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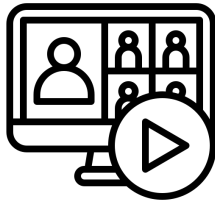
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Upcoming FESTMIH Initiatives

Quarterly Newsletter

Beginning in **Q4**, FESTMIH will introduce a **quarterly newsletter** dedicated to the **UN International Days**. The inaugural edition will focus on the days observed from **January to March**. This edition, set to be released at the end of the year, will spotlight several key dates, including the **International Day of Education (24.01.)**, the **NTD Day (30.01.)**, the **International Day of Women and Girls in Science (11.02.)**, **World Water Day (22.03.)**, and **World Tuberculosis Day (24.03)**. These days highlight global issues in education, gender equality in science, water sustainability, and global health.

We encourage **working groups, projects, and initiatives** to actively participate by contributing content that aligns with these themes. Featuring your work in the newsletter provides an excellent opportunity for **collaboration, research input, and visibility** within the community.

In addition to these highlighted days, you are welcome to select other **International Days** that resonate with your group's focus, even if your project is on the **periphery of the theme**. This flexibility allows you to align your work with relevant global discussions and contribute meaningfully to the broader dialogue.

Please note that participation in this newsletter is open until **01.11.2024**, and we are excited to see the diverse contributions from our community. For more information on the specific days and themes, you can explore the **UN's List of International Days and Weeks**.

Let's work together to create a comprehensive and impactful newsletter that reflects the diverse expertise and initiatives within FESTMIH.

[UN's List](#)

Quarterly Webinars

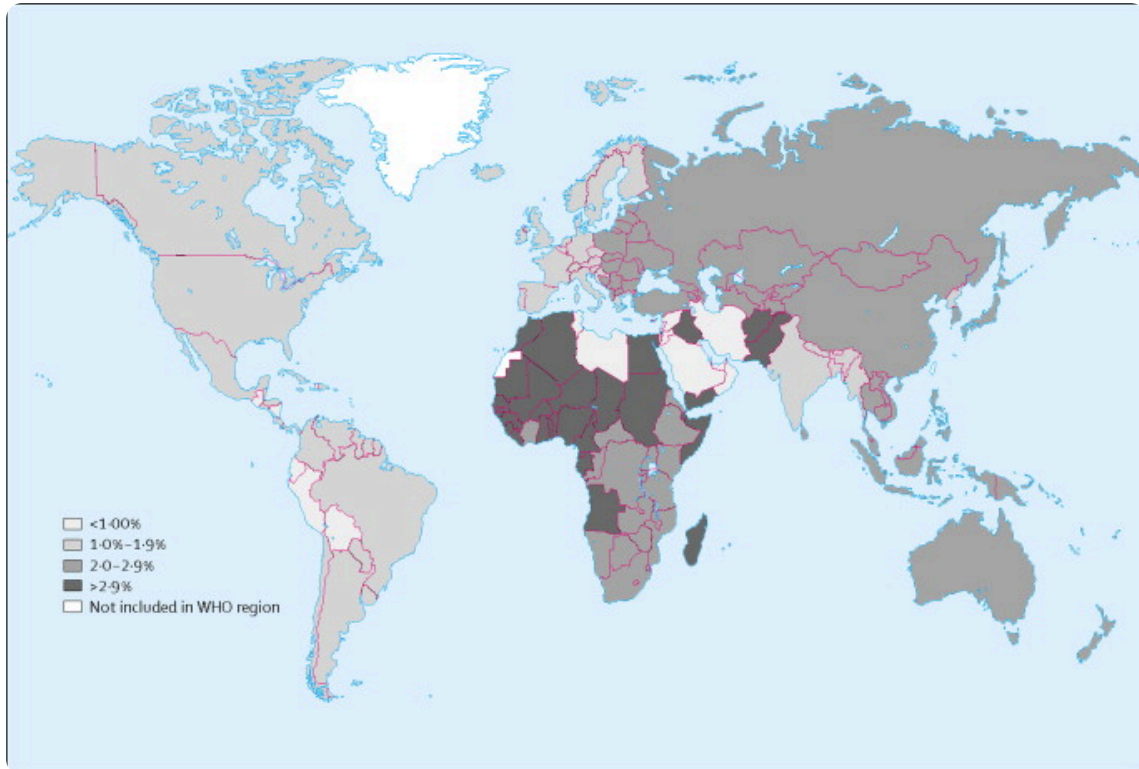
Beginning in **November**, FESTMIH will also host **quarterly webinars**. We welcome **suggestions for topics and speakers**. **Save the date** and get involved—FESTMIH will handle all the logistics, including **promotion, Zoom management, participation certificates, and CME points**. You just need to focus on the **content!** To participate, please **sign up** using [this form](#) or scan the **QR code** below:



