Programme - Health of people on the move

9.00   Registration and coffee

9.30   Welcome by Ankie van den Broek (NVTG Chair)
and Maria van den Muijsenbergh (Chair of the day)

9.40   Tammam Aloudat, Deputy Medical Director at MSF-Switzerland
‘Health challenges of people on the move’

10.10  Pinar Okur, researcher Rutgers
‘Sexual and reproductive health and rights of people on the move, both
in country of origin and en route’

10.40  Coffee

11.00  Aram Hassan, Centrum ‘45, Psychiatrists Without Borders
‘Building resilience and combating vulnerability, mental health and
cultural-sensitive care of migrants and building resilience’

11.30  Simone Goosen, GHOR and AMC/Social Medicine
‘The health status of asylum seekers and refugees in the Netherlands’

12.00  Interactions with the audience and presenters,
chaired by Maria van den Muijsenbergh

12.30  Lunch

13.00  Uniting Streams
Scientific research presentations

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16.30  Closing reflections by the chair
Poetry in music

17.00  Drinks

Access to health for refugees
en route and in the Netherlands

Organised by Netherlands Society of Tropical Medicine and International
Health (NVTG) - Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) - Rutgers - Uniting Streams
(US) - Tropical Doctors in Training (TROIE)
The symposium HEALTH OF PEOPLE ON THE MOVE focuses on the health problems people face during their travels and upon arrival in the Netherlands. In particular, themes such as coping with trauma and mental health, sexual and reproductive health and rights, health seeking behaviour, and health systems responses in the countries of origin, en route, and in the Netherlands will be addressed.

The day will close with the chair’s reflections and identification of critical issues to improve health care and the health status of people on the move.

The symposium HEALTH OF PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

Early Morning Sessions
- Tammam Aloudat, Deputy Medical Director at MSF-Switzerland, will set the scene with an overview of the health status of refugees in countries of origin and the challenges they face en route to Europe
- Pinar Okur, Researcher at Rutgers, will present results of recent research on sexual and reproductive health and rights of people on the move, both in country of origin and in the Netherlands
- Aram Hassan, Psychiatrist at the Centrum '45, Psychiatrists Without Borders, will focus on building resilience, mental health and cultural-sensitive care of refugees and migrants
- Simone Goosen (GHOR, AMC/Social Medicine) will provide an overview of existing knowledge about the status of asylum seekers and refugees in the Netherlands
- Chair of the day, Maria van den Muijsenbergh (General Practitioner, Pharos) will lead the closing debate of the morning session

The Afternoon Sessions
- Uniting Streams facilitate Scientific Research Presentations of young researchers, and ShareNet on linking policy and practice in SRHR research
- Rachel Ploem working with Rutgers questions patterns of gender stereotyping of refugee and migrant populations in the Netherlands
- The MSF session combines the presentation of research by Iro Evlampidou on the health status of transiting refugees and migrants on the Balkan route in 2015, a short film and discussion with the MSF coordinator in Jordan
- Inke Schaap representing the Johannes Wier Foundation, the foundation on health care and human rights, will discuss human rights implications of the refugee crisis
- The NVTG working parties TROIE and WHIG will define the profile of health care providers responding to the specific needs of migrants arriving in the Netherlands
- Susan Hahné from the National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM), together with Radboudumc and GGD Gelderland-Zuid, will explore the contours of infectious disease prevention and control in asylum seekers’ centres in the Netherlands

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One Million People Fled War

War and conflict forces people to leave their country of origin behind and take the road to safe places. According to UNHCR data over a million refugees fled war and insecurity in 2015 and arrived in Europe. Migration routes expose them to mental and physical health risks, as health services are overburdened or otherwise incapable of responding to the needs of refugees.

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Call for Abstracts
During the afternoon programme parallel sessions will be reserved for oral presentations selected from submitted abstracts. Researchers of all seniority, are invited to submit abstracts describing original field research in any subject of Global Health, including but not limited to: urban health, non-communicable diseases, medical sociology/anthropology, entomology, health economics, health policy and health systems research. Young researchers (Master or PhD students) are particularly encouraged to submit an abstract.

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 info@unitingstreams.org before September 11, 2016.

In the audience - NVTG members - professionals in the field of global/international health and humanitarian assistance - professionals from universities and research/knowledge institutes - (PhD) students in International/Global Health and/or Medicine - tropical doctors in training

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