



Network for Education  
in International Health

## **Annual Report 2013**

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## Letter from General Secretary

Dear tropEd colleagues.

I would like to start the report of the tropEd secretariat for the year 2013 with a big “Thank you” to the members of the Executive Committee – and of course to all institutional representatives, too. I think that we had a very productive year, not only dealing with the daily business, but also with starting strategic discussions about the future of the network. These discussions led to the preparation of a meeting in January 2014 dedicated to the several important issues we have to solve in near future. This work cannot be done by the secretariat alone – and the frequent meetings of different working groups with very valuable inputs from nearly all representatives make me feel confident, that we can successfully continue our work.

One major event in 2013 was the inception of the **World Federation of Academic Institutions for Global health (WFAIGH)**, of which tropEd is a founding member, to ensure tropEd’s role as an ambassador for teaching and training in Global/International Health worldwide. We will update you regularly about the new activities of this federation.

I hope that during this year we as a network have finished to re-define our vision and mandate, to ensure a continuous, high quality program in International/Global Health.

Sincerely yours,



**Dr. Axel Hoffmann**





The tropEd Network held three General Assemblies during 2013, respectively in:

- **Institute of Infectious and Tropical Diseases, University of Brescia, Italy**  
23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> January 2013
- **School of Public Health, Fudan University, Shanghai, P.R. China**  
16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> May 2013
- **Copenhagen School of Global Health, Kobenhavns Universitet, Denmark**  
8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> September 2013

In all these three meetings, a total of 35 representatives from full member institutions have attended and 15 from collaborative institutions. Overall, around 69% of full members have participated in the General Assembly meetings along with around 42% of Collaborating members.

Eight EC meetings were held before, during and after the three GA meetings. The EC phone conference through SKYPE lasts normally for about 60 minutes.

Eight EC meetings:

- EC SKYPE conference 18<sup>th</sup> January
- EC SKYPE conference 22<sup>nd</sup> February
- EC SKYPE conference 10<sup>th</sup> April
- EC SKYPE conference 2<sup>nd</sup> May
- EC SKYPE conference 26<sup>th</sup> June
- EC SKYPE conference 4<sup>th</sup> September
- EC SKYPE conference 11<sup>th</sup> October
- EC SKYPE conference 29<sup>th</sup> November

The current members of tropEd **Executive Committee**:

**President:**  
*Dr. Carina Källestål*

**President-Elect:**  
*Ms. Pauline Grys*

**Past President:**  
*Mr. Govert van Heusden*

**Executive Secretary:**  
*Dr. Axel Hoffmann*

**Ex officio Member:**  
*Dr. Curt Lofgren*



## Are you aware of them?

### -Changes decided in GA meetings during 2013

#### Definition of tropEd student

tropEd student is a MIH student from a tropEd home institution who takes an option to choose a track which allows to take at least one course outside the home institution during his/her master study.

#### New university application as full member directly

In the tropEd statutes, the only difference between full members and collaborating institutions is, whether they are institutions of higher education. There is no regulation on whether an institution is from Europe or another continent. Since 2005, we give a two year probation time as collaborating member for the new members. But it is not coherent with the statutes. A new higher education institution member can offer courses from the very beginning and can be active. In such a case there is no reason to be a collaborating member instead of a full member. The GA agreed to give the new applicant the right to apply for a full membership directly. We keep the two year probation time. After two years, the GA will vote again to confirm this full membership.

#### SIT and ECTS

Before September 2013 we only allow to count 30 SIT hours per ECTS in tropEd network. However, for several institutions this is contradictory to the national regulation. According to the ECTS user guide, the GA agreed to allow counting 25-30 hours SIT equal to one ECTS credits. But in one week still 45 hours of SIT cannot be exceeded. However, member institution must make their calculation according to their national regulations. A list of national regulations on ECTS and SIT counting will be added to the handbook of course accreditation. For example, Amsterdam 28h, Sweden 27h, Denmark, 25h, etc. If a course re-accreditation is only affected on this specific issue, the SIT and ECTS credits counts, it needs only to go through the EC meeting.

