

TDRfellows Newsletter: Issue 9 July 2013

Welcome to the 9th issue of the TDR website newsletter.

Dear Fellow,

Welcome to the new newsletter format for July 2013! It has been a busy few months but finally the new round of fellows have been announced. I would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new fellows and I hope you can all join me by greeting them online.

The new fellows details are available on the members page of TDRf.org and many will be on placements that previous fellows have attended:

<http://tdrfellows.tghn.org/community/members/?page=2>

Several of the new fellows have already begun their placements and have joined in on-line discussions. Please could you all follow the link below to the discussion and offer advice where possible. Starting a placement can be a daunting task and even the smallest advice can make a big difference so please give support and help if you can.

http://tdrfellows.tghn.org/community/community/group/starting_placements/topics/338/

Best wishes,

Liam

New Fellow's Biosketches

To introduce the new round of fellows' to the TDRf community they have each produced a short Biosketch to give everyone an idea of who they are, their research background and what has led them to the fellowship scheme. Included in this newsletter are the first few Biosketches and more will follow in subsequent editions.

Soatiana Cathycia Rajatonirina



Name: Dr Soatiana Cathycia Rajatonirina MD PhD

Home institution: Institut Pasteur Tananarive, Madagascar

Host institution: Novartis Vaccines & Diagnostics, Italy

TDR/WHO fellow Novartis Vaccines and Diagnostics, Siena Italy with a team of Global Clinical Sciences Function, supervised by Ernesto Oviedo-Orta, MD PhD a Clinical Sciences Expert

Physician (Faculty of medicine, Madagascar, 2005) with a Master 2 in Tropicale medicine and international health (Institut de la francophonie pour la Médecine tropicale, RDP Laos, 2007) and PhD in epidemiology and infectious diseases (Université de Versailles Saint Quentin des Yvelines, France, 2012). My PhD projects was carried out in collaboration with NICD Johannesburg, Pasteur Institute Paris (IPP) and sponsored by CDC Atlanta influenza division and IPP. The project was leading in Antananarivo Madagascar on severe acute respiratory infections. My PhD thesis concerns influenza virus's infections and their impact on the morbidity and mortality in Madagascar.

I am working at the epidemiology unit for the Institute Pasteur de Madagascar (IPM) since 2008. Currently I am:

- 1- Senior researcher coordinator and principal investigator of some clinical studies.
- 2- Local scientific researcher's resource in charge of the clinical studies and epidemiological researches on respiratory and sexually transmitted infections. I am fully involved in the research programs of the epidemiology unit from conception to publication and communication during the international conference. I therefore design study protocols, submit them to National Ethics Committee, manage the study teams, monitor clinical studies, analyze epidemiological and clinical databases and write manuscript to be submitted for publication in peer-reviewed international scientific journals. I have conducted cross-sectional, longitudinal, and case-control studies, and I have acquired a strong experience on conducting studies in general population and in hospitals (clinical research) in Madagascar.
- 3- Assistant of the head of epidemiological unit.
- 4- Member of a pool of experts that collaborates with the Executive Secretariat of the National Committee to Fight against AIDS. Representative of the IPM to the Core Group Monitoring and Evaluation of HIV / AIDS (GRSE) in Madagascar as an expert epidemiologist.
- 5- Member of academic groups: ADELFI, University of Majunga.

Before working at the IPM, I had the opportunity in 2007 to follow a 3 months internship at the IRD Chiangmai Thailand with the Programs for HIV Prevention and Treatment led by Dr. Marc Lallement in the preparation of my Master's thesis. I was initiated on the concept of clinical trial research and involved in the launching of a clinical trial phase III on prevention about mother to child transmission of HIV (PHPT/Oxfam) according to international standards of good clinical practice.

Lyda Osorio



Name: Dr Lyda Osorio MD PhD

Home institution: Universidad del Valle Cali, Columbia

Host institution: GSK, UK

I am a Colombian born researcher and university lecturer. After graduating from the medical school of Universidad de Caldas, I joined the International Center for Medical Research and Training (CIDEIM) in Cali, Colombia. CIDEIM is a multidisciplinary research institution in infectious diseases and WHO collaborative centre for Leishmaniasis. I developed my career at CIDEIM working first as a clinician and later as investigator in clinical research of cutaneous leishmaniasis, tuberculosis, and malaria. I was awarded a scholarship from the Colombian government (COLCIENCIAS) to pursue a PhD in epidemiology, which I completed at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) in the United Kingdom. Upon return to CIDEIM, I lead a group of researchers working mainly in antimalarial drug resistance. In 2007, I took a full time position at the School of Public Health in the Universidad del Valle also in Cali, and was named an associated researcher at CIDEIM. The Universidad del Valle is the largest government-funded university in west Colombia, historically recognised for its contribution to social medicine. I joined the Epidemiology and Population Health Research Group (GESP) as coordinator of the Infectious Diseases area. Besides teaching under and postgraduate courses in epidemiology and acting as Director of Postgraduate Programmes, I have been researching Dengue. I became a member of AEDES, a national network of dengue researchers, leading a programme in dengue diagnosis.

