It's the final countdown!

Greetings Network: TUFH Community,

#TUFH2018 is only 2 months away! It promises to be a great conference at the University of Limerick. There are going to be prominent Keynote Speakers, a fantastic SNO Summer School for students, an extraordinary Pre-Conference Day, four days packed with interesting Posters, Mini-Workshops and TUFH Talks, amazing Community site visits, and a wonderful Post Conference Programme at Maastricht University!

If you haven’t registered yet, do it now!

Sincerely,
Aricia De Kempeneer
Editor-in-chief

Welcome to TUFH2018 by Professor Des Leddin
By Aricia De Kempeneer

Professor Des Leddin is the interim Head of School at the University of Limerick. He returned to his home town of Limerick as head of the medical school in June 2017 following a 40 year career in Canada as a clinician and educator. His research has been primarily on patient access to care and appropriateness of care.

The University of Limerick (UL) contributes to the community health in Ireland. UL has established the first new medical school in Ireland in over a century. The school is deeply embedded in the local and regional community. They deliver teaching and clinical care, and conduct research on factors which improve people’s lives. Working with marginalized communities in Ireland and internationally is one of the major focuses of their work.

Ireland is a country of outstanding beauty whose culture is shaped by a turbulent history. One of the major features of its history is that of emigration and the struggle of the Irish diaspora to establish itself, often in the face of exclusion. UL understand the dynamics of exclusion. There have also been, and are, difficult challenges of exclusion within the country so the opportunity to host the annual conference of The Network: TUFH, given its mission, is an opportunity for changing the arc towards a different future.

The unique aspect of this conference is the opportunity to witness the power of education in shaping the health of the region. It is rare to observe the impact of the birth of a new medical school on community and regional health. In a very few years UL has gone from tender shoots to a robust network of over 130 family practices and health centers reaching areas, both urban and rural, which were formerly much less served.

The conference theme is in line to Community Health and building partnerships. UL will be able to demonstrate how they have achieved partnerships with community organizations, what is working well, what needs to be done, and get input from delegates as to how they should move forward.

The TUFH2018 conference at UL will be an opportunity to learn, teach and experience the culture of one of the most intriguing areas of the globe.

His final message to the conference attendees is “Excited to see you!”
TUFH2018 Conference - Excellent abstracts
Rated as Excellent Abstracts by Review Committee

Use of Participatory Learning and Action Methodology for Joint Decision-Making in a Multi-Sectoral Health Research Partnership
By Maria Roura & Anne MacFarlane
Full abstract and interview here.

A Pipeline Program to Address the South African Crisis in Human Resources for Health
By Daniel Blumenthal, Kalay Moodley, Therese Fish, and Tabia Akintobi
Full abstract and interview here.

The Guinea Worm Disease Eradication, Successful Story from my Home Village, Blue Nile, Sudan
By Elhadi Miskeen & Hind M. Bashab
Full abstract and interview here.

Results of the Implementation of Interprofessional Discipline for Health Area Course
By Roberto Z Esteves
Full abstract and interview here.

Fostering Social Inclusion for Children with Disability and their Families: Mapping Lifa Space in Different Contexts
By Veronique Foley
Full abstract and interview here.

Role of Medical Students in Empowering Community and Health Promotion in Wad-Abuoshar Village, Gezira State, Sudan
By Yassein Elhussein & Omar Madani
Full abstract and interview here.

Comparing the efficacy of active and passive distraction for reducing pain and fear during intravenous cannulation in preschool children: A Randomised Control Trial
By Lisa Elizabeth Pius
Full abstract and interview here.

Community Based Education as Part of Undergraduate Medical Training at a University in Uganda
By Martha Kirabo
Full abstract and interview here.

Appraisal of Special School for Education and Rehabilitation Functioning Among Deaf Children (Omkolthoum /Alamal), Wad Medani, Gezira, Sudan
2017
By Tarteel Albagir
Full abstract and interview here.

Time for Action: Addressing Gender Inequities in Health Workforce Education
By Björg Pálsdóttir, Amy Clithero, Nadia Minclear Cobb, Katerina Dima, Elsie Kiguli-Malwadde Lyn Middleton, Geneviève Moineau, Robyn Preston, Vishnu Priya, Simone Ross, Zohray Talib, and Heidi Eve Van Royen

This Mini-Workshop will be presented on 18/08/2018 from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Read the full abstract and interview here.
Faith Nawagi attended her first annual conference of The Network: TUFH in 2013 as a student. Today she works as the GEMx African Representative.

“My journey in The Network: TUFH has been one of self-discovery, mentorship, and a reflection of where I am to where I want to be. Through The Network: TUFH, I have been able to learn lots of skills that have helped in my career growth. To mention but a few, these include: research development, grant writing, the value of professional networking, program coordination and implementation, etc.”

Click [here](#) to read more.