#### Keywords management

Keywords will be added, deleted or revised in the course accreditation session in every GA. tropEd secretariat will inform the institute when new keywords are added and existing courses can change and choose to use new keyword. If a selected keyword was deleted, other keywords can be chosen for these courses that use this keyword. All these courses with changes will be sent to an EC phone conference for approval. Approved changes will be updated online. Once a year the GA will check the list of keywords and delete the unnecessary ones. PG and CC will have a try in 2014.



## Course accreditation

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46 courses were submitted to the GA in 2013. Of those 21 are for new courses, and 25 for re-accreditation.

33 courses received Category 1 or 2 in the first round, which is 72% of all courses. Through the whole year, there are 39 courses accredited in GA and EC meetings.

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### The accredited courses are:

- **Amsterdam:** Advanced Short Course on Health Sector Reforms and Financing: (subtitle:)Towards achieving Universal Health Coverage (UHC)
- **Amsterdam:** Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights: Organizing Effective Responses (SRH Responses)
- **Amsterdam:** Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights including HIV/AIDS
- **Amsterdam:** Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights
- **Basel:** How to Plan Successfully? A Focus on Priority Setting, Resource Allocation and Strategic Planning for Health
- **Basel:** Scientific Writing for International Health
- **Bergen:** Qualitative Research Methods for International Public Health
- **Bergen:** War, Violence, Peace and Health
- **Bergen:** Globalisation and Health
- **Berlin:** Advanced Vaccinology
- **Berlin:** Designing, Managing and Evaluating Projects for Improving Health: Issues for Donors and Implementers.
- **Berlin:** Parasitology in International Health.
- **Berlin:** Effective Project Leadership: Dealing with Uncertainty and Complexity and Interpersonal Skills in the Workplace
- **Brisbane:** Health Aspects of Disasters
- **Brisbane:** Project Planning for International Health
- **Bordeaux:** Tools for Surveillance and Control of Tropical Diseases
- **Bordeaux:** Medicines Post-marketing Evaluation, Rationale and Methods
- **Bordeaux:** Grant-Writing and Critical Appraisal focused on Pharmaceutical Products
- **Copenhagen:** Health in Emergencies and Refugee Health
- **Copenhagen:** Non-Communicable Diseases- Prevention & Control,
- **Copenhagen:** Health Care Systems in Low- and Middle-Income Countries
- **Copenhagen:** Water Supply and Sanitation in Emergencies

- **Hanoi:** Principles and Practices of Injury Prevention
- **Hanoi:** Bridging the Gap between Research and Health Policy making
- **Heidelberg:** Health and Human Rights
- **Heidelberg:** Proposal Writing as a Consultancy Skill
- **Heidelberg:** Consultancy Skills in International Cooperation in Health –Evaluation of Health Facilities, Projects and Programmes
- **Lisbon:** Molecular Parasitology: The Biology, Diagnosis, Epidemiology, Taxonomy, Vaccines and Drug Resistance of Parasites of Medical Importance and their Vectors
- **London IGH:** Anthropological Perspectives on Global Health
- **London IGH:** Core course
- **London IGH:** Children in Difficult Circumstances
- **London IGH:** Disability and Development
- **London IGH:** Health Management: Planning and Programme Design
- **London IGH:** Nutrition and Public Health
- **London IGH:** Research in Action: Qualitative Methods
- **London IGH:** all accredited advanced modules will be changed to 6 ECTS credits since spring semester 2014
- **San Simon:** Conception and Design of Control Programs for Communicable Diseases
- **Uppsala:** Global Nutrition
- **Würzburg:** Appropriate Technologies for Health Care Facilities

