

Programme

October 16th, 2015 (language: English)

- 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.30 Welcome by **Ankie van den Broek** (NVTG Chair) and **Tim Reed** (Chair for the Day, Executive Director of HAI)
- 9.35 Essential medicines for Universal Health Coverage - **Prof Hans Hogerzeil**
- 10.00 Global challenges of pharmaceutical patents: Ensuring access to new essential medicines in a post-TRIPS era - **Dr Ellen 't Hoen**
- 10.25 Coffee
- 10.40 Stop the substandards! How to detect, control, and prevent substandard / spurious / falsely-labeled / falsified / counterfeit products (SSFFCs) - **Dr Michael Deats**
- 11.05 Essential medicines and ethics - **Prof Huub Schellekens**
- 11.30 'How can high cost essential medicine be affordable': plenary discussion between invited experts and representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sports
- 12.30 Lunch
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| 13.30 | Uniting Streams
Scientific research presentations | Uniting Streams
Scientific research presentations | Building pharmaceutical systems in low- and middle-income countries | Medicines and commodities for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights |
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- 14.45 Coffee
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| 15.15 | Uniting Streams
Scientific research presentations | Uniting Streams
Scientific research presentations | MSF Access Campaign, and the Access to Medicine Index | Universities as laboratories for social change |
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- 16.30 UAEM and US will present the highlights of the day and recommendations to the Lancet Global consultation on Essential Medicines
- 17.00 Drinks

ANNUAL CONGRESS - Friday October 16th 2015

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ACCESS, QUALITY and RATIONAL USE: the role of essential medicines in Universal Health Coverage

Information Leaflet

READ this leaflet carefully, it contains **IMPORTANT** information.



2 BILLION PEOPLE WITHOUT

Modern health care is unthinkable without the availability of necessary medicines. Yet, close to 1 in 3 global citizens (2 billion) do not have access to life-saving and health-supporting medicines. This directly challenges the fundamental principle of health as a human right. The theme of this symposium addresses this injustice, and places essential medicines in the middle of the debate on achieving Universal Health Coverage.

We will be discussing three issues.

1

ACCESS

Looking at availability, affordability, distribution and intellectual property rights

2

QUALITY

Addressing substandard, spurious, falsely labelled, falsified and counterfeit medical products

3

RATIONAL USE

Focusing on the drivers of overuse, underuse or misuse of medicines

The morning sessions

- Hans Hogerzeil (Professor of Global Health at the University of Groningen) sets the scene with an overview of the state of the art, current issues and future prospects in the domain of essential medicines
- Ellen 't Hoen (independent medicines law and policy consultant) sketches the role of global politics in making advanced medicines available to the world.
- Michael Deats (WHO, Department of Essential Medicines and Health Products) outlines the growing global trade in bogus and substandard medicines, and presents ways on how to detect, control and prevent substandard medical products entering the market.
- Huub Schellekens (Professor Biotechnology at the University of Utrecht) will focus on an ethical business model for the pharmaceutical industry

'How can high cost essential medicine be affordable' will be the theme of the discussion between representatives from the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, and Health, Welfare and Sports and invited experts.

The afternoon sessions

- **Uniting Streams Scientific Research Presentations**
- **Access to Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) medicines and commodities** is the focus of the session organised by Health Action International (HAI) and Denis Kibira (HEPS Uganda, MeTa Uganda)
- **Access is key** in the joint session on the MSF Global Access Campaign (Manica Balasegaram, Rohit Malpani) and the Access to Medicine Index (Wim Leereveld)
- **Building pharmaceutical systems in low- and middle-income countries:** case studies presented by Wilbert Bannenberg (HERA Foundation) and Floor Toxopeus (IDA Foundation)
- **Universities as laboratories for social change.** How can public research institutions ensure access to medicines? Presentations and discussions by Universities Allied for Essential Medicine (UAEM)

The day will **CLOSE** with a presentation of the highlights of the day and recommendations to the Chair of the Lancet Commission on Essential Medicines, Professor Hans Hogerzeil.



EARLY BIRDS

Please register online at www.nvtg.org. The early registration fee is only valid if you have completed your payment **by October 9**. **After October 9** the late registration fee will be charged. You can as well register at the symposium information desk on October the 16th.

Be quick, De Rode Hoed has a limited capacity.

Registration Fees (Euros)	EARLY	LATE
NVTG-members	75	80
Students	50	55
Other participants	85	90



HOW TO PAY

- By bank transfer to
IBAN: NL30INGB0000125774
BIC: INGBNL2A, Maartensdijk. Please clearly state your name and 'Symposium 2015'.
- By giving permission to the NVTG to withdraw the registration fee from your account.



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

During the afternoon programme parallel sessions will be reserved for oral presentations selected from submitted abstracts. Researchers of all seniority, including (PhD) students, are invited to submit abstracts describing original field research in any subject of Global Health, including but not limited to: urban health, chronic & welfare-related diseases, sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), poverty-related diseases (malaria, HIV, TB, etc.), neglected tropical diseases, medical sociology/anthropology, entomology, health economics, health policy and health systems research. Abstracts should be submitted in English. Oral presentations will be selected on the basis of abstract quality. An abstract form is available online at www.unitingstreams.com. Please send completed forms to unitingstreams@gmail.com before September 16, 2015.



IN THE AUDIENCE

- NVTG members
- Professionals in the field of international health, global health and humanitarian assistance
- Professionals from universities and research and knowledge institutes
- (PhD) students international health, global health, medicine and tropical doctors in training

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