Interested in contributing to the newsletter or webinar?:

To submit your ideas, please write us an [email](#).

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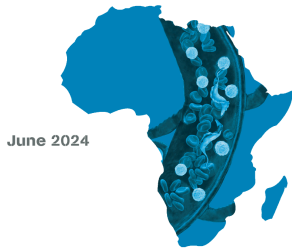
WHO Prequalifies First Self-Test for Hepatitis C Virus

The **World Health Organization (WHO)** has prequalified the first **hepatitis C virus (HCV) self-test**, marking a significant step in expanding global access to **testing and diagnosis**. The OraQuick® HCV **self-test**, produced by OraSure Technologies, is designed for **lay users** and provides a **convenient, stigma-free** option for individuals to test themselves at home. This initiative is expected to **accelerate efforts** towards the **global elimination** of hepatitis C by increasing the number of diagnoses and facilitating **early treatment**.

WHO had recommended **HCV self-testing (HCVST)** in **2021** to complement existing testing services, and this new prequalification supports that recommendation by offering a **reliable, user-friendly** tool for broader implementation. The addition of the OraQuick® HCV self-test to WHO's **prequalification list** is crucial for expanding **safe and effective** HCV testing, particularly in **low- and middle-income countries**. As WHO continues to support **evidence-based implementation** and work with communities, this achievement represents a **critical advancement** in the fight against hepatitis C, contributing to the **global goal** of diagnosing **90% of all people** with HCV.

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Recent Publications



WHO: New Guidelines for the Treatment of Human African Trypanosomiasis

The **World Health Organization (WHO)** has published updated **guidelines** for the treatment of **human African trypanosomiasis (HAT)**, also known as **sleeping sickness**. This **parasitic disease**, endemic in **sub-Saharan Africa**, is nearly always **fatal if untreated**. The new guidelines reflect recent advances, including the expanded use of the medicine **fexinidazole** for both forms of the disease—**gambiense** and **rhodesiense HAT**. These guidelines are crucial for **healthcare providers** in endemic regions, as they offer detailed recommendations to ensure **effective treatment** and improve **patient outcomes**.

[Download Guidelines](#)



Meta-analysis and public policy: Reconciling the evidence on deworming Croke et al., “Meta-Analysis and Public Policy.”

A new study published in **PNAS** explores the impact of **mass drug administration (MDA)** for **intestinal worm infections** on **child health outcomes**. The **meta-analysis** reaffirms significant **positive effects** of MDA on **weight**, **mid-upper arm circumference (MUAC)**, and **height** in regions with over **20% worm prevalence**. The study highlights MDA as a **cost-effective intervention**, especially when compared to **school feeding programs**, and calls for its continued use in **endemic areas** to improve **child health and nutrition**.

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Grant Opportunities



!Short notice! **Regional Youth Champions and More**

Whether you're a **researcher, consultant, aspiring writer, or youth leader**, there are numerous **opportunities available** to make a difference. The **call for applications** for **Regional Youth Champions (RYC)** is open until **August 18, 2024**. RYC will support the development of **events, articles, and partnerships**, and engage in **knowledge-sharing platforms**. This role is **vital** for improving the **health and well-being** of young people at **regional and national levels**.

