

## Call for abstracts (Uniting Streams)

Two parallel afternoon sessions will be reserved for short oral presentations selected from submitted abstracts. Researchers of all seniority, including (PhD) students, are invited to submit abstracts describing original research in any field of International Health, including but not limited to: neglected tropical diseases, mother & child health, poverty-related diseases (malaria, HIV, TB, etc), medical anthropology, medical entomology, health economics, health services & policy. Abstracts should be submitted in English. Oral presentations will be selected on the basis of abstract quality; priority will be given to research of applied or translational nature, but fundamental research will also be considered. An abstract form is available online at [www.unitingstreams.com](http://www.unitingstreams.com). Please send completed abstracts to [unitingstreams@gmail.com](mailto:unitingstreams@gmail.com), before September 1st, 2010.

## Participants

Members of NVTG, Uniting Streams, TROIE / Researchers and other professionals in the field of tropical medicine and international health (professionals from NGOs, XXX) / Students, PhD candidates

## Registration / Fees

Until XXX: registration by registrationform and by paying the correct amount to NVTG, account number XXX, mentioning your name and 'symposium NVTG 2010' (moet dit dan nog als we een registratieformulier doen of kan men ook eventueel automatische incasso opgeven?)

After XXX: registration at the symposium information desk on October 6, 2009.

<i>Registration</i>		
	EARLY REGISTRATION BEFORE XXX	LATE / ON-SITE REGISTRATION AFTER XXX
All participants	€ 50	€ 60
Students*	€ 35	€ 45

\*Student participation (including Tropical MDs in training) is limited to 50 places; students must register before September 1st, 2010.

## About the keynote speakers

**BART KNOLS** is a malariologist with a Masters degree in Biology and a Doctoral degree in Medical Entomology from Wageningen University, the Netherlands (1996). He also obtained a Masters in Business Administration degree with distinction in 2006. With eleven years of working experience in East and Southern Africa he has managed large-scale research and vector control programmes when working for ministries, international or national research institutions. His innovative research has earned him an Ig Nobel Prize (2006), an IAEA Special Service Award (2006), and in 2007 he became a laureate of the Eijkman medal. He currently directs K&S Consulting, a firm he founded in the beginning of 2007.

Symposium  
October 6<sup>th</sup> 2010

# Health(Y) Research in Resource Poor Settings > Money, Morals & Methods

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## Location

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## Organisers

Netherlands Society of Tropical Medicine and  
International Health (NVTG) / Uniting Streams  
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## Organising Committee

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(NVTG)

## Language

English

## Background

The Symposium 'Health(y) Research in Resource Poor Settings: Money, Morals & Methods' addresses 'the art of' researching international health issues in resource poor settings. (moeten we onderzoektypes specificeren of laten we dit in het midden?)

This central theme will be approached from 3 angles:

**MONEY:** what are trends in (donor) funding health research in developing countries? Who is pulling the invisible (visible) strings when it comes to allocating research grants to the various subsectors of international health? Are neglected diseases losing out to more prestigious research projects? Which are the hurdles in finding research funds? The 'how to' in assessing funds for research in international health in times of economic crisis. etc.

**MORALS:** exploring the boundaries of ethical research. 'The right to be properly researched' dilemmas of ethics and responsibility in social-science research (Ben White/zie ppt door Linda rondgestuurd). (see also: art in Journal of Infectious Diseases, 2004: 'What Makes Clinical Research in Developing Countries Ethical? The Benchmarks of Ethical Research', dealing with ethical dilemmas and the principles to follow: collaborative partnership, social value, scientific validity, selection of study population, informed consent etc.) /In 2005 publiceerde Nuffield Council on Bioethics: 'Ethics of research related to healthcare in developing countries'.

**METHODS:** methodological challenges in doing research in developing countries. How to overcome challenges in fieldwork (data collection, sampling, access, etc). Building local research capacity or going for the quick results? Is participatory research in a low resource setting possible? What are the challenges? Technical notes on doing research in low resource settings etc...

## Programme outline

The morning programme includes three keynote lectures by experts focusing on the Money, Morals and Methods of research in low resource settings.

**MONEY:** FEIKO TER KUILE **MORALS:** JAMES LEWINSKY, ZENO BISOFFI (VERONA DECLARATION), BEN WHITE (MAIL LINDA) **METHODS:** BART KNOLS

In the afternoon four parallel sessions are organised.

## Preliminary Programme Symposium October 6, 2010

### 9.15 - 9.45 Registration & Coffee

9.45 - 10.00 Opening by the chair of the NVTG  
Introduction to the theme by the chair of the symposium

Pieter van de Hombergh  
Hans Wendte

10.00 - 10.35 No longer neglected? State-of-the-art insight into the epidemiology and control of Neglected Tropical Diseases

10.35 - 11.10 From research to improved practice: community interventions for maternal and newborn survival

11.10 - 11.45 Positioning Health Policy and Health Systems Research in Internal Health

11.45 - 12.00 Scientific research as a tool to improve living conditions

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### 12.00 - 13.00 Lunch

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13.00 - 14.15	Scientific research > presentations	Scientific research > presentations	Presentations / Debate	tbd

PARALLEL

### 14.15 - 14.45 Coffee & Tea

14.45 - 16.00

16.00 - 16.45 The Dutch Policy on International Health Research

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### 16.45 - 18.00 Closure & Drinks