



# EDCTP-TDRfellows Newsletter: Issue 16 June 2016



Welcome to the 16th issue of the EDCTP-TDRfellows newsletter.

Dear Fellow,

I hope this issue finds you well and for those of you that are heading to Geneva this week I wish you safe travels and a successful meeting. Ahead of this meeting please take a moment to digest the information in this newsletter and familiarise yourself with the new round of fellows who's Bio Sketches feature in this issue.



## The New Global Health Training Centre

INTERGROWTH-21<sup>st</sup> course on maternal, fetal and newborn growth monitoring – Module 1 available now!





INTERGROWTH-21st course on maternal, fetal and newborn growth monitoring is a free, online, open access training course developed by INTERGROWTH-21st, Nuffield Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology at the University of Oxford, Harvard Maternal Health Taskforce, The Global Health Network and the Geneva Foundation for Medical Education and Research.

This three module course communicates the methodology of maternal, fetal and newborn growth monitoring and the application of the INTERGROWTH-21<sup>st</sup> international growth standards to make judgement about appropriateness of growth. In response to the need for guidance on the correct measurement technique for newborn head circumference and an international prescriptive standard for comparisons, with the ongoing ZIKA virus infection, the first module "Assessing newborn size by anthropometry" has been published earlier than the remaining two modules.

This course is available in **English**, **Spanish** and **Portuguese**.

Click here to get started



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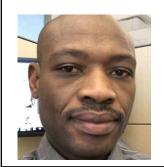
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## **International Trials Day Competition 2016**



The first ever clinical trial was run in 1747 by James Lind, a surgeon on board a ship, who noticed that some sailors were getting scurvy and others weren't. He randomised his subjects into two groups, and supplemented the diet of half of the sailors with fruit and vegetables, to determine whether this would improve their scurvy.

Clinical Trials are now one of the most important tools in research to determine whether there is evidence for different treatments. We are proud to work in clinical research, and hope you are too. To celebrate the importance of this work, Global Health Trials is launching an important new competition - click here to find out more!

## **Job Opportunities**

#### Clinical Research Physician - TB Research Group

The Oxford University Clinical Research Unit, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam Grade E64: £31,301 - £50,167 p.a. with attractive overseas allowance package

We are seeking an enthusiastic physician to join one of the leading clinical infectious diseases research groups in Asia based at the Oxford University Clinical Research Unit, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam (OUCRU-VN). You will work with OUCRU-VN's tuberculosis research group and help deliver a programme of clinical research aimed at improving the outcomes of patients with pulmonary and meningeal tuberculosis. The programme will start recruiting patients in early 2017, and we anticipate the successful applicant will take up this position sometime between November 2016 and April 2017. You will be clinically qualified and engaged in specialist training in infectious diseases, HIV medicine, general internal medicine or critical care and hold a membership of the Royal College of Physicians, or international equivalent. Significant clinical experience treating patients with tuberculosis, HIV infection and opportunistic infections is essential. A Diploma in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene plus clinical and research experience in resource constrained settings, preferably Asia, is desirable.

This position is available on a full-time basis for a fixed-term of 4 years.

Only applications received before 12.00 midday on Wednesday 15 June 2016 will be considered.

For further information and how to apply click here

#### **Careers Month**

June is careers month on Global Health Trials. There are hundreds of career development resources listed on the portal, from interview tips to CV building advice – for more information please click here.

If you would like to discuss this with us further please contact: info@globalhealthtrials.org

#### Africa Research Excellence Fund (AREF) are Recruiting Peer Reviewers

AREF are now recruiting active scientists with about 5 to 10 years postdoctoral research experience relevant to Africa's human health challenges to the AREF College of Experts.

That means mid /senior-level researchers with a strong track record in research. We seek to attract to the College excellent men and women scientists from all disciplines relevant to achieving better human health: from bench or desk, to bedside, to communities and populations.

The primary role of College members is to advise AREF on the quality of applications for funding and to provide constructive feedback for the applicants. AREF are especially keen to recruit African researchers from Sub-Saharan Africa, working in the subregion or overseas, who have a demonstrable track record of research, including in project leadership, researcher supervision, mentorship and international collaboration. Commitment to bringing on a new generation of potential research leaders in Africa is essential.

AREF is committed to a College that is well-balanced in terms of gender, diversity of research disciplines and nationality. AREF especially welcome applications from francophone and lusophone regions. However, members need to be proficient in English.

If you would like to apply please do the following:

- Prepare a short research CV and save it in the format surname\_givenname\_CV.PDF
- Send the two documents to Sulayman Janneh at <u>aref@mrf.mrc.ac.uk</u>
- The application deadline 17.00 BST on <u>17 June 2016</u>.

For more information and how to apply please click here

## **Upcoming Conferences**

#### Africa:

#### 8th ANREC

4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> July 2016 Uganda

#### <u>Eastern African Research and Innovations Management Association Conference</u>

28<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016 Kampala, Uganda

#### **Eighth EDCTP Forum**

6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> September 2016 Lusaka, Zambia

#### ASLM 2016 - International Conference to Address Global Health Security in Africa

3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> December 2016 Cape Town, South Africa

#### Asia:

### 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Global Healthcare Conference

18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> July 2016 Singapore

## BIT's 4th Annual Global Health Conference 2016

18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> November 2016 Taiwan

#### Australasia:

#### The XIX International Congress for Tropical Medicine and Malaria

18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2016 Australia

#### **Europe:**

## 9th European Congress on Tropical Medicine and International Health

6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> September 2016 Basel, Switzerland

#### **RSTMH Biennial**

12<sup>th</sup> – 1th September 2016 Cambridge, UK

#### North America, South America and The Carribean:

#### ASTMH 65th Annual Meeting

13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> November 2016 Atlanta, USA

## Funding opportunities and calls for applications

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

There are several new funding opportunities listed including:

- Africa Research Excellence Fund (AREF) Second Call
- \* Joint SEARO/TDR Small Grants Scheme for Implementation Research in Infectious Diseases of Poverty
- Institutional Links grants Newton Fund

Also remember to check out the Job opportunities Community Group for new positions across the globe:

https://tdrfellows.tghn.org/community/group/jobs/

## Grand Challenges

Solving global health and development problems for those most in need

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation announced the latest Grand Challenges Explorations (GCE) grant recipients on May 26, 2016.

**Grand Challenges Explorations** grant program funds discovery research, awarding initial grants of US \$100,000 and potential follow-on grants of up to US \$1 million. Grants target an expanding set of topics.

More than 40 projects in 14 different countries received an initial grant of US\$100,000. In addition, the foundation has provided additional funding to 11 Grand Challenges Explorations projects with additional funding of up to US\$1 million each.

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will begin accepting applications for the next round of GCE starting in September 2016.

For links to more information on these challenges, please visit the grant opportunity page at <a href="https://www.grandchallenges.org">www.grandchallenges.org</a>.

#### **NEWS FLASH – New Member Area!**

Mesh is a collaborative open-access web space for people involved in community engagement with health research in low and middle income countries (LMICs). It provides an online meeting place where community engagement practitioners, researchers, health workers and others can network, share resources and discuss good practice.

Find out more about Mesh and watch our video introduction on the <u>About Page</u>. Learn how to sign up and how to use the site on the <u>How to Get Started</u> page.

