valuable insights for those dedicated to inclusive healthcare.

We aim to organise another edition next year to further foster collaboration and publish updated versions of the handout. Anyone who would like to help with the organisation of the symposium next year is welcome to email their ideas to info@kcgh.nl

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Become the new NVTG board member!

nvtg verenigt global health professionals

Are you ready to join a dynamic and vibrant board? The NVTG is looking for a new board member who has a passon for **education and the professional development of AIOS (medical specialists in training) and AIGT (global health physicians)**. This role offers a unique opportunity to contribute to our exciting plans and initiatives.

We are looking for someone who can dedicate an **average of 2 hours per week**. We value your ideas and are eager to hear your vision. As a board member, you will work collaboratively, think innovatively, and promote inclusivity for all our members.

This is an exciting challenge, and we would love to hear from you! You can indicate your interest by sending an e-mail including a resume to info@nvtg.org.

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Support the "Artsen voor Gaza" Initiative: Break the Silence

Healthcare providers in Gaza face unimaginable conditions: limited supplies, severe shortages, and constant threats to their lives. The ongoing violence is **unacceptable**. We call on our governments to act immediately for a ceasefire and to ensure medical aid and basic needs reach those in crisis.

We urge our colleagues in the Netherlands and Belgium to break the silence and speak out for peace

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and humanity in Gaza. **Join in supporting the "Artsen voor Gaza"** initiative and help keep attention on this urgent situation.

Courses & Events

Pre-Travel Medicine and Consultation Course | 4-29 november

This **online** course is designed **for healthcare professionals seeking to enhance their knowledge in pre-travel risk assessment, counseling, and vaccine recommendations for international travelers**.

Participants who complete this course should be able to assess the health risks of different trips, stay updated on global epidemiological outbreaks, and indicate the appropriate vaccines and prophylaxis based on risk. This module is offered in both English and Spanish and will feature live sessions. For more information or to register, visit the website.

Fee: €200

Organisor: ISGlobal (Barceolona Institute for Global Health)

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International Opthalmology Course (Internationale Oogheelkunde Cursus) | 16-17 Jan '25

The International Ophthalmology Course will be organised in the University Medical Centre Utrecht on Thursday 16 and Friday 17 January '25. This course takes place for the fifteenth time in the Netherlands. The course is **organised for ophthalmologists, assistant ophthalmologists, doctors and other interested parties** in international ophthalmology. Accreditation points are awarded to this course. For more information and registration see the invitation

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and the programme.

- **Location:** University Medical Centre Utrecht
- **Organisor**: Netherlands Society for International Ophthalmology (Werkgroep Internationale Oogheelkunde)
- **Language**: Dutch & English
- **Fee**: Opthalmologists: €200,00 / Assistants in training: €125,00 / Including dinner on Thursday evening

Certificate course in Tropical Paediatrics & Global Child Health | 4-6 Feb '25

The Amsterdam Centre for Global Child Health is organising an important course in Amsterdam, tailored to healthcare professionals. This course is ideal for ANIOS, physician assistants, AIOS, and (child) physicians who are looking to **deepen their knowledge in global child health.** With accreditation by NVK and NVTG, this course provides valuable insights for improving child healthcare on a global scale.

- **Location**: Amsterdam
- **Organiser**: Amsterdam Centre for Global Child Health
- **Registration**: l.liekefedt@aighd.org
- **Fees**:
  - ANIOS, Physician Assistant AIGT: €250
  - AIOS: €495
  - (Child) physician: €695

Be sure to register soon to secure your spot!

Amsterdam Centre for Global Child Health

Improving global child health through clinical care, scientific research and training & education

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Conferences

Conference on Misinformation in (Global) Health | 27 Nov

NVTG and KCGH organise an important 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, with among others Sjamadriaan (Adriaan ter Braack), international experts such as Nigel Nyamutumbu, and Sander van der Linden** on current research trends, the impact of disinformation in healthcare, policy interventions, and future challenges in health communication.

Accreditation: 5 points via NVTG

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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Programme announced: Placenta Accreta Spectrum (PAS) Symposium | Nov 23 in Utrecht

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Designed for all involved in PAS care, including (resident) AIGT, OBGYNs, anesthesiologists, sonographers, pelvic surgeons and more, this event promises a full day of enriching educational experiences. Built around the PhD defence of **Albaro Niete** on PAS management, a full day of studying this important topic awaits, curated by **Dutch expert dr. Marcus Rijken**

Morning Sessions: Begin the day with insights from leading experts from diverse parts of the world such as **Sally Collins** and **Eric Jauniaux** on the concept of PAS and its epidemiology. Dive into detailed **diagnostic and management strategies** with world-renowned specialists like **Jose M Palacios-Jaraquemada.**

Afternoon Practical Sessions: Engage in hands-on **simulations and critical surgical case discussions** with worldwide specialists. Check out the full programme.

Accreditation: 6 points via NVTG.

Join us for an educational experience filled with learning and networking opportunities! **NVTG & IS-PAS members receive 50,- discount!**

European Society for International Ophthalmology (ESIO) Conference | 7-9 November

The 4th European Society for International Ophthalmology (ESIO) Conference will take place. This event will gather experts in the field to discuss global health challenges in eye care. Highlights include sessions on cataract surgery in rural areas, eye health in refugee camps, and virtual reality training to combat blindness.

- **Location**: Campus Biotech, Geneva, Switzerland
- **Organiser**: European Society of International Ophthalmology (ESIO)
- **Costs**:
  - Full conference fee: CHF 150
  - Trainee fee: CHF 70
  - Daily fee: CHF 75

Register soon! Registration closes on October 31, 2024. View the full programme here.

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Publications

Green Labs NL publications

Green Labs NL, with support from KCGH, has released a new publication promoting **sustainable science**, following the successful workshop "Sparking Green Movement in the Funding Landscape." The workshop brought together funders from NWO, Wellcome Trust, and more to discuss actionable steps for sustainability in research. A major outcome is the **Heidelberg Agreement on Environmental Sustainability in Research Funding**, a framework encouraging research funders to play an active role in incentivizing sustainable practices. This agreement, **endorsed by organisations like NWO, EMBO, and the Medical Research Council**, outlines six principles and nine practical recommendations for sustainability in funding schemes. Explore the full report here and read the Heidelberg Agreement here.

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The Caribbean Netherlands - Health System Review

This report by the **European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies** provides a detailed overview of the current state of healthcare in the Caribbean Netherlands, the **results achieved since 2010 and the necessary improvements to bring healthcare to a European/Dutch level**. The research provides an important basis for the further development and improvement of healthcare in this region. The report is in English.

European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies
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Save the date

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

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

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