## Courses taken by tropEd student in 2013

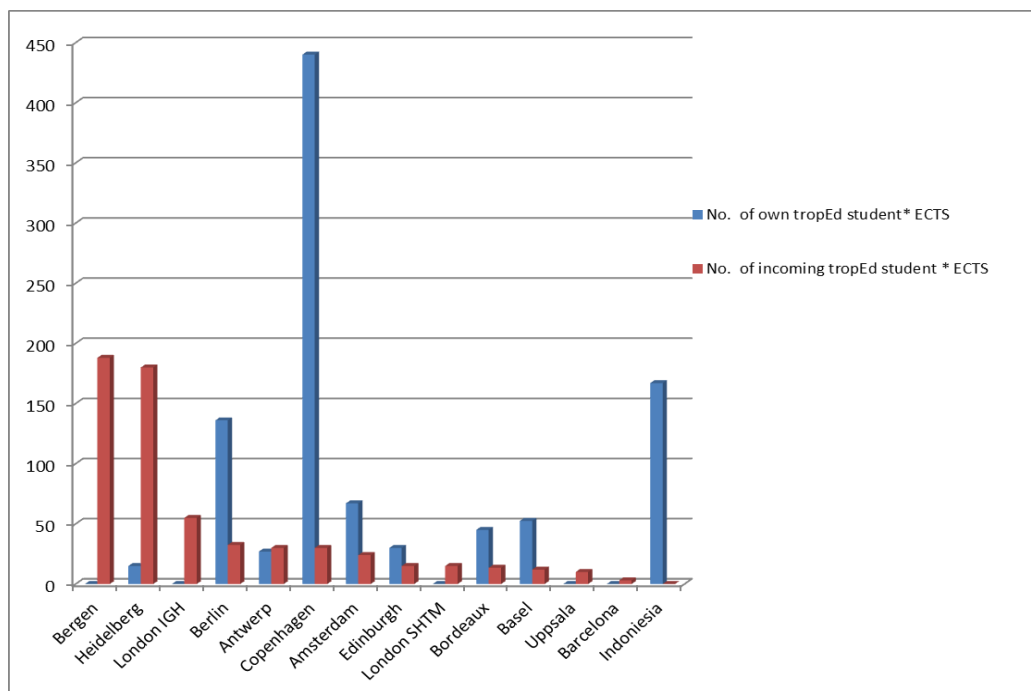


Figure 2 Resource: Institutional Annual report



**tropEd Recognition** Two graduates from Basel and Amsterdam have been awarded the recognition certificate during the calendar year 2013.

### Student and Course data in 2013:

	No. of applicants to the MIH programme	No. of newly registered tropEd students	No. of tropEd students completed	No. of accredited courses in total	
Basel	17	12	6	9	
Amsterdam	265	7	11	19	
Antwerp	6	4	0	6	
Barcelona	25	0	10	3	
Edinburgh	33	2	2	14	
Copenhagen	181	0	1	7	
Hanoi	0	2	0	2	
Uppsala	470	0	0	4	
Berlin	150	30	20	9	
Bonn	-	-	-	2	
Heidelberg	185	3	1	17	
Mexico	-	-	-	3	
Indonesia	-	-	-	5	
Bordeaux	-	-	-	17	
Brescia	15	0	0	1	
Lndon IGH	17	2	0	11	
Umeå	-	-	-	2	
London SHTM	-	-	-	26	
Lisbon	-	-	-	1	
Bergen	-	-	-	9	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1364</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>167</b>	

Figure 3  
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### How satisfied are our students?

