

## TDRfellows Newsletter: Issue 14 October 2015

Welcome to the 14th issue of the TDRfellows newsletter.

Dear Fellow,

I hope that all is going well with your Fellowship and you are finding the TDR Fellows site useful. The site continues to be updated with relevant news, job vacancies and funding opportunities. Please feel free to join in any discussions or post a blog, your participation will be much appreciated.

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- Clinical research workshops in South Africa this November.
- The latest 12 month progress reports now available online.
- What happened next? - the experiences of two fellows after completing the Program.
- The Global Health Network launches five new online courses.
- Conferences to be held over the next three months.
- Job and funding opportunities.

### Clinical Research Workshops – South Africa

Working in collaborative groups, The University of Cape Town, Global Health Trials, The Multi-Regional Clinical Trials Initiative (MRCT) and the University of Witwatersrand have brought together four workshops aimed at clinical researchers to be held in South Africa in November. The workshops are **FREE** to attend (travel expenses/per diems are NOT included) and registration is required.

**The MRCT are holding two workshops on the topic of:** 'Data Monitoring Committees, pharmacovigilance and Vaccine Development' aimed primarily at investigators and statisticians, but open to all those working in clinical research. The one day workshops will be held on:  
November 4<sup>th</sup> – Johannesburg  
November 6<sup>th</sup> – Cape Town

For [further information](#) and [registration details](#)

**Global Health Trials – South African Faculty are holding two workshops on the topic of:**

'Developing the UK Research Nurse Workforce: Challenges and Triumphs'

November 6<sup>th</sup> – Cape Town

**'Quality and Risk in Clinical research at Investigator Sites': Ensuring the Science is Valid, participants are safe'** – Global Health Trials – South African Faculty

November 7<sup>th</sup> – Cape Town

[Click here](#) for details



**The Multi-Regional Clinical Trials Center of the Brigham and Women's Hospital & Harvard, Division of Global Health Equity, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA**

Data monitoring committees, pharmacovigilance & vaccine development  
1-day training for clinical trial investigators & statisticians

**Topics:**

- ◆ DMC membership & responsibilities, monitoring for safety, efficacy & futility
- ◆ Important causality definitions, distinction between cause & correlation, case studies to assess causality
- ◆ Safety reporting processes
- ◆ Vaccine development

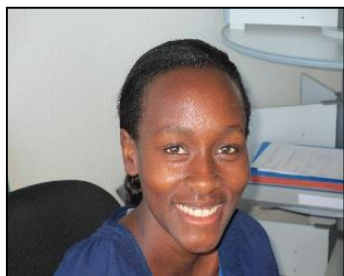
4 November 2015, 09:00-16:00  
(Registration starts at 09:30)

FPS Boardroom, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, Wits Medical School, Parktown

RSTP to Nominate: [stb@wits.ac.za](mailto:stb@wits.ac.za) by no later than 26 October 2015

For more information visit: <https://globalhealthtrials.tohn.org/get-involved/south-africa>

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**Name:** Carolyn Magoma Mwanicha-Kwasa

**Home institution:** Ministry of Health, Kenya

**Host institution:** Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics (FIND), Geneva

**TDR Clinical R & D Fellows 12 Month Progress Report at FIND, Geneva**

**1<sup>st</sup> May 2013 – 30<sup>th</sup> April 2014**

**Full 12 months Progress Report:**

[Click here to read the full report](#)



**Name:** Dr Welile Sikhondze

**Home institution:** University of Cape Town – Division of Medical Microbiology

**Host institution:** FIND, Geneva

**TDR Clinical R & D Fellows 12<sup>th</sup> month Progress Report at FIND, Geneva**

**13 June 2013 to 06 June, 2014**

**Full 12 months Progress Report**

[Click here to read the full report](#)



**Name:** Ouologuem Nouhoum

**Home institution:** West African Network for Clinical Trials of Antimalarial Drugs

**Host institution:** Medicines for Malaria Venture, Geneva

**WHO/TDR Report on Training for Malaria Venture (MMV) and Cardiabase**

**02<sup>nd</sup> March 2013 to 16<sup>th</sup> June 2014**

**9 months Progress Report**

[Click here to read the full report](#)



**Name:** Amadou Seck

**Home institution:** National Tuberculosis Control programme of Senegal

**Host institution:** Public Research Centre for Health, Luxembourg

**WHO/TDR R&D Fellows 12 months report at Public Research Centre for Health, Luxembourg**

**16<sup>th</sup> April – 8<sup>th</sup> July 2013 and 02<sup>nd</sup> October – December 28<sup>th</sup> 2013**

[Click here to read the full report](#)



**Name:** Lili Xu

**Home institution:** National institute of Parasitic Diseases – (China CDC)

**Host institution:** Novartis Vaccines & Diagnostics S.R.L

**WHO / TDR Fellows 12 months report at Novartis Vaccines and Diagnostics , Italy**

**01<sup>st</sup> March 2014 - 30<sup>th</sup> August 2014**

**5 months Progress report**

[Click here to read the full report](#)

## NEW Online Courses

### **The Global Health Network Launches Five New Online Courses**

The Global Health Network are pleased to announce the launch of five online courses covering the topics of: **Data Sharing, Ancillary Care and Good Clinical Laboratory Practice, Obstetric Fistula and Maternal Infections**. All the courses are accessible from the Global Health Training Centre and are completely **FREE**. Certificates are available on successful completion of the course quizzes. To access the courses please click on the links below. We hope you find the courses beneficial.

