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# Upcoming FESTMIH Initiatives

## Quarterly Newsletter

Starting in **Q4 2024**, FESTMIH will launch a **quarterly newsletter** highlighting **UN International Days** observed from January to March. Key dates include the **International Day of Education (24.01.)**, **NTD day (30.01.)**, **International Day of Women and Girls in Science (11.02.)**, **World Water Day (22.03.)**, and **World Tuberculosis Day (24.03.)**.

FESTMIH invites **working groups** and **projects** to contribute content that aligns with these themes for enhanced **visibility** and **collaboration** within the global health community. Contributions are open until **01.11.2024**.

UN's List

## FESTMIH Quarterly Webinars

A Unique Opportunity to Connect and Create Impact!

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ADVOCACY/POLICY

WEBINAR 06.11.2024  
11:30 - 1 PM EST / 5.30-7 PM CET

DR. ALISON KRENTEL

TINA LINES

MIRNA ABD EL AZIZ  
Moderator

MARCO ALBONICO  
Moderator

supported by: DTG

• THE WEBINAR IS FREE  
• CME POINTS REQUESTED

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Join us in **November** for the **FESTMIH Quarterly Webinar on NTD Advocacy**, co-organized with the Canadian Network for Neglected Tropical Diseases (**CNNTD**) and the German Society for Tropical Medicine, Travel Medicine, and Global Health (**DTG**). Dr.

**Alison Krentel** and **Tina Lines** will lead discussions on the **importance of NTD advocacy in global health, collaboration between governments and civil society**, and how to **leverage media for impactful messaging**. Participants will also engage in an NTD advocacy action.

The webinar will be moderated by **Mirna Abd El Aziz** and **Marco Albonico** and is **free with CME points**.

**Register now:**

To participate, please **sign up** using [this form](#) or scan the **QR code** below:  
For any inquiries, feel free to write us an [email](#).



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## FESTMIH Congratulates Be-cause health on their 20th Anniversary!



This year, FESTMIH proudly celebrates the **20th anniversary** of **Be-cause health**, a long-standing partner in advancing global health. Since its founding in **2004**, Be-cause health has become a **key voice** in the **global health community**, bringing together a diverse range of people, from **research institutes** and **NGOs** to **government bodies** and **international alliances**. Over the past two decades, they have significantly shaped Belgium's contributions to international health policies, advocating for **universal access to healthcare**.

As part of their anniversary celebration, Be-cause health will host their General Assembly and a special **workshop on mental health**, which will explore innovative strategies to address the **growing mental health burden** in **global health systems**. These events will highlight the organization's dedication to fostering collaboration and building capacity to confront emerging health challenges worldwide.

FESTMIH **congratulates** Be-cause health for their **commitment** to **strengthening global health systems**, **promoting health equity**, and **championing** the **right to health** for all.

Their **collaborative spirit** and **passion** have been **instrumental** in **driving forward critical health initiatives**, particularly in **low- and middle-income** countries. As they mark this **important milestone**, we look **forward** to **continuing** our **partnership** and **supporting** their **efforts** to **build a healthier, more equitable world**.

**Here's to many more years of impactful work, collaboration, and health improvements worldwide!**

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# Free Training Opportunities



## Good Clinical Laboratory Practice

This month, we highlight the **Good Clinical Laboratory Practice (GCLP)** course offered by **The Global Health Network**. This **multi-module** course provides comprehensive training in **laboratory management** for clinical trials, ensuring the **quality, reliability, and integrity** of laboratory data. Topics include **facilities and equipment, data management, and quality control**. Each module includes a quiz, and participants earn a **certificate of completion** for scores above 80%.

This course is highly relevant for professionals working in resource-limited settings and those involved in clinical trials, diagnostics, or laboratory operations. The structured modules ensure a deep understanding of laboratory practices that are crucial for clinical research outcomes.

### Course Highlights:

- **Module 1:** Introduction to GCLP
- **Module 2:** Organization & Personnel
- **Module 3:** Facilities, Equipment, Materials & Reagents
- **Module 4:** Standard Operating Procedures & Analytical Plan
- **Module 5:** Method and System Validation
- **Module 6:** Quality Management
- **Module 7:** Sample Management, Data Recording, and Reporting
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Participants can progress through the course at their own pace, with each module providing insights into **best practices** for managing clinical trial laboratories. Upon completing each module, participants are awarded a **certificate of completion** and can also download an **Open Badge** to showcase their expertise.