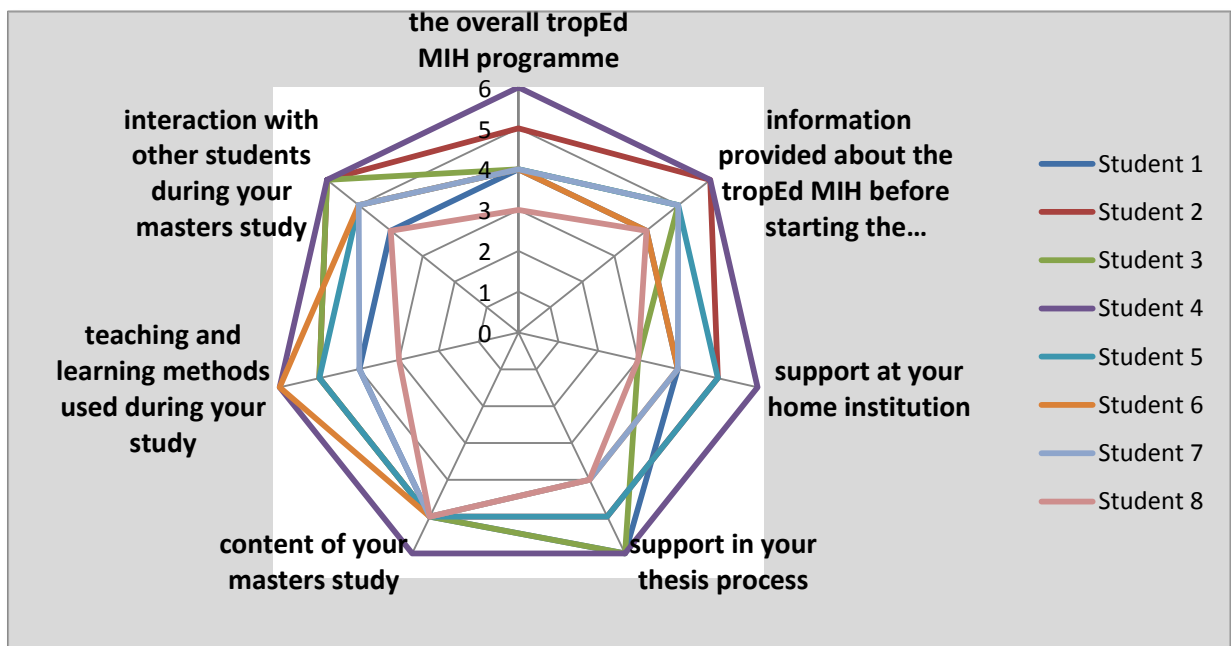


Figure 3 Resource: Exit interview until May 2013



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## tropEd Membership

### New membership applicants:

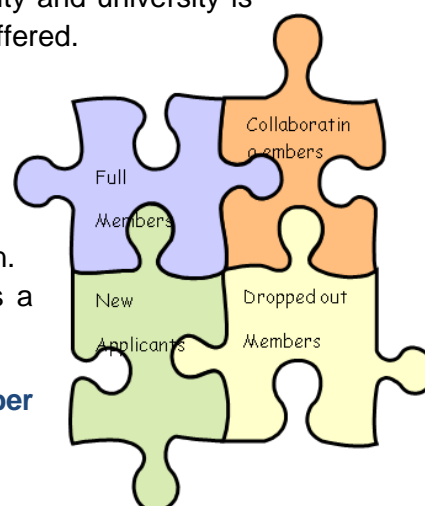
1. Department for Infectious Diseases and Tropical Medicine, Ludwig-Maximilians Universität München
2. Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine, Singapore
3. Institut de la Francophonie pour la Médecine Tropicale, Laos.

### New member institution :

**Wurzburg Medical Mission Institute (MMI):** tropEd welcomed MMI/MMH as collaborating member with the condition that MMI/MMH should show the contract from University of Wurzburg. Maybe a former agreement to state the MMI/MMH is allowed to deliver the certificate in name of the university and university is somehow involved in the quality control to the courses offered.

### New Home Institution:

Antwerp Institute of Tropical Medicine running a core course and started the masters programme in 2013. It now fulfils the criteria to become a home institution. Therefore the GA is pleased to announce Antwerp as a home institution from now on.