**Projects That Work 2018 Competition**

By Aricia De Kempeneer

Projects That Work is a feature of The Network: TUFH annual meeting, now in its sixth year, sponsored by FAIMER to recognize projects that have succeeded beyond initial implementation and have had a significant positive impact on health, the community, or the school over three or more years.

Congratulations to the Projects That Work Winners of 2018! They will present their projects August 18, 2018 from 10:30 - 12:30 at the [TUFH2018](#) Conference in Limerick, Ireland.

- **Reginaldo Freitas, Jr.** from Brazil
  Barriguda Project: Promoting Maternal Health in a Quilombola Community of Brazil

- **María de la Paz Grebe** from Argentina
  Posta Las Lilas: a Model of Integral Commitment to the Community

- **Maryellen Brisbois** from the United States
  Bridging the Atlantic: An International Alliance in Community Health among American and Azorean Nursing Students & Faculty

- **Shantharam Baliga** from India
  Malaria Control System - GIS-based Software Technology Assistance for Effective Control of Malaria in Mangaluru, India

- **Eric Nizeyimana** from Rwanda
  Community-based Malaria Prevention Empowerment

**Regional Highlights - Europe**

By Aricia De Kempeneer

- **Geraldine Beaujean** is the European Regional Board Member of The Network: TUFH. She is the managing director of SHE Collaborates at Maastricht University in The Netherlands. Read more [here](#).

- **Veronika Duwel** is the Student Network Organization (SNO) European regional representative. She is a third-year student of International Track in Medicine at Maastricht University. Read more [here](#).
Maastricht has an incredible number of international students (50%) and staff (40%) at the Maastricht University. In this city with a vibrant student life Sahil Sabnani from Aruba is studying the first year of medicine as well as finishing the Bachelor of Health Sciences. For the latter, he is working on his thesis about the COACH intervention program at Maastricht University Medical Center. The COACH stands for Center for Overweight Adolescent and Children’s Healthcare, and its purpose is to tailor medical support, education, and counseling to every child’s needs.

“In my opinion students can make a world of difference; I can see that in myself and my peers. The real power of a student is that they’re able to do so many things and keep their noses above water. Being able to do your bachelor and any other project shows how amazing and versatile you are as a person. You probably won’t see the impact next day, but in 20 years. And that impact is created by me as a student, not the doctor or professor I will become.”

Mugahid Awad Mohamed Elmahi, a medical student from Sudan narrates his work as a student and the power students have to cause change. Mohamed has been part of a community health project that aimed at eradicating Mycetoma in Sudan. Mohamed is a member of the Student Network Organization and prior to this project, he was part of the World Summit on Social Accountability by The Network: TUFH conference gathering in Tunisia. Could it be that this conference impacted his approach to social accountability? Continue reading here.

The Power of Students
By Veronika Duwel and Wakibi Samson

Mugahid Awad Mohamed Elmahi, a medical student from Sudan narrates his work
By Wakibi Samson

50 Student Accommodation Sponsorships
By Aricia De Kempeneer

The Network: TUFH and the University of Limerick are proud to offer 50 student accommodation sponsorships on a first come first served basis for the annual conference of The Network: Towards Unity For Health this August in Limerick, Ireland!

A student would normally have to pay $470 dollars for registration and €175 (~ $211) for 5 nights’ accommodation at Kilmurry Village. Kilmurry Village is the student Village and already has a discounted price for accommodation. In total a student has to pay $681. This sponsorship will allow 50 students from low or middle income countries to get their accommodation for the full duration of the main conference for FREE, meaning a discount of $211! Accommodation* will be 5 nights: check in 16th of August and check out 21st of August 2018 at Kilmurry Village**

Check out the Eligibility and Application steps here.

Join SNO for free as a student
**Student Projects For Health 2018 Competition**

By Aricia De Kempeneer

The Student Projects for Health competition is supported by GEMx and FAIMER, and will be a feature of The Network: TUFH conference. It recognizes students who have made outstanding contributions to projects that successfully promote community health and well-being.

**Congratulations to the Student Projects For Health Winners of 2018!**
They will present their projects August 17, 2018 from 10:30 - 12:30 & 15:30 - 17:30 at the TUFH2018 Conference in Limerick, Ireland.