### Why Take This Course?

By ensuring that clinical laboratories operate under the highest standards, the course empowers health professionals to contribute to the success of **clinical trials** in various disease areas, including **vaccines, diagnostics, and therapeutics**. This is particularly important for research conducted in **resource-limited settings**, where maintaining consistent and accurate laboratory data is crucial for global health initiatives.

For more information and to enroll, visit the GCLP course page.

[GCLP](#)

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# Grant Opportunities



## Public Health Informatics Fellowship Program (PHIFP)

**Application Period:** August 15, 2024 – November 1, 2024

**Program Start:** August 2025

The **Public Health Informatics Fellowship Program (PHIFP)** offers a unique two-year opportunity for professionals to apply **informatics in public health**. Open to individuals with a **master's or doctoral degree** in public health, epidemiology, computer science, or a related field, the fellowship allows participants to work on improving **disease prevention** and **public health systems**. Fellows will be required to **relocate** to a CDC or partner site and work on public health informatics projects. Key dates include an orientation in **September 2025**, with a start in **August 2025**. During the fellowship, participants will gain hands-on experience in using informatics to tackle **public health challenges**.

### Eligibility Requirements:

- A **master's or doctoral degree** in public health, informatics, computer science, or related fields.
- **Research experience:** Publications, thesis writing, poster presentations, or proposals.
- Willingness to **relocate** to a CDC location.

### Application Process:

The application process begins **August 15, 2024**, and ends **November 1, 2024**. After the screening and interview process, **accepted fellows** will start their assignments in **August 2025**.

For more information and application instructions, visit the PHIFP website.

Apply Now!

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## Upcoming Events



# !Short Notice! Conference on Tropical Medicine and Global Health

The **CTM 2024** will take place from **September 19-21, 2024**, at the **Heinrich Heine University in Düsseldorf, Germany**. The conference will bring together **experts in tropical medicine and global health** to address current challenges, including the impact of **climate change** on **disease patterns**, advancements in **travel medicine**, and **global health strategies**, with a focus on **Ethiopia**, the event's partner country.

## Key Themes:

- **Infectious Disease Epidemiology**
- **Vaccinations and Travel Health**
- **Health Challenges in Developing Countries**
- **Specific Health Risks for Migrants and Refugees**

## Important Information:

- **Event Dates:** September 19-21, 2024
- **Location:** Düsseldorf, Germany (Heinrich Heine University)
- **Registration Deadline:** You can still register online
- **Abstract Submission:** The deadline for submitting abstracts has passed (May 26, 2024)

For more details and to secure your spot, you can visit the **official CTM 2024 website**.

CTM 2024

# WI-HER

## !Short Notice! Innovative NTD Elimination with Hard-to-Reach Populations

The "**Navigating the Last Mile: Innovative NTD Elimination with Hard-to-Reach Populations**" webinar, organized by **WI-HER**, will take place on **September 19, 2024**, from **8:30 to 10:00 AM Eastern Time**. This event focuses on addressing the challenges of reaching **underserved and vulnerable populations**—such as **urban minorities**, **remote**, and **nomadic groups**—to eliminate **neglected tropical diseases (NTDs)**. The webinar will highlight **innovative methods** and **community-driven solutions**, aiming to bridge health gaps for these populations.

## Key Details:

- **Date:** September 19, 2024
- **Time:** 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM (Eastern Time)
- **Format:** Online webinar (via Zoom)
- **Audience:** Global health professionals, community health workers, policymakers, researchers, and advocates in NTDs and public health.

## Registration:

**Registration** for the event is **free**, and attendees can sign up via the **WI-HER website**. Participants will have the opportunity to engage with **expert speakers** and ask questions in real time via Zoom's **Q&A function**.

For more information and to register for the event, visit the **official WI-HER webinar page**.

Click here to register

## NNN Annual Conference - 2024

The **15th Annual NNN Conference** will take place from **October 1-3, 2024**, at the **Sheraton Imperial Kuala Lumpur Hotel**, Malaysia. This event gathers **NTD experts** from over 50 countries to discuss innovative strategies for eliminating neglected tropical diseases.

### Key Information:

- **Date:** October 1-3, 2024
- **Location:** Sheraton Imperial Kuala Lumpur Hotel, Malaysia
- **Participation Options:** In-person or virtual attendance with live streaming and Q&A chats available.

### Theme:

**Collaboration for Change: Fostering Global Equity and Strengthening Community Engagement in NTDs.**

For more details, including registration fees, visit the [NNN Conference website](#).

NNN 2024



## XXIXe Actualités du Pharo

The **XXIXe Actualités du Pharo** conference will take place from **October 2-4, 2024**, at **Hôpital La Timone** in **Marseille, France**, with an option for **remote participation** via webinar. Organized by the **GISPE**, this French-speaking event focuses on **tropical medicine** and **public health**.