### New potential partner institutions from tropEd member institutions

- University of Cape Town
- Barcelona Center for International Health research (CRESIB)
- Barcelona Center for Environmental Epidemiology (CREAL)
- MSF-Spain
- Umea University in Sweden (in joining MPH program between Umea University and some Universities in Vietnam)
- Touro University, Harvard University and University of Illinois, USA
- University College Dublin
- Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation
- International Health Unit of Drassanes and Northern Metropolitan (Catalan Institute of Health)
- Universidade Do Estado Do Amazonas through Fundação de Medicina Tropical Doutor Heitor Vieira Dourado (Brazil)
- Médicos del Mundo, Action Against Hunger, Vicente Ferrer Foundation, Amics del Nepal and Doctors without borders
- School of Medical and Health Sciences – University of Development Studies of Tamale (Ghana)
- Fundación del Sanatorio San Francisco de Borja de Fontilles (Spain)
- Bata Hospital
- Desarrollo 2000 África (NGOs)

## Changes in member institutions during 2013

### New tropEd representatives:

- **Bergen:** Bente Moen
- **London SHTM:** Craig Higgins
- **Brescia:** Sulis Giorgia
- **Mexico:** Juan Francisco Molina Rodríguez, Responsible for Academic Internal Management of Erasmus Mundus Program and the European Master of International Health.

**Bordeaux:** Name of the university change to University of Bordeaux due to the merger of (1/1/2014) University Bordeaux Segalen

**Copenhagen:** A major decision that was taken in the reporting year was not to offer the Core Course for the MIH in the academic year 2014/2015 (no decision on subsequent years taken yet). In addition, we partnered with Khon Kaen University (instead of the Christian Medical College in Vellore) for the Core Course field trip in autumn 2013 (which was a tremendous success). The decision to move the field trip from India to Thailand was based on anticipated difficulties in obtaining visas due to strained diplomatic relations between Denmark and India.

### Information from Members to be shared with the network

**Antwerp:** Could the availability of scholarships for 2015 and 2016 (from Belgian Development Cooperation) be published on the tropEd website.

**Barcelona:** Our Master is in title of Master of Global Health

**Copenhagen:** We had the first intake of our newly-established two-year MSc in Global Health in September 2013 (33 students).

#### Hanoi:

- Update the core competencies for our MPH graduate student.
- Develop the new program that is Master of Public Health tracking in Health economic program and it will be run in academic year 2015.
- Join research with TropEd colleagues in topic of Alumni Survey about MPH program assessment.
- Register the quality assessment in Asian University Network for Master of Public Health and Master of Hospital Management program.

#### Berlin:

- Rules have been changed so that from winter semester 2014 onwards students must gain at least 10 ECTS credit points from Charités advanced modules.
- Plan to re-introduce 2nd core course in summer semester abandoned.

**Changes from Member institutions foreseen for the next year**

**Antwerp:** Introduction of a new course on Ethics in International Health Research (trial version will be run in January 2015)

**Barcelona, Basel:** We plan to present new courses for accreditation

**Copenhagen:** We hope to offer a greater number of on-line and/or blended learning courses

**Hanoi:** Run program on Master of Public Health tracking in Health economic

**Berlin:** Move to another campus, increase maximum intake from 32 to 48 students per year (including diploma and short course students).

**Mexico:** On upgrading all of our academic programs. We have an autumn 2014 deadline.

**Indonesia:** There will be one tropEd course for next year i.e: Human Resources in Health Management

**London SHTM:** Need to resolve the ECTS issue. tropED requirements conflict with UK requirements

**Barcelona Autònoma:** Placement agreements with Médicos del Mundo, Action Against Hunger, Vicente Ferrer Foundation, Amics del Nepal, Doctors without borders, Damien Foundation (Níger), Akwaba Côte d'Ivoire (Foundation), Gulu Hospital (Uganda), Monkole Hospital (DRC), Cubal Hospital (Angola), Rufisque Hospital (Senegal), Asikuma Hospital (Ghana), Bata Hospital (Equatorial Guinea), Ebome Hospital (Cameroon), Fundación Gota de Leche, Inhambane Moçambic Help Center and Casa Materna (Matagalpa.)