#### **[Ethics and Best Practices in Sharing Individual-Level Research Data](#)**

This short course explores the ethical issues arising from sharing individual level research data and the development of good data sharing practices. Although the course is aimed primarily at researchers designing research protocols and those developing policies and processes, the course is open to all involved in clinical research.

### Ethics of Ancillary Care in Research

This course examines: The main ethical and moral issues involved in the provision of ancillary care, guidelines for the provision of ancillary care during the conduct of a study and gaps in our understanding of ancillary care obligations.

### Introduction to Good Clinical Laboratory Practice

The importance placed on the implementation of GCLP in the conduct of clinical trials ensures the quality and integrity of the data generated. This course provides an introduction to the principles of GCLP and how these principles should be applied in laboratories.

### Obstetric Fistula

Obstetric fistula is a significant cause of maternal morbidity in low and middle- income countries where access to skilled maternal care is limited. This multi modular course provides a comprehensive overview of obstetric fistula including: the epidemiology, etiology, pathogenesis and prevention of Obstetric Fistula, Diagnosis, management and social reintegration.

### Maternal Infections

This multi modular course explores prevention, diagnosis and treatment of some of the main maternal infections which may result in maternal mortality. The infections covered include: HIV, urinary tract infections, maternal sepsis, syphilis and malaria.

## What Happened Next? – The Experiences of two former Fellows

### **Rezika Mohammed Yesuf**

#### **One year Post Training Report**

Read all about Rezika's experiences after completing the one year WHO/TDR Clinical Development Fellowship Program and returning to her home institute, the University of Gondar.

[Read more](#)

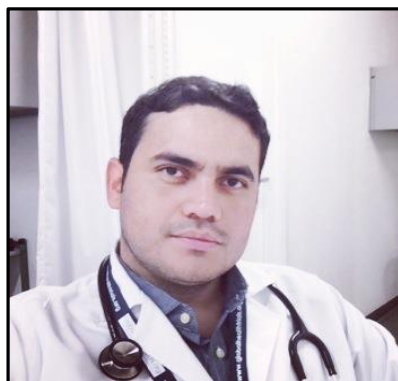


### **Laureano Mestra**

#### **Life after TDR**

After completing his Fellowship, Laureano has become the Chief Medical Officer and co-founder of Ipsum Clinical Medellin. Find out more about Laureano's journey to becoming an entrepreneur and how the knowledge and experience he gained on the Fellowship Program has benefitted him in his current role.

[Read More](#)



**November 2015:**

[Meningitis and Septicaemia in Children and Adults 2015 10th Conference](#)

4th November-5th November 2015  
London, UK

[British Infection Association \(BIA\)](#)

5<sup>th</sup> November 2015  
Manchester, UK

[Host Directed Therapy: New Ways to Curing Infections](#)

16<sup>th</sup> November- 17<sup>th</sup> November 2015  
Berlin, Germany

[9<sup>th</sup> Congress of the World Society for Pediatric Infectious Diseases](#)

18<sup>th</sup> November – 21<sup>st</sup> November 2015  
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

[12<sup>th</sup> international Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific](#)

20<sup>th</sup> November-23<sup>rd</sup> November 2015  
Dhaka, Bangladesh

**December 2015:**

[International Infectious Diseases Conference](#)

5<sup>th</sup> December - 6<sup>th</sup> December 2015  
Pakistan

[Third International Conference on Global Public Health 2015](#)

10<sup>th</sup> December- 11<sup>th</sup> December 2015  
Colombo, Sri Lanka

[2<sup>nd</sup> International Symposium on Clinical Pharmacology of Antimalarial Agents](#)

14<sup>th</sup> December – 15<sup>th</sup> December 2015  
Accra, Ghana

**January 2016:**

[Incidence, Severity and Impact of Influenza](#)

21<sup>st</sup> January – 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2016  
Paris, France

[9<sup>th</sup> HIV Dilemmas](#)

29<sup>th</sup> January 2016  
Manchester, UK



### **Workshop Exploring Insecticide Resistance and Vector Control**

The WHO/TDR are currently calling for collaborative applications from institutions working on the surveillance of insecticide resistance and the development of new ways of vector control.

Applications from two to three institutions based in low to middle income countries are invited to submit proposals. One proposal will be selected who will receive funding for 12 months (up to US\$200 000). The successful collaboration will both organise and host the workshop.

**Deadline for Applications – 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2015 17.00 CET**

[For further details](#)



### **WHO VACANCY – AFRO Internship Congo**

The WHO is currently recruiting graduates / postgraduates for their internship based in Brazzaville Congo. Specialising in areas including: Communicable diseases, health security and emergencies and health policy (among others)

The position is unpaid and the duration of the internship is 6-12 weeks

Application Deadline – Currently accepting applications

[Full details and online application](#)