- **Fabrice Humura** from Rwanda Pharmacy Students Engagement in Prison Inmates’ Health Attention to Tuberculosis Disease
- **Amitavikram Sattigeri** from India WindMe: The Electricity-Free Exhaust Fan for Combating Indoor Air Pollution in Indian Slums
- **Sonya Ramondino** from Ireland Interdisciplinary Forum for Healthcare
- **Nishimagizwe Patience** from Rwanda CompanionAPP
- **Hakeem Kibo** from Kenya Strengthening Kenya’s Primary Health Care System and Response to Epidemics – RockHealth Integrated Care Organization (RICO)
- **Kushali Savla** from India Together We Smile
- **Lina Saeed** from Sudan Anti TB Campaign; Together to End TB
- **Evode Ngayabo** from Rwanda CINEMA Education for Health
- **Abobaker Younis** from Sudan Let’s Fight the Flesh-Eater
- **Preeti Shakya** from Nepal In Her Hands
- **Faith Okoi** from Nigeria Street Children Project
- **Mohammed Adam** from Sudan Khalawi Health Promotion Project
- **Tahir Dawood** from South Africa The Surgical Society Emergency Room Initiative
- **Agnes Namagembe** from Uganda Village Health Teams’ Role in Improving Utilization of Maternal Newborn and Child Health Services in Butaleja District
- **Dede Latey** from Ghana The MindIT Project
- **Kennedy Omondi Ogutu** from Kenya Help Remove My Jigger

**ECFMG (GEMx) is a Proud Institutional Member of The Network: TUFH**

By Aricia De Kempeneer

GEMx - global educational exchange in medicine and the health professions - is a service program of the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG). ECFMG is proud to have become an institutional member of The Network: Towards Unity for Health this year.

GEMx has been a proud supporter of student engagement, scholarship, and exchanges related to The Network: Towards Unity for Health for a number of years.

GEMx at the Network: Towards Unity for Health Conferences - fostering meaningful connections, trustful dialogue, and social accountability!

Read all about GEMx and their partnership with The Network: TUFH, click [here](#).
UPCOMING CONFERENCES

⇒ 22nd International AIDS Conference, 23-27 July 2018 ~ Amsterdam, Netherlands

⇒ African Forum for Research and Education in Health, 6-8 August 2018 ~ Durban, South Africa

⇒ 2018 Conference of The Network: Towards Unity for Health (TUFH), 16-20 August 2018 ~ Limerick, Ireland

⇒ AMEE (The Association for Medical Education in Europe), 25-29 August 2018 ~ Basel, Switzerland

Suggestions on conferences and events that might interest our members? Feel free to share them by contacting us at newsletter@thenetworktufh.org

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Remembrances of Bernard Groosjohan

Message from the Board of Directors

Bernard Groosjohan, our friend and member of the Network: TUFH recently passed away. His family, friends, his students and extended academic community from the Faculty of Health Sciences at Universidade Catolica de Mozambique (UCM), the community of Inhamudima and The Network: TUFH among many others, will continue to celebrate his generous legacy, and discover the endless lessons around his way to live a unique life.

A convinced advocate of critical thinking, Bernard lived personally the cause of PBL as a means to raise new generations of Mozambicans within the principles of student centered education, an essential asset to achieve autonomous lifelong learners, thus, building the human capital of those that could leap beyond the crippling and culturally embedded remnants of colonialism and war. Trust in his experienced “persona” facilitated and materialized the connections and collaboration of diverse international educational organizations, with different Mozambican institutions and in particular with UCM, in fields that included the health sciences, education and agriculture among others.

But maybe Bernard above all was a symbol of trust, his involvement with different causes was a green light for collaborators and donors to invest their time, effort and resources in challenges he could foresee ahead. Such was the case with the sanitation project for the Bairro de Inhamudima that expanded to other places in Mozambique, or the medicinal garden project he left at UCM, or the family and community health programme he championed through many generations at UCM, together with so many other clinical and laboratory facilities, and public health programmes.

We will miss Bernard very much, nevertheless, his passion and commitment to contribute with a better and more equitable world, besides inspiring others, provides hope amid the sadness of his departure.

Farewell to our dear friend, welcome to the legacy of his example.

Francisco Lamus, At-Large Board Member The Network: TUFH
Associate Professor, Center for Community Health Studies, University of La Sabana

Read the full text here.

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It is with great sadness we were informed that Bernard Groosjohan passed away recently.

Bernard has been a member of The Network: TUFH for twenty years and he always shared his experiences from Mozambique with colleagues during the Network conferences. His stories of how they set up training with and for the students from Beira in Mozambican slums, his experiences of founding a new medical school and the development of the PBL (problem based learning) curriculum and his struggles on how to implement the same curriculum at the Universidade Eduardo Mondlane in Maputo were interesting and useful for colleagues and students.

For several years he was the Associate Secretary General for the Network. He was a kind person whose positive influence will be seen for a long time and whose legacy will continue in a full generation of health professionals that were trained under his auspices.

He will be greatly missed and everyone in Africa and in the Netherlands is saddened by his death.

Maaike Flinkenflögel, MD, KIT Amsterdam
Prof. Em. Jan De Maeseneer, MD, PhD, past Secretary General The Network: TUFH (2007-2015)

Read the full text here.

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Call For Stories!

Any ideas for stories/features for our newsletter? Feel free to share them by contacting us at newsletter@thenetworktufh.org.

It could be featured in our next edition!

Bernard Groosjohan