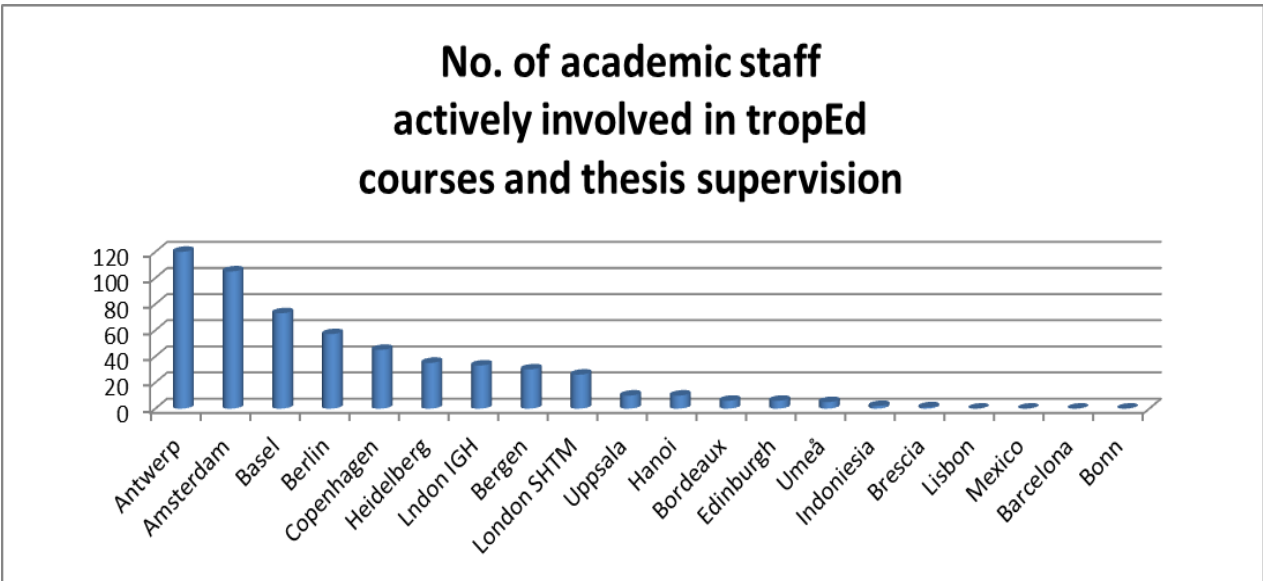


Figure 5 Resource: Institutional annual report 2013

## tropEd PARTICIPATION in 8th ECTMIH



Session on: ***Global health education beyond 2015: what kind of professionals do we need to face future challenges***

Chairperson: Núria Casamitjana, tropEd, Barcelona Institute for Global Health (ISGlobal), University of Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain

Oral communications:

- Axel Hoffmann, tropEd Secretariat, Swiss Tropical Public Health Institute (Swiss TPH), Basel, Switzerland
- Peter Hill, School of Public Health, University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia
- Biao Xu, Fudan University, China
- Steffen Kratochwil, tropEd alumni representative, University Hospital of Heidelberg, Heidelberg, Germany
- Mit Philips, MSF-Brussels, Belgium

Session on: ***The value of training in tropical medicine and international health. Formal recognition of a comprehensive training programme in the Netherlands: will it work?***

Chairperson / moderator:

Prisca Zwanikken, Area Leader Education, Royal Tropical Institute

Esther Jurgens, Policy advisor, The Netherlands Society for Tropical Medicine and International Health

Oral communications:

