

News of the Month

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Networking global health professionals

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EU Updates



Focused on Health Equity

On April 23, 2024, as part of the Belgian EU presidency, an expert event titled "Towards Health Equity: Strong Health Systems, Universal Health Coverage and Social Participation" was co-organized by the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Enabel, and **Be-cause Health**. This significant gathering at Lamot Center, Mechelen, underscored the urgent need for **universal health coverage** (UHC) and robust health systems to achieve **health equity**. The conference catalyzed a civil society **call to action**, advocating for a decolonial approach to the EU Global Health Strategy, enhancing inclusivity and balanced decision-making in global health governance.

The call to action, discussed at the EU Foreign Affairs Council on May 7, remains **open for endorsement**. It seeks a rights- and needs-based approach in health policies, promoting inclusiveness in global health governance, and integrating health into all policy areas.

FESTMIH members are encouraged to **engage** with this initiative by reviewing and signing the call to action. This involvement will not only support global health equity but also shape the implementation of health policies across the EU and beyond.



For more details and to sign the call, visit the [Be-cause Health website](#).



Recent Publications



Highlighting Progress: 2024 Global Report on Neglected Tropical Diseases

The World Health Organization (WHO) has recently released its 2024 **Global Report on Neglected Tropical Diseases** (NTDs), marking significant strides toward the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals. This comprehensive report provides an update on the ongoing efforts and progress made in combating NTDs, with detailed **epidemiological** and **programmatic** data from 2022 and key events from 2023.

The report is pivotal as it evaluates the global and regional advancements towards eliminating these diseases, which disproportionately affect the world's poorest communities. It includes assessments of overarching, cross-cutting, and **disease-specific indicators**, offering a clear picture of where we stand and what more **needs** to be **done**.

The findings and strategies outlined in this report are crucial for health policymakers, **researchers**, and **practitioners** involved in **NTDs**. They offer insights into the effectiveness of current approaches and highlight areas needing more focused efforts.

For a detailed read and to understand the full scope of the progress and challenges that remain, visit the WHO's official release of the 2024 Global Report on Neglected Tropical Diseases at the following link: [**2024 Global Report on NTDs**](#)



This resource is invaluable for anyone committed to the global fight against neglected tropical diseases and the pursuit of health equity and well-being for all.

Grant Opportunities

Funding Opportunity: Michelson Prizes for Next Generation Innovators

The Michelson Medical Research Foundation, in collaboration with the Human Immunome Project, is excited to announce the annual Michelson Prizes for Next Generation Grants. These prestigious awards, amounting to **\$150,000** each, are dedicated to supporting early-career scientists who are making significant advances in human immunology, vaccine discovery, and immunotherapy aimed at tackling major global diseases.

Who Can Apply?

- Early-career researchers, including post-docs, clinical fellows, residents, interns, and other researchers in training stages.
- We welcome international applicants passionate about making a difference in the field of global health.

How to Apply:

- Interested candidates are invited to submit a two-page innovative research proposal that can potentially transform the field of human immunology and disease treatment.
- The deadline for submissions is **June 9, 2024**.

Why Apply?

- This is a unique opportunity to gain substantial funding that can accelerate your research and career in critical areas of global health.
- Recipients of the Michelson Prizes are recognized globally, enhancing their professional network and opening doors to new collaborations and opportunities.

For detailed eligibility criteria and the application process, please visit the Michelson Medical Research Foundation or the Human Immunome Project website.



APPLY NOW



Call for nominations - new members of the Onchocerciasis Technical Advisory Subgroup (OTS).

The WHO Global Neglected Tropical Diseases Programme is soliciting nominations of experts with requisite background and experience to form part of the OTS. This is a non-remunerated position and experts will serve on a voluntary basis.

Closing date: 21 May 2024

Who Can Apply?

Interested candidates should submit a resumé or curriculum vitae and a motivation letter confirming their willingness and availability to serve.

How to Apply?

All applications, should be emailed with 'OTS' in the subject line to: neglected.diseases@who.int with copy to rebolopolom@who.int

NIHR Global Advanced Fellowships

Who Can Apply?