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**UK Research
and Innovation**

UKRI Applied Global Health Research: New Funding Opportunity

UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) has announced a new **funding opportunity** for its **Applied Global Health Research program**. The program, co-funded by the **Medical Research Council (MRC)** and the **UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO)**, offers **grants ranging from £150,000 to £2,000,000**. The application process **opens on 20 August 2024 at 9:00 AM (UK time)** and **closes on 3 December 2024 at 4:00 PM (UK time)**.

This grant aims to support research that addresses critical **global health challenges** and promotes **equitable partnerships** between UK researchers and those in **low- and middle-income countries (LMICs)**. It encourages **interdisciplinary projects** that can lead to **tangible changes in health policy and practice**. Eligible topics include **late-stage intervention development, implementation science, health economics, and cross-sector research**. The focus is on research that **improves health outcomes** in LMICs and contributes to **global health equity**.

Key Dates:

- **Opening Date:** 20 August 2024, 9:00 AM (UK time)
- **Closing Date:** 3 December 2024, 4:00 PM (UK time)
- **Funding Decisions:** March 2025 for Stage One, with invited Stage Two applications due by **16 July 2025**.

For more detailed information, eligibility criteria, and how to apply, visit the [UKRI Applied Global Health Research page](#).

Apply Now!



Join the Global Climate Conversation at COP29 in Baku, Azerbaijan

The **29th Conference of the Parties (COP29)**, under the auspices of the **United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)**, will take place in **Baku, Azerbaijan** from **November 11-22, 2024**. This event is a critical gathering for world leaders, policymakers, and climate stakeholders from around the globe, as they unite to address the escalating challenges posed by climate change. The theme for **COP29** is centered around "Uniting for Climate Action," emphasizing the urgent need for collaborative efforts to mitigate the effects of climate change and support adaptation strategies, particularly for vulnerable communities. The conference will feature high-level negotiations, a series of thematic days focused on key climate issues, and a dedicated **Climate Mobility Pavilion**, which will spotlight the impacts of climate-induced migration and displacement, underscoring the importance of people-centered climate action.

Key Dates:

- **Event Dates:** November 11-22, 2024
- **Climate Mobility Pavilion:** November 11-22, 2024 (throughout the conference)
- **Side Events and Exhibitions:** Scheduled throughout the conference, with specific dates to be announced.

COP29 is not just about policy discussions; it's a platform for innovation and engagement, with a strong focus on integrating diverse voices from around the world, including youth, indigenous communities, and civil society. Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in side events, exhibitions, and networking sessions designed to foster collaboration and drive impactful climate solutions. Don't miss this opportunity to be part of the global effort to shape the future of our planet. For more details on the event agenda, registration, and participation, visit the official **COP29 website**.

[COP29 Website](#)

COP29 Youth Delegates

Are you **passionate about climate action** and aged between **18-30**? The **Global Centre for Climate Mobility (GCCM)** is inviting applications for **Youth Delegates** at **COP29** in **Baku, Azerbaijan**. This is an incredible opportunity to **represent your community**, particularly if you are from a **climate-vulnerable region**, and engage directly with **global policymakers**.

Key Details:

- **Application Deadline:** September 1, 2024, 18:00 GMT
- **Event Dates:** November 11-22, 2024
- **Support:** Travel and accommodation covered for selected delegates

Apply now to be a voice for climate action on the global stage.

[Apply Now!](#)

Upcoming Events

August 2024

!Short notice!

Leadership Essentials in Global Health Five-Day Summer Program 2024

The **Irish Global Health Network**, in partnership with **Trinity College Dublin**, invites you to the "**Leadership Essentials Course in Global Health**" from **August 19-23, 2024**. This **intensive program** equips participants with essential skills for **leading global health initiatives**, especially in **resource-limited settings**. The course covers **project management, cultural competency, sustainability**, and more through a combination of **theoretical and practical sessions**.