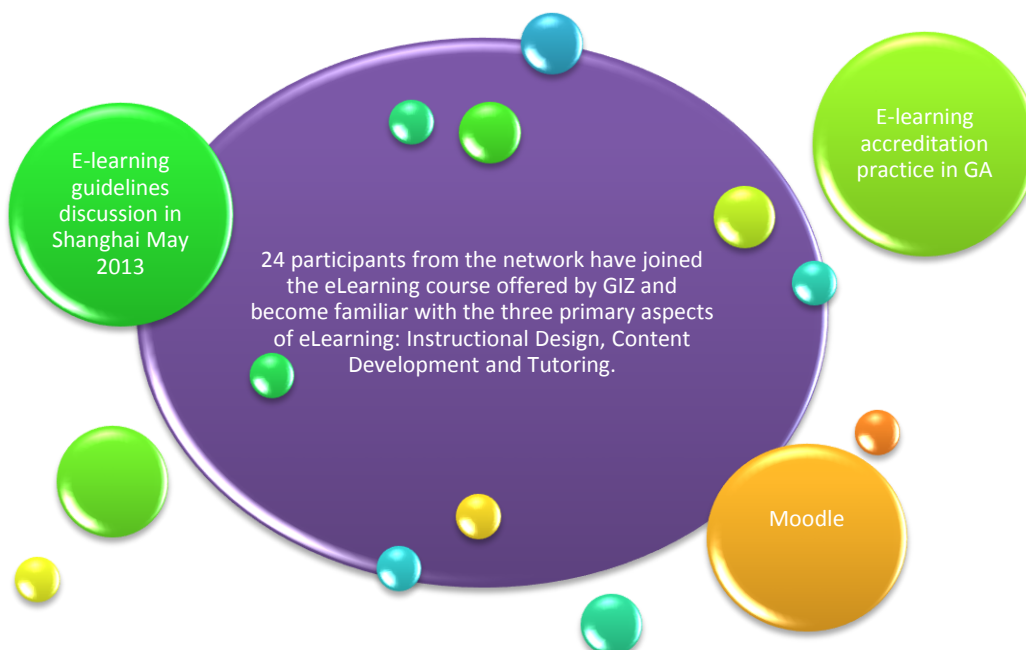
- Barend Gerretsen, Senior advisor, Royal Tropical Institute, Netherlands
- Pieter van thiel, Chair COTG, Academic Medical Center, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands
- Albert Mantingh, Vice-chair COTG, Netherlands
- Simon Chisi, ophtalmologist, Katete, Zambia
- Núria Casamitjana, tropEd, Barcelona Institute for Global Health (ISGlobal), University of Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain

Session on: ***Global health research and education: what is it, an how should it be taught?***

Chairperson: Maximiliam de Courten, University of Copenhagen

Oral communications:

- Peter Tinnemann, Institute for Social Medicine, Epidemiology, and Health Economics, Berlin, Germany
- Núria Casamitjana, tropEd, Barcelona Institute for Global Health (ISGlobal), University of Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain
- Nathan Bertelsen, New York University, USA



## tropEd PARTICIPATION in 5<sup>th</sup> WHS Berlin, 19-21<sup>st</sup> October 2013

### October 19<sup>th</sup>

Session on *Global Health Education: Who do we educate how? The 21st century needs global health leaders, how do we get there?*

#### Chairperson / moderators:

- Peter Tinnemann, EAGHA, Charité University, Berlin, Germany
- Ben Canny, Monash University, Australia
- Núria Casamitjana, tropEd, ISGlobal, Barcelona, Spain

#### Speakers:

- Stuart Anderson, LSHTM, London, UK
- Axel Hoffmann, tropEd Secretariat, Swiss TPH, Basel, Switzerland
- Leonel Valdivia, ALASAG, University of Chile, Chile
- Waruguru Wanjau, IFMSA
- Margaret Ramsfeld, Evangelische School Berlin Zentrum, Berlin, