

## PROGRAMME

- 9.30 Welcome by Ankie van den Broek (NVTG Chair) and chair of the day
- 9.40 Dr Ann Phoya, Malawian Association of Midwives  
**Ethics and the need for investments in Human Resources for Health**
- 10.15 Dr Rieke van der Graaf, UMC Utrecht Julius Center  
**Ethical obligations of global health research**
- 10.50 Coffee
- 11.15 Prof mr dr Brigit Toebes, Global Health Law Groningen Research Centre  
**Human Rights in Global Health**
- 11.50 Questions and debate
- 12.30 Lunch + walking presentations (e-module on ethical dilemmas in mental health)
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| 13.30 | <b>Uniting Streams</b><br>Scientific research presentations | <b>NVTG Working Party</b><br>Ethical dilemmas | <b>NVTG</b><br>Global Health Policy in the Netherlands | <b>Rieke van der Graaf and Anant Bhan</b><br>Interactive e-learning and workshop on the CIOMS ethical guidelines |
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- 14.45 Tea
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| 15.15 | <b>Uniting Streams</b><br>Scientific research presentations | <b>ShareNet</b><br>Linking policy and practice in SRHR | <b>Wemos</b><br>Global Health Game / Interactive workshop | <b>NVTG Working Party</b><br>Ethical dilemmas |
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- 16.30 Closing reflections by the chair
- 17.00 Drinks

# [HUMAN] RESOURCES RESEARCH AND RIGHTS

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## Ethical dilemmas in global health

Friday November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018

De Rode Hoed, Amsterdam

The NVTG congress [HUMAN] RESOURCES, RESEARCH AND RIGHTS focuses on ethical dilemmas in global health. How to ensure a fair distribution of scarce resources for health? How to counterbalance the recruitment of skilled health professionals from low resource settings, whilst respecting people's right to migrate? Decisions on the content of a (global) health research agenda can lead to ethical dilemmas. Finding the right balance between the interests of involved stakeholders is key to managing ethical dilemmas in health.

We invite health care providers, policy makers, and researchers to join us for debate, scientific presentations and workshops on these and other issues in global health ethics.

## RESEARCH

Progress towards a world in which everyone can enjoy optimal health and health care is crucially dependent on all kinds of research, including research involving humans. At the same time, inclusion of human beings in research warrants ethical scrutiny. **Dr Rieke van der Graaf**, Assistant Professor UMC and specialised in research ethics, will provide an overview of ethical principles for global health research, with a particular focus on principles as laid down in the CIOMS international ethical guidelines for health-related research involving humans. Her lecture is followed by reflections on human subjects research conducted in low-resource settings of **Dr Anant Bhan** from India. He is a researcher in global health, health policy and bioethics, and a trained medical doctor with a degree in bioethics.

## RIGHTS

International law is potentially a powerful and essential weapon in strengthening health prevention and disease control. Health problems increasingly transcend borders, as illustrated by ebola and other infectious disease outbreaks. In addition, there are other health challenges the world faces today, such as a change in disease patterns, increasing health inequalities within and between nations, or the detrimental health effects of environmental degradation, climate change, urbanization and internal conflicts. A stronger recognition of international health law is necessary to address these challenges in the health field. **Professor Brigit Toebes** – a specialist in international law and human rights and researcher on the crossroads of human rights, international law and protection of health – will speak on the role of international legal standard-setting instruments in the protection of health. She will make a plea to consider international health law as a new discipline under the international law.

### The morning sessions

## RESOURCES

The revolutionary International Conference on Public Health in Alma Ata, in 1978, combined the right to health with a viable strategy to attain essential health care services for all in the year 2000. However, 18 years beyond this date this goal has still not been achieved. One contributing factor is the high – and increasing – global shortage of skilled, motivated and well-equipped health professionals. Despite increased investments in health worker education, the actual deployment of health workers remains inadequate and inequitable. Also, health worker mobility causes serious problems to health systems worldwide. **Dr Ann Phoya**, President of the Association of Malawian Midwives, will illustrate how Malawi – the country with the highest shortages of health workers – has managed to scale up HIV services and improve maternal health, through a targeted Human Resources for Health Strategy.

### The afternoon sessions

- Scientific research presentations by early career researchers – **Uniting Streams**
- Linking policy and practice in SRHR research – **Share Net**
- **NVTG working parties** will discuss dilemmas in their work in LMICs
- Test your knowledge and discuss policy and ethical dilemmas in a highly interactive workshop organised by **Wemos**
- **Rieke van der Graaf** and **Anant Bhan** will lead the interactive workshop on the 'CIOMS Guidelines' e-course. Participants will get a preview and are invited to provide input to the course
- **Johannes Wier Foundation** will provide a lunch presentation on the e-module on ethical dilemmas in mental health

**Early online registration (until October 19th 2018):** [www.nvtg.org](http://www.nvtg.org). The early registration fee is only valid for participants who have completed payment before **October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Late registration (after October 19<sup>th</sup> 2018):** online at [www.nvtg.org](http://www.nvtg.org) or at the symposium information desk on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018

The number of participants may be limited: register in time!

### Registration fees

	EARLY ONLINE REGISTRATION	LATE REGISTRATION (ON)
NVTG-members	90	100
Students	60	70
PHD students	75	85
Other participants*	110	120

### How to pay

At registration via the site, payment can be made via iDeal or you may give permission to the NVTG to withdraw the registration fee from your own account via a direct debit authorisation.

**Accreditation pending**

### 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, sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), poverty-related diseases (malaria, HIV, TB, etc), communicable diseases, neglected tropical diseases, medical sociology/anthropology, entomology, health economics, health policy and health systems research. Early career 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. You will find more information on the format of your abstract on [www.unitingstreams.org](http://www.unitingstreams.org). Closing date submission of abstracts: September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

### In the audience

- NVTG members
- Professionals in the field of global health and humanitarian assistance
- Professionals from universities and research, knowledge institutes
- (PhD) students in Global Health and/or Medicine, and AIGT in training

### Organisers

[www.nvtg.org](http://www.nvtg.org) / [www.wemos.nl](http://www.wemos.nl) / [www.unitingstreams.org](http://www.unitingstreams.org) (working party of the NVTG) / [www.troie.nl](http://www.troie.nl) (TROIE, working party of the NVTG – AIGT in training)

### Venue

**Directions to 'De Rode Hoed':** "De Rode Hoed" is located in the city centre of Amsterdam, 10 minutes walking distance from the Central Station. See [www.rodehoed.nl](http://www.rodehoed.nl) for directions.

### Language

English