Key Dates:

- **Course Dates:** [August 19-23, 2024](#)

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German Conference on Tropical Medicine and Global Health (CTM)

The **German Conference on Tropical Medicine and Global Health (CTM)** is a leading annual event that brings together experts, researchers, and professionals from around the world to discuss pressing issues in tropical medicine and global health. Hosted by the **German Society for Tropical Medicine, Travel Medicine and Global Health (DTG)**, the conference serves as a crucial platform for knowledge exchange, collaboration, and innovation in the field. This year's conference will take place in **Düsseldorf from September 19-21, 2024**, and will feature a diverse range of presentations, workshops, and networking opportunities. For more details, you can visit the official CTM website.

[CTM Website](#)

Amid this vibrant gathering, the **German Youth Initiative for NTDs** will present a session titled "**Youth Initiatives of the Global North**," which will showcase contributions from youth organizations in **Canada (CNNTDs)** and **Japan (Japanese NTDs Youth Organisation)**. Recognizing the pivotal role of youth in the elimination of neglected tropical diseases (NTDs), we are inviting other NTD Youth Initiatives to participate in a collaborative video project. This video will highlight each initiative's mission, members, and activities.

Get Involved:

If your NTD Youth Initiative is **interested in being featured**, please send an **email**. We look forward to your participation and to working together toward a common goal!

[Send e-Mail](#)



14th Asia Pacific Travel Health Conference

The **14th Asia Pacific Travel Health Conference (APTHC)** will be held in **Kathmandu, Nepal**, from **September 18-21, 2024**. The conference, themed "**Refreshed Perspectives - The Ups and Downs of Travel: Re-evaluating Risks and Benefits in Travel Medicine,**" will offer a comprehensive examination of the **evolving landscape of travel medicine**.

Key Details:

- **Dates:** September 18-21, 2024
- **Location:** Kathmandu, Nepal
- **Language:** English
- **ISTM Exam:** Offered during the conference on September 18

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Global Health Day 2024

Financing Primary Health Care in LMICs

The **Danish Society for Tropical Medicine and International Health**, along with the **University of Copenhagen's Global Health Section** and the **School of Global Health**, invites you to join the **Global Health Day 2024 symposium**. This **half-day event** will focus on the critical theme of "**Financing Primary Health Care in Low- and Middle-Income Countries.**" The program includes **insightful presentations** and an **interactive panel discussion**.

Key Details:

- **Date and Time:** September 10, 2024, 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM
- **Location:** CSS Campus, University of Copenhagen, or online via Zoom webinar
- **Registration:** Free, but advance registration is required.

[Click here to register](#)

ECTMIH 2025



Announcing ECTMIH 2025 in Hamburg, Germany "Better Health for All in a Changing World"

We are pleased to announce the upcoming **European Congress on Tropical Medicine and International Health (ECTMIH) 2025**, under the theme

"Better Health for All in a Changing World."

This event will focus on addressing the evolving challenges and opportunities in global health.

Dr. Benno Kreuels has been appointed as the chair of the scientific committee, with **Jaco Verweij**, **Thorkild Tylleskar**, and **Eric Caumes** serving as FECTMIH representatives on the committee.

We extend our gratitude to these esteemed colleagues for joining the team, and we look forward to collaboratively developing an impactful and comprehensive program.

The process of inviting track leaders to complete the scientific committee is currently underway. The local organizing committee, represented by **Marco Albonico** and **Sophie Schneitler** from FECTMIH, will work closely with the scientific committee to ensure the success of the congress.

Both committees will begin regular meetings shortly, with the first kick-off meeting scheduled soon.

In addition, preparations are being finalized for the room layout and the possibility of hosting other annual meetings in conjunction with the congress.

Further updates and details will be shared as we continue to progress with the planning of ECTMIH 2025.

Kind regards,

Yours,

Prof. Dr. Jürgen May,
Prof. Dr. Marylyn Addo,
Prof. Dr. Cornelia Betsch,
Prof. Dr. Michael Ramharter

For those interested in receiving more updates on [ECTMIH 2025](#) and related news, we encourage you to subscribe to our **newsletter** to stay informed.

