

THE SYMPOSIUM AND LUSTRUM COMMITTEE OF  
THE WORKING PARTY PROUDLY PRESENT:



# International Safe Motherhood & Reproductive Health **ISM&RH**

THE 6<sup>TH</sup> LUSTRUM OF THE  
WORKING PARTY ISM & RH

“30 years of moving  
forward, together”

SYMPOSIUM AND PARTY

FRIDAY, 1 DECEMBER 2017

LOCATION

Boerderij Mereveld  
Mereveldseweg 9, Utrecht

## **PROGRAM OF THE DAY**

### **LUSTRUM SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM**

- 9.00 – 9.45 Arrivals and registration  
9.45 – 10.00 Opening of the Symposium – Jelle Stekelenburg

### **Collaboration with Gondar (moderator: Thomas van den Akker)**

- 10.00 – 10.15 Introduction – Myrrieth Hulsbergen  
10.15 – 10.45 LSS-EmOC training – Charles Ameh  
10.45 – 11.15 PAUZE  
11.15 – 11.30 World Vision's community programs in Gondar area – Tigist  
11.30 – 11.45 Research in Gondar – Marcus Rijken  
11.45 – 12.00 Student projects – Marieke Meulenbeld / Linda Barry  
12.00 – 12.30 Collaboration in Gondar – Birhanu  
12.30 – 13.00 Panel Discussion

- 13.00 – 14.00 LUNCH

### **Research projects and the Working Party (moderator: Mimosa Bruinooge)**

- 14.00 – 14.15 Introduction of Jhpiego's work by Young-Mi Kim or Linda Fogarty  
14.15 – 14.35 Afghanistan Maternal and Newborn Health Quality of Care Assessment - Nasrat Ansari  
14.35 – 14.55 Health work force performance; studies from Ethiopia - Tegbar Yigzaw  
14.55 – 15.25 TEA BREAK  
15.25 – 15.45 Effectiveness of task shifting of anesthesia services to a mid-level cadre in Ethiopia - Sharon Kibwana  
15.45 – 16.05 Improving front line health workers performance in Ethiopia - Firew Ayalew  
16.05 – 16.30 Panel Discussion

### **Introduction of the keynote speaker (Jelle Stekelenburg)**

- 16.30 – 17.00 Keynote lecture by Harshad Shangvi (Jhpiego)

### **END OF SYMPOSIUM AND START OF LUSTRUM PARTY**

### **LUSTRUM PARTY PROGRAM**

- 17.00 – 18.30 Drinks  
18.30 – 20.00 Dinner  
20.00 – 0.00 Party night!



Dear Guests,

I warmly welcome you to the symposium and party to celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of the Working Party on International Safe Motherhood and Reproductive Health.

In 1987 the Dutch Consultancy for Maternal and Child Health, including Family Planning, was founded. The absolute number of maternal deaths was still above 500,000; more than 90% in LMICs. We did not yet know about the Millennium Project, let alone the Sustainable Development Goals.

The former Consultancy is now called the Working Party on International Safe Motherhood and Reproductive Health and is a committee under the board of both, the Netherlands Society for Tropical Medicine and International Health (NVTG), and the Dutch Society for Obstetrics and Gynaecology (NVOG). The activities that are undertaken under the umbrella of the Working Party can be grouped into four pillars: education, patient care, research and advocacy.

In the past 3 decades investments in accelerating programmes to meet the needs of the world's poorest have been extremely successful. Almost all targets of the Millennium Project, ranging from halving extreme poverty rates to halting the spread of HIV/AIDS and providing universal primary education, have been reached. Whilst significant reductions of maternal and neonatal mortality were also measured, the fourth and the fifth millennium development goal have not been reached and safe motherhood is still unattainable for many women.

In order to further improve maternal and neonatal health timely access to quality (maternal and neonatal) health care, including family planning services, are needed. Members of the Working Party are still active in many different ways to contribute to reaching the goals of Safe Motherhood.

In the morning session of this symposium we will pay attention to the collaboration the Working Party set up with partners in Gondar area in Northern Ethiopia: Charles Ameh from Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine will lecture about the Life Saving Skills in Emergency Obstetric Care training program, Tigist Mamo from World Vision Ethiopia will give an overview of the community programs in Gondar area, Birhanu Abera from Gondar University Hospital will give his views of the collaboration and Dutch members of the Working Party will present ongoing research activities.

In the afternoon session 4 PhD-candidates (3 of them will defend their theses during the week before the symposium!) will present their studies, which are all directed at improving access and quality of maternal and neonatal health services. The presenters in the afternoon-session are all employees of the John Hopkins Institute for Education in Gynecology and Obstetrics (Jhpiego), an international non-profit health organization affiliated with The Johns Hopkins University.

At the end of the symposium Dr. Harshad Sanghvi, the Chief Medical Officer of Jhpiego will address the audience with his keynote lecture about the role of (implementation) research in low and middle income countries.

Is it time for a party afterwards? Yes, it is!!

Some of the younger members of the Working Party have organised a great party with drinks, dinner, music, dancing and most probably even some surprises that even I do not know about yet.

Jelle Stekelenburg, chairman of the Working Party ISM&RH  
May 2017



## COSTS

NORMAL PRICE: €100

STUDENT PRICE: €50

PRICES ARE INCLUDING DAY PROGRAM, EVENING PROGRAM AND  
ALL DRINKS AND FOOD

## PAYMENT

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## FOR MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

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## Accreditation

Accreditation will be requested from the **NVOG**, **NVTG**, **NVK** and **KNOV**

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THE **1<sup>ST</sup> OF DECEMBER**,  
SO WE CAN CELEBRATE THIS MILESTONE TOGETHER!