### Key Information:

- **Date:** October 2-4, 2024
- **Location:** Hôpital La Timone, Marseille, France, with online participation via webinar
- **Themes:**
  - **Sport and Health in Tropical Areas**
  - **Impact of Crises (sanitary, climatic, social, security) on Health**

### Format:

- **In-Person:** Live networking and sessions in Marseille.
- **Online:** Webinar for broader, remote participation.

### Language:

The entire conference will be held in **French**.

For more information and access to previous editions, visit the [GISPE website](#).

The **GISPE website** may be flagged as unsafe because it likely lacks **SSL encryption (HTTPS)**, meaning data is not transmitted securely. It's important to exercise caution when browsing and avoid submitting sensitive information on such sites.

GISPE-Website



# Irish Global Health Network (IGHN) Conference 2024

## Key Information:

- **Event:** Irish Global Health Network (IGHN) Conference 2024
- **Date:** October 2-3, 2024
- **Location:** College Hall, RCSI, Dublin (in-person & virtual participation)
- **Theme:** "Fostering Humanity: Promoting Health Equity for a Better Planet"
- **Registration:** Fees range from €45 to €290, based on participant category

The **IGHN Conference 2024** will address critical global health challenges, focusing on topics like **humanitarian crises**, **health systems resilience**, **gender equality**, and **decolonisation**. Participants can attend **in-person** or join **virtually** for live discussions and workshops.

## Abstract Submissions:

While **abstract submissions** are now closed, participants who submitted will have already been notified of their status.

## Registration:

Both **in-person** and **virtual options** are available. Attendees can register online, with fees ranging from **€45 to €290**, depending on the category. Virtual participants will have access to livestreams and Q&A sessions throughout the event.

For more information or to register, visit the **IGHN Conference 2024 website** or **email us**.

IGHN 2024



## Berzelius Symposium 110 TBE in clinical practice 2024

### Key Information:

- **Date:** October 4-5, 2024
- **Location:** Elite Park Avenue Hotel, Gothenburg, Sweden
- **Topics:** TBE diagnostics, treatment, rehabilitation, vaccination, and neuroimaging
- **Registration:** Available for full symposium or single-day participation; reduced fees for SLS members

The **Berzelius Symposium 110** will address **Tick-borne encephalitis (TBE)**, covering critical areas like treatment, diagnostics, rehabilitation, and prevention. Key experts such as **Prof. Daniel Ruzek** and **Prof. Dace Zavadska** will lead discussions on treatment challenges, vaccination efficacy, and neuroimaging advancements.

**Key Topics:**

1. **Treatment and Challenges:** Limited therapeutic options, long-term recovery strategies
2. **Rehabilitation:** Case studies and management approaches
3. **Vaccination and Prevention:** Efficacy, challenges in specific populations
4. **Neuroimaging and Diagnostics:** Advancements in detection
5. **TBE in Children:** Clinical manifestations and treatment protocols
6. **Real-World Case Studies:** Åland Islands' national vaccination program

For registration and further details, visit the **Swedish Society of Medicine** website.

[Visit Website](#)



## Global Surgery Conference

### Key Information:

- **Date:** October 8-12, 2024
- **Location:** Essen, Germany
- **Focus:** Addressing the global burden of surgical diseases, surpassing malaria, TB, and HIV.
- **Registration:** Available on the European Global Surgery Network website.

The **Global Surgery Conference 2024**, themed "**Shaping the Future of Global Surgery Together**", will feature **pre-conference workshops** from **October 8-10** covering diverse surgical topics and a **main conference** from **October 10-12**, focused on evaluating progress in **global surgery** and addressing **care gaps**. The event will offer opportunities for **collaboration**, **research presentations**, and **multidisciplinary discussions** aimed at improving surgical outcomes in **low-resource settings**. For details, visit the **European Global Surgery Network website**.

[Visit Website](#)

### Invitation Anniversary Party



**Venue:** Institute of Tropical Medicine Antwerp (ITM)  
**Address:** Karibu, Sint-Rochusstraat 36, 2000 Antwerpen  
**Date:** October 10th, 2024  
**Time:** 4-7pm



## Key Information:

- **Date:** October 10, 2024
- **Location:** Institute of Tropical Medicine, Antwerp (in-person & online participation)
- **Focus:** Global health and mental health integration
- **Registration:** Available via the [Be-cause health website](#)

The **Be-cause health 20th Anniversary** will celebrate two decades of contributions to **global health**, coinciding with **World Mental Health Day**. The event will feature a **General Assembly**, an **interactive mental health workshop**, and **networking opportunities**. Both **in-person** and **virtual** participation will be available, with discussions focusing on **health equity** and **sustainability**.