Working as a researcher and university professor in a tropical country, it soon becomes clear to me that it is our responsibility to develop the solutions to the public health problems that most affect our people. We face a double responsibility to train a new generation of researchers and educate those who will become the policy makers, entrepreneurs and managers to work strategically together. Before applying for the CDF programme, I had to answer many questions in my own mind about industry and I am happy to find, that there is a lot of evolution towards openness and sharing that is creating a more transparent and innovative environment. As I am starting the placement at GSK, I look forward to a novel experience that I expect will provide me with the knowledge, skills and confidence to maximize the impact of our work as researchers and teachers to deliver solutions and strengthen our capabilities for clinical research and R&D as a whole.

Rezika Mohammed



Name: Dr Rezika Mohammed

Home institution: University of Gondar Gondar, Ethiopia

Host institution: Astellas, USA

I am a medical doctor who has been working at Leishmaniasis Research and Treatment Center in University of Gondar in Northern part of Ethiopia for the last two years. I have gained a lot of experience in the conduct clinical trials working as investigator physician. I was trained in GCP and medical research ethics and applied it in the daily activities. Inspired with the principles of clinical trials, I applied to join the TDR fellowship program in order to further enhance my experience in the field and will soon to starting the fellowship.

Prior to becoming a research physician, I worked as a general practitioner in a referral hospital, Dilchora, Dire Dawa, in Eastern part of Ethiopia with rotation in different department, internal medicine, surgery, pediatrics and obstetrics. I have also been involved in teaching and supervision of medical students, interns and health officers. This has continued to be one of my duties to date.

I graduated in medical doctorate degree from University of Gondar, but partly I took the first two years courses in Debu University, Ethiopia.

I live with my adorable daughter who is three years old. I speak English, Amharic and Tigrigna languages fluently.

My future plan is to become a good researcher in the fields of tropical diseases that have continued to be major public health problems in my country.

Alpha Mamadou Fougoumba



Name: Alpha Mamadou Fougoumba BARRY

Home institution: National Hospital Dept of Pneumophysiology Conakry, Guinea

Host institution: Centre de Recherche Public en Santé, Luxembourg

Alpha Mamadou Fougoumba BARRY was born in 1977 in Kindia, Guinea. Son of an engineer and a nurse, he is the eldest of a family of five children, including a daughter.

After his master's degree in managerial economics in 2004, he obtained a master's degree in software engineering in 2005, an area to which he devotes most of his time. Computer enthusiast since childhood, he has, since his youth, participated in the realization of many computerization projects as an analyst-programmer. He held in 2006, after two years of freelance, the position of computer expert in behalf of the Project for the Integrated Management of Water Resources of the Upper Niger. His main mission was the realization, then the integration into an overall system, of information subsystems for hydrology, hydrochemistry, hydrogeology, hydro-zoology, hydro-ecology, socio-economy and mapping. In 2009 he joined the IT team of the Pneumophtisiology Service of Ignace Deen Hospital where he is involved in clinical trials as a data manager in behalf of research projects, including, among others, the RAFA Project (Research and Action For Africa) which is running, the RCT Project (latent tuberculosis) which is also running and the OFLOTUB Project which is already completed but the data management component continues. He is the IT manager since 2012.

His many experiences have allowed him to publish:

- In 2003, BIT CreGe 1.0, a management system for microfinance
- In 2007, GIRENS Hydrochi 1.0, a data management system for hydrochemistry laboratories
- In 2008, BAM GICAvo 1.0, an integrated information management system for law firms. An expanded version to other forms of business, for which compliance testing to the specifications is already running, will be published very soon. It is composed of four main sets that are human resources management including payroll management, financial management that supports all forms of accounting, logistics management and administrative management.

