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KCGH, NSGH & OIGT

The Netherlands' Society for Global Health (NSGH), the Training Institute Global Health and Tropical Medicine (OIGT), and the Knowledge Centre Global Health (KCGH) have once again teamed up to create this joint newsletter, a unified source of updates, activities, and opportunities in global health.

From symposia and webinars to e-learnings and working group updates, we aim to spark collaboration and knowledge exchange on today's most urgent health challenges. Explore the agenda, get involved, and stay connected to the conversations shaping global health.

Want to share your own update? Email us at communicatie@kcgh.nl.

News

THESIS & PHD PRIZE 2025

Last chance to apply for the Thesis & PhD Prize 2025!

Final call – submissions for the KCGH Thesis & PhD Prize are open until **1 October**. Beyond recognition, winners receive a spot in **The Online Scientist's** *Basics of Science Communication* workshop — practical skills to amplify your research impact, from framing your message to reaching wider audiences. If your thesis or dissertation advances global health, we'd love to see it. Apply by sending your work to info@kcgh.nl and or share with a fellow graduate today.

More info & apply

DUTCH GLOBAL HEALTH FILM FESTIVAL 2025

Missed the AMR film night? Watch *Silent Pandemic* at home

Missed the film evening? You can still **watch *Silent Pandemic* online**. The documentary explores the global rise of antimicrobial resistance (AMR), a creeping "silent pandemic" with profound implications for surgery, cancer care and health systems. Through human stories and expert insights, the film probes what it will take to secure access to effective

Watch the film

antibiotics and slow resistance.

Upcoming events

WEBINAR

Plastic

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23 September | Online | 2 accreditation points (ABAN)

In this Zorg voor Klimaat webinar, microplastics and medical device footprints are under the spotlight. Prof Juliette Legler shares the latest insights from ZonMw research on health impacts. Illaa Smesseim compares reusable vs. disposable bronchoscopes through a life-cycle lens, and Talitha Hoppe offers practical steps to cut plastic use in hospitals.

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MEETING

Maternal health and rights in Afghanistan

24 September | Online

The NSGH-working group ISM&RH hosts a digital meeting with Farzana Maruf and others on safeguarding maternal health and rights in Afghanistan. Gain insights into the challenges, resilience, and advocacy needed in one of the most difficult healthcare settings.

GLOBAL HEALTH ROUNDS

Masterclass: Health Systems perspectives on global health

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24 September – 26 November | Online | 1 Accreditation point (NSGH) per session

We are excited to announce the launch of a Global Health Rounds Masterclass, a 9-week series (Wednesdays, 12:00–13:00 CEST) dedicated to exploring how health systems function in different contexts. Apply the WHO building blocks, learn from multiple disciplines and discuss how policymakers, providers, patients and communities can drive improvement together. Join individual sessions via Zoom, or register to receive a certificate for 70% attendance.

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DUTCH GLOBAL HEALTH FILM FESTIVAL 2025

Restoring Dignity: Follow the journey of noma survivors across Nigeria

9 October | Utrecht

Join us for a moving evening with *Restoring Dignity*, a documentary following noma survivors in Nigeria. Noma, recently recognised by WHO as a neglected tropical disease, devastates faces and lives within weeks. The film follows survivors like Mulikat Okanlawon, who now advocates for others after her own recovery. The screening is followed by a Q&A with Mulikat, filmmaker Claire Jeantet, and MSF's Dr Mark Sherlock.

SYMPOSIUM

Healthcare rights and needs of older people in humanitarian crises

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1 October | Utrecht | 4 accreditation points (NSGH)

Older people are among the most neglected groups in humanitarian response. This first-of-its-kind symposium convenes MSF, WHO, UMC Utrecht, HelpAge International, UCL, and field experts to surface operational gaps, tools and ethical reflections – from Türkiye/Syria to Ukraine. Morning sessions frame the global picture, while the afternoon offers lessons from practice, assistive tech, case studies and a panel.

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SYMPOSIUM

Zorg voor nieuwkomers

7 October | Utrecht | Accreditation requested (NSGH)

The second edition of this symposium brings together healthcare professionals, policymakers, and community experts to focus on the mental well-being of newcomers. Through keynotes, interactive panels, and partner-led parallel sessions, we explore how to address the psychosocial and systemic factors affecting health in migration and asylum contexts.

COMMEMORATION

150 years Albert Schweitzer

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15 October | Deventer

Mark the 150th birthday of Albert Schweitzer with an inspiring afternoon of lectures and music, organised by the Dutch Society for Medical History. The programme features renowned speakers discussing Schweitzer's humanitarian and medical legacy, complemented by organ performances of Bach's works.

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SYMPOSIUM & PHD DEFENSE

Global pediatric oncology

17 October | Amsterdam | 2 accreditation points (NSGH)

Childhood cancer care in LMICs faces late diagnosis, access barriers and stigma – yet partnerships and locally tuned innovations are moving the dial. Join speakers from Kenya, Indonesia and the Netherlands for a concise morning programme (09:00–11:00), followed at 11:45 by Larissa Klootwijk's public PhD defence on access to childhood cancer care in Kenya.

MEETING

AIG, wat geef je ze mee? Een voorbereiding op gynaecologie en verloskunde in de tropen

More info

12 November | Houten | Accreditation requested (NSGH)

Hoe bereid je AIG's goed voor op het werk als gynaecoloog in de tropen? En wat als je zelf als opleider die ervaring niet hebt? De werkgroep International Safe Motherhood and Reproductive Health (ISM&RH) organiseert een speciale bijeenkomst tijdens het Gynaecongres in Houten, bedoeld voor iedereen die betrokken is bij de begeleiding van tropenartsen in opleiding.

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FALL SYMPOSIUM 2025

The impact of geopolitical changes in global health

20 November | Utrecht

How do shifting donor priorities and political agendas affect health equity worldwide? This year's Fall Symposium explores the impact of geopolitical change on global health programmes — and highlights strategies of resilience, solidarity and innovation. Join researchers, practitioners and advocates as we reflect critically and share strategies for navigating this turbulent context. Together, we will explore alternative ways of working, grounded in solidarity and health justice.

WEBINAR

AI & Duurzaamheid

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24 November | Online | 2 accreditation points (ABAN)

AI is transforming care – but with an energy and emissions cost. In this webinar by the NSGH-working group Zorg voor Klimaat, Erik Vermeulen unpacks sustainability risks, while Kevin Groot Lipman shares a clinical use case to separate hype from practical value. Leave with a clearer view of responsible AI adoption in a climate-conscious health system.

Save the date

Mark your calendars for the coming events (more details follow soon):

ECTMIH2025

Sep 29 – Oct 2 | Hamburg

Curious about more international events? Check the NSGH agenda.

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