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Research4Life

Enhancing Access to Global Scientific Knowledge

Research4Life is a unique collaboration that provides institutions in **low- and middle-income countries** with access to a wealth of **scientific and technical information**. Through its five programs—**Hinari, AGORA, OARE, ARDI, and GOALI**—Research4Life covers a broad spectrum of disciplines, including **health, agriculture, environment, innovation, and law**. The platform offers over **150,000 peer-reviewed journals, books, and databases**, significantly enhancing the capacity for **research and development** in these regions. This initiative is vital for **bridging the global knowledge gap** and supporting **sustainable development** by empowering **researchers, students, and policymakers** with the tools they need to drive positive change.

Research4Life's impact extends beyond mere access; it fosters an environment where **educational institutions and professionals** in the developing world can actively contribute to the **global scientific community**. The platform also offers **training resources** to help users effectively navigate and utilize the available materials, ensuring that this wealth of knowledge is not only accessible but also **actionable**. By supporting **equitable access** to information, Research4Life is playing a critical role in addressing **global challenges** such as **health disparities, food security, and environmental sustainability**.

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**The New
Humanitarian**

The New Humanitarian Podcast

"**TNH Audio**", a podcast by **The New Humanitarian**, delves into the world's most pressing **humanitarian crises** and **global challenges**. With **expert interviews, firsthand reports**, and discussions that make one think deeply, it uncovers the intricate nature of **humanitarians' work** as well as untold situations. **TNH Audio** goes beyond mere headlines to provide listeners with full discourse on **conflicts, natural occurrences, or social concerns**, thus broadening their perspectives. Anyone keen on comprehending **global humanitarian realities** should take time to access this podcast.

[Podcast](#)



Podcast: Better Health, For a Better World

Ireland's Support for Global Health Equity

Welcome to **"Better Health, for a Better World,"** the podcast that takes you on a **global journey** to explore the **transformative power of healthcare** and its impact on communities across the globe. Every episode invites you to meet the **dedicated individuals** on the front lines, those who are shaping the landscape of **health, equity, and sustainability**. Through **engaging conversations** and **powerful narratives**, we aim to amplify the voices of **partners in the Global South**, ensuring their stories are at the forefront of the **global health discussion**.

Created by the **Irish Global Health Network** in partnership with **Irish Aid**. The **full series**, including a **very special bonus episode with Dr. Mike Ryan**, is out now.

[Podcast](#)



KCGH Launches Online Learning Platform

The **Knowledge Centre Global Health (KCGH)**, in collaboration with **NVTG** and funded by the **Dutch Ministry of Health**, has introduced a **Moodle-based online learning platform**. This initiative aims to expand access to **high-quality global health education** through **open-access courses**. KCGH invites **European Global Health organizations** to collaborate by sharing their **e-learning modules** on the platform. This collective effort will make valuable educational resources accessible to a **broader audience**. For collaboration or inquiries, contact **info@kcggh.nl**. Join us in **enhancing global health education!**

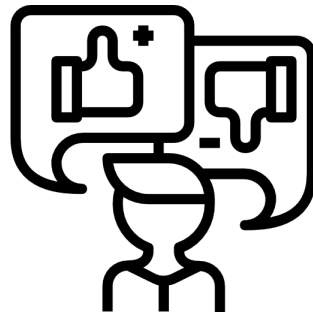
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We hope you've enjoyed the recent editions of our newsletter and found them **valuable**. As we approach the **summer months**, we want to extend our **warmest wishes** to all our readers and contributors at **FESTMIH**. May your summer be filled with both **relaxation** and **inspiration**.

The "**News of the Month**" continues to be your reliable source for **updates** and **opportunities** in our field, published on the **15th of each month**. We encourage you to submit your contributions by the **10th**, as we work together to foster **collaboration** and enhance our **collective impact** on global research initiatives.

Wishing you a **wonderful summer**, and we look forward to sharing more insights in the coming months!

Would you like to contribute to the **News of the Month** or contact us? Please feel free to send us an **email**.



With the 'News of the Month' we try to communicate relevant information in the field of FESTMIH and also cover interdisciplinary topics. We would like to know how the News of the Month has been received and if there is **anything we can improve**.

Feedback is **anonymous**, so no personal details will be included.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the FESTMIH secretariat.

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