Mid-career postdoctoral researchers from the **UK** and **LMICs** are eligible. Applicants must hold or have submitted a PhD or equivalent medical research degree by the time of application and should not hold a professorship.

How to Apply?

Submit your application by **July 11, 2024**, including a detailed research proposal that primarily benefits LMICs. Ensure you meet all specified eligibility criteria concerning your professional and institutional background.

Why Apply?

The fellowship offers a substantial **£750,000** award to support research projects and capacity strengthening in global health, aiming to create career pathways for researchers to become leaders in their field.

For more detailed guidance on the application process, eligibility, and institutional requirements, please visit the [NIHR Global Health Page](#).



APPLY NOW



BBC Future Planet's Climate Guardians Project

Who Can Apply?

Individuals or groups with innovative climate solutions, particularly those from **women** and **indigenous communities** in the **Global South**, focused on addressing gender inequality, food insecurity, health, and poverty.

How to Apply?

Submit a five-line synopsis of your climate solution pitch via email to **Jeremy.Riggall@bbc.com**.

Why Apply?

This is a chance to contribute to a year-long project that uses intersectional reporting to highlight effective climate solutions and their impact on critical global issues. Your ideas have the potential to be showcased on a **prominent platform** like BBC Future Planet, gaining international attention and driving conversations around sustainable change.

Collaboration, Research, and More



Join Our Effort to Combat Neonatal Malaria

Ongoing survey which seeks to deepen understanding of **malaria management** in **newborns**. With over 100 healthcare professionals from more than 25 countries already contributing, your insights are invaluable in shaping effective strategies against this critical health challenge. The survey is brief, requiring only **5-10 minutes** to complete, and is available in English, French, Portuguese, and Spanish. We encourage you to participate and share this opportunity with colleagues engaged in neonatal health. Your input is crucial in our fight against neonatal malaria.

For further details and to **take part in the survey**, please visit the International Anonymous Survey on Malaria Management in Newborns. Every contribution brings us closer to better management practices and outcomes for this vulnerable population. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to global health.



TAKE PART IN THE SURVEY

AVAILABLE IN:



RESPONSIBLE NATIONAL SOCIETY: DTG
RESPONSIBLE RESEARCHER: SABINE BÉLARD



Tropical medicine...

...is this an appropriate term for our times?

A lot of people immediately know what is implied by the term tropical medicine and can define it. Some people are currently discussing whether this term is linked to **past colonial activity**, and if a **new terminology is necessary**. This discussion should be held with as many people as possible who are involved in tropical medicine or working in health systems in the tropics, as geographic region, today, so we are inviting **everyone to participate** in this short survey to get a first impression. You are welcome to register afterwards and will be invited to an open discussion.

To participate in the survey regarding the term "tropical medicine," simply click on the flag that corresponds to your preferred language.



RESPONSIBLE NATIONAL SOCIETY: DTG
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Upcoming Events

Congress on Health in the Mediterranean

Saint-Raphaël, Var, France

Conference on Health in the Mediterranean hosted by Société Francophone de Médecine Tropicale et Santé Internationale. With a special focus on: Pathology, Migration, Environment



22 MAY 2024 - 10:00AM TO
24 MAY 2024 - 10:00AM

SAINT-RAPHAËL, VAR, FRANCE

SOCIÉTÉ FRANCOPHONE DE MÉDECINE TROPICALE ET SANTÉ INTERNATIONALE

-To travel is to live-



NECTM9

Conference on Travel Medicine in Copenhagen (Denmark), hosted by Danish Society of Travel Medicine (DSTM). NECTM was founded by 12 travel health organisations and societies - one of which is the German Society for Tropical Medicine, Travel Medicine and Global Health (DTG).

22 MAY 2024 - 11:00AM TO
24 MAY 2024 - 11:AM

COPENHAGEN, DENMARK



CTM 2024

CTM 2024 will convene from **September 19-21** in Düsseldorf, featuring the annual meetings of prominent societies in tropical medicine and global health. The abstract submission deadline is extended to **May 26, 2024**. This conference offers an invaluable platform for experts to exchange insights and foster advancements in the field. Three **travel grants** are available for **LMICs** that have a partnership or are looking to collaborate with a DTG member. More information can be found [here](#).