Ari Prayitno



Name: Dr Ari Prayitno,

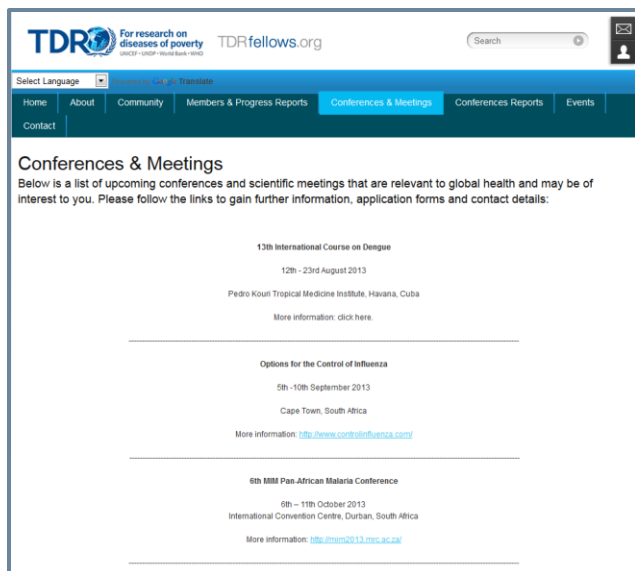
Home institution: CiptoMangunkusumo Hosp Faculty of Medicine Yogyakarta, Indonesia

Host institution: Sanofi Aventis, Singapore

Hi, I'm a new fellow in this fellowship program. Let me to introduce my self :

My name is ARI PRAYITNO, I come from INDONESIA, I'm 46 YEARS OLD, have MARRIED WITH 3 CHILDREN. I'm a PEDIATRICIAN, my institution is CIPTOMANGUNKUSUMO HOSPITAL and UNIVERSITY OF INDONESIA, my subspecialty is PEDIATRIC INFECTIOUS DISEASES. In my Institution as Pediatric Infectious Diseases Subdivin member, I have 3 activities, first : I TEACH AND SUPERVISE SOME MEDICAL STUDENTS AND PEDIATRIC RESIDENTS, second: EXAMINE AND CARE SOME PEDIATRIC PATIENTS WITH INFECTIOUS DISEASES SUCH AS DHF, TYPHOID FEVER, MALARIA, TETANUS AND OTHERS. Apart from that I also DID SOME LOCAL RESEARCH, SUCH AS THE PNEUMOCOCCAL STUDY, DENGUE VACCINE STUDY (COLLABORATION WITH SANOFI), etc. Now I attend WHO fellowship program in SANOFI REGIONAL OFFICE in Singapore to learn about VACCINE STUDY/RESEARCH since 4th MARCH 2013

Conferences & Meetings



The TDRfellow.org now includes a 'Conferences and Meetings' page where you will be kept up to date with relevant scientific gatherings from across the globe. This list of conferences and meetings will be continuously updated, however if you know of any meetings that should be included please let me know. Please follow the link below to access this information:

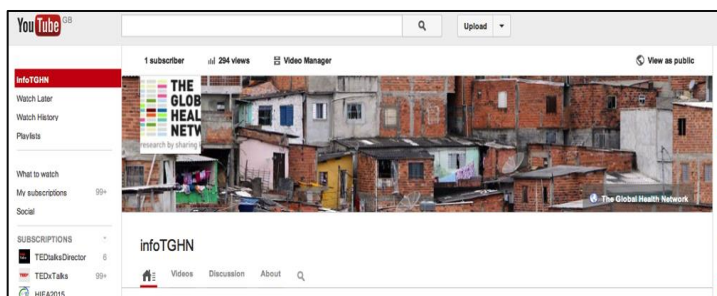
<http://tdrfellows.tghn.org/upcoming-conferences/>

For Funding Opportunities and calls for applications please check out the Funding Opportunities discussion group: <http://tdrfellows.tghn.org/community/community/group/funding/>

The GlobalHealthNetwork.org has its own YouTube channel

The Global Health Network has launched a YouTube channel to maximise opportunities to post up video media to share, and to be able to network with other video creators. You can access the channel and watch the uploaded content here:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/infoTGHN>



The Global Health Network continues to grow

As of the 15th of July 2013, we are happy to report that the network continues to show strong interest and growth:

- Nearly 11,000 site memberships
- From over 170 countries/regions, including most low- and middle-income countries, and
- Over 20 individual member areas on the network.

The Global Health Network was set up and is run on a core operational funding grant from:

**BILL & MELINDA
GATES foundation**

News Flash: *Introduction to clinical research*, a free online eLearning course is now available in **Swahili** – this, and other courses, can be found here: <http://globalhealthtrials.tghn.org/elearning/>

The Global Health Network (www.theglobalhealthnetwork.org): Discussions online have helped clinical trial groups improve and guide their studies, such as developing consent forms and data management solutions. Follow us on Twitter (@info_TGHN) and on Facebook (www.facebook.com/TheGlobalHealthNetwork).