For more information and to register, visit the **Be-cause health 20th Anniversary** event page.

[Event Page](#)



## Placenta Accreta Spectrum Symposium

**Date:** November 23, 2024

**Location:** Academiegebouw, Utrecht, The Netherlands

This full-day symposium is co-organized by the **Knowledge Centre Global Health (KCGH)**, **International Society of PAS (IS-PAS)**, and several leading medical institutions. It will focus on **Placenta Accreta Spectrum (PAS)** disorders, particularly in **low- and middle-income countries** where rising cesarean rates have escalated the problem. The event features **expert lectures, hands-on workshops, and clinical case discussions**, providing a platform to refine skills in **surgical techniques** and learn about **telemedicine advancements**.

Registration is open with reduced fees for **NVTG members** and professionals from **LMICs**. Accredited by the **NVTG** with **6 points**, it provides valuable networking opportunities for healthcare professionals specializing in **gynecology, obstetrics, radiology**, and related fields.

For full details and to register, visit the [Placenta Accreta Spectrum Symposium](#) page.

[More Information](#)



## Symposium: Navigating Truths: Demystifying Mis- and Disinformation in (Global) Health

**Date:** November 27, 2024

**Location:** Academiegebouw, Utrecht, The Netherlands

The **Navigating Truths Symposium** focuses on combating misinformation and disinformation in global health. Organized by the **Knowledge Centre Global Health (KCGH)**, the event features expert keynotes and interactive workshops addressing healthcare misinformation, regulatory strategies, and tools for professionals. Speakers include **Sander van der Linden** and **Dannagal Young**.

### Programme Highlights:

- Keynotes on disinformation research
- Panel discussions on healthcare challenges
- Workshops for practical strategies

### Registration:

For details and registration, visit the [Navigating Truths Symposium](#) page.



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# ECTMIH 2025

## ECTMIH-News September



Dear All,

Over the past month, the **Kick-Off Meetings** for both the **Scientific Committee (SC)** and the **Local Organising Committee (LOC)** were **successfully conducted**. Within the LOC, we have established dedicated working groups focused on **finance, communication, partnerships, and content development**. With the support of these groups, initial efforts have been directed toward the creation of content for the **event's homepage**, among other tasks. Both committees are now meeting on a monthly basis, and we extend our **gratitude** to all **participants** and **members** for their **continued contributions** to the organisation of ECTMIH 2025. At present, we have secured six track leaders from **Europe** and **Africa**, and we anticipate finalising the full composition of the SC by the **end of this month**.

Kind regards,

Yours

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

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## OpenWHO

### Lymphatic Filariasis Morbidity Management and Disability Prevention Course

**Duration:** 5 hours (self-paced)

**Platform:** OpenWHO

**Language:** English

This course, developed by WHO, is designed for **national neglected tropical disease focal points, health professionals, and care providers** working in **Lymphatic Filariasis (LF)**-endemic countries. It covers the strategies of the **Global Programme to Eliminate Lymphatic Filariasis (GPELF)**, focusing on the management of **lymphoedema, elephantiasis, and hydrocele**. The course includes practical modules on **clinical care, mental health support, and the programmatic steps** required for validating LF elimination as a public health problem.

#### Course Highlights:

- **Module 1:** Introduction to GPELF, LF transmission, and programmatic strategies.
- **Module 2:** Clinical management of **lymphoedema, elephantiasis, and hydrocele**.
- **Module 3 (optional):** Programmatic aspects of the LF elimination program, including care provision and evaluation.

#### Certification:

Participants who score at least **80%** on the final assessment will receive a **Certificate of Achievement** and can download an **Open Badge** for this course.

This course offers a unique opportunity to enhance skills in managing LF morbidity, with the goal of supporting national efforts to eliminate LF as a public health problem.

For more information and to enroll, visit the Lymphatic Filariasis course page.

OpenWHO

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We hope you've enjoyed the recent editions of our newsletter and found them valuable. As we transition into the autumn months, we want to extend our warmest wishes to all our readers and contributors at FESTMIH. May this season bring renewed energy, inspiration, and success in your endeavors.

The "News of the Month" continues to be your trusted source for updates and opportunities in our field, published on the 15th of each month. Please submit your contributions by the 10th as we continue fostering collaboration in global research.

Wishing you a productive and inspiring autumn!

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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