19 SEPTEMBER 2024
TO
21 SEPTEMBER 2024
DTG
DÜSSELDORF, GERMANY



Upcoming Events



Talks of the DSTMIS

General assembly of the DSTMIS
with talks by:

- Parallel testing to close the TB diagnostic gap: A systematic review to inform WHO diagnostic guideline update
 - Stephanie Bjerrum
- Examining the association between maternal BCG scar status and pregnancy outcomes: A hospital-based study from Guinea-Bissau
 - Simon Hoff Moesgaard Jensen

27 MAY 2024 - 4:30PM
KOPENHAGEN
DSTMIS
HYBRID

Sustainability in Infectious Diseases Area



An **interdisciplinary** event for young clinicians and researchers in infectious medicine, focusing on **sustainability** in infectious medicine from various perspectives. Applications are open for available spots, with only travel costs required to be covered.

Deadline: 15.7.2024

11 OCTOBER 2024
TO
13 OCTOBER 2024
JUNITE/DTG



Webinar: Malaria prophylaxis and antimalarial drug



- Monitoring the efficacy of antimalarial drugs in imported malaria
 - Prof. Sandrine Houzé
- The resistance of *P. Falciparum* to antimalarial drugs in Africa: what's new?
 - Prof. Abdoulaye Djimdé
- Intermittent preventive treatment of malaria in pregnant women - Prof. André Touré
- Perennial chemoprevention of malaria in infants
 - Prof. William Yavo
- Round table discussion. Moderator: Prof. Jean Philippe Chippaux

29 MAY 2024 - 3:00PM
FRENCH NATIONAL ACADEMY OF MEDICINE AND THE SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA INFECTIOUS DISEASES NETWORK
DIGITAL



Geneva Health Forum Day



Topic: Toward the Elimination of Malaria

Joining organizations: Global Fund, Speak up Africa, the Medicines for Malaria Venture, and many more

27 MAY 2024
TO
29 MAY 2024
GENEVA HEALTH FORUM
GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

Upcoming Events



Planetary Health



JUNE 5 2024

TO

JULY 3 2024

3:00PM - 5:00PM EAT



... REGISTER HERE

The SOPHEA Project runs a series of educational events to strengthen One Health and Planetary Health in Eastern Africa and beyond inviting international students, scientists and practitioners to engage across disciplines with the most critical questions of our time.

This year we cordially invite you and your network for our Webinar Series on Living within Planetary Boundaries. During 5 online sessions in June and July 2024 we will hear from internationally acknowledged experts and practitioners on latest trends, existing challenges, visions for tomorrow and initiatives worth scaling up.

The webinar series is open and free to everyone interested in Planetary Health!

The webinar series will also launch the SOPHEA Planetary Health Education Toolbox 2.0, a free online platform with blended teaching and learning tools for Planetary Health Education in Eastern Africa and beyond. This is a milestone of our work - we hope you will celebrate with us! The list of speakers will be online soon, follow the link for further information and ...



Annual Meeting SSTMP



6 JUNE 2024

TO

7 JUNE 2024

MENDRISIO, SWITZERLAND

Annual Meeting of the Swiss Society of Tropical Medicine and Parasitology (SSTMP)

The meeting will cover the following sessions:

- Vector-borne diseases and climate change
- Molecular parasitology, diagnostics and interventions
- One health of vector-borne diseases
- One health, planetary health of human and veterinary relevance

APPLY NOW



Actualités du Pharo



2 OCTOBER 2024

TO

4 OCTOBER 2024

MARSEILLE, FRANCE

HYBRID

Join us for the "Actus du Pharo" on October 2-4, 2024, at La Timone Hospital in Marseille, exploring "Sports and Health in Tropical Environments" and the impact of crises on tropical health.

- The conference offers in-person and webinar participation, catering to a global audience. Registration fees are €170, with a reduced rate of €50 for students under 30.
- Webinar participation is free but requires registration.
- Awards include €1000 prizes for fieldwork and academic theses, with submissions due by May 20, 2024.

Upcoming Events



TROPICAL AND NEGLECTED INFECTIOUS DISEASES: AN INTEGRATED ONE HEALTH APPROACH TO PUBLIC HEALTH MULTIPROFESSIONAL

COURSE SYNOPSIS:

Overview this interdisciplinary course covers a range of topics related to infectious diseases and their impact on public health. The course emphasizes the One Health approach, which recognizes the interconnectedness of human, animal, and environmental health.

It will be discussed about the major waterborne diseases in Brazil and their implications for public health, as well as wastewater genomics surveillance strategies, transmission of arboviruses and neglected diseases such as Chaga's disease, malaria, leishmaniasis, HTLV, Hansen's disease and Tuberculosis. General aspects of disease in Brazil and current research avenues in the country also will be discussed. Finally, will be explored the sense of neglected diseases in Bahia, with a focus on the place of populations and territories. Some study visits will take place throughout the program.

PRE REQUIREMENTS:

- Essential: intermediate knowledge in English.
- Desirable: knowledge of molecular biology, cellular biology, pathology, microbiology and ecology.

REQUIRE YOUR

REGISTRATION FORM:

tropicaldiseasesclass@bahiana.edu.br



COURSE LOCATION:

CABULA CAMPUS

The course will include technical visits to some locations that are directly related to the content covered in the course. These visits will provide knowledge and real-world examples that will help enhance your learning experience.



2024

July 8th - 26th



WORKLOAD:

80h

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Explore Tropical Medicine in Brazil: A Comprehensive Summer Course

Embark on an enriching journey into tropical medicine with the "**Tropical and Neglected Infectious Diseases: An Integrated One Health Approach to Public Health**" course, offered by the **Bahiana School of Medicine and Public Health**. Set in Salvador, Brazil, from **July 8th to 26th, 2024**, this multi-professional course covers a broad range of infectious diseases and their interconnectedness with human, animal, and environmental health.

8 JULY 2024

TO

26 JULY 2024

CABULA CAMPUS - SALVADOR - BRAZIL

[MORE INFORMATION](#)

Indigenous Voices on Planetary Health Podcast

Dive into "The Indigenous Planetary Health Podcast," brought to you by the Archipelagos Collective. Hosted by Heather Castleden and Hōkūlani Aikau, this series features enlightening conversations with Indigenous artists, activists, and academics. Each episode showcases how these communities are confronting **climate change**, **biodiversity** loss, and pollution. The podcast highlights the power of resurgence and restoration, emphasizing daily acts and broad collective actions as forms of asserting Indigenous self-determination and influencing **global environmental policies**.



EP1: Welcome to the Indigenous Planetary Health Podcast

[Listen now >](#)

EP2: Centering the Earth in Indigenous Planetary Health with Nicole Redvers

[Listen now >](#)

EP3: Carving Totems for Indigenous Planetary Futures with Carey Newman

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EP4: (Re)building Indigenous Governance with Breanne Lavalée-Heckert

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EP5: Slugs and frogs, the underdogs of planetary health with Sarah Jim

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EP6: Indigenous women's leadership for planetary health with Diana Lewis

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EP7: Resurgence is Resistance with Deondre Smiles

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News of the Month



May 2024

A background image showing a pair of glasses on a wooden surface, with a newspaper clipping featuring the word "News" in large, bold letters.

News

News

We hope this edition of the newsletter enriches your understanding and contributes to strengthening the **connections** among researchers from diverse backgrounds and nations. The "**News of the Month**" is your dedicated source for updates and opportunities in our field, published on the **15th of each month**. To ensure your work and insights are featured, please submit your contributions by the **10th** of each month. Together, let's continue to build a robust network, fostering collaboration and enhancing our collective impact on global research initiatives.

Would you like to contribute to the News of the Month or contact us? Please feel free to send us an [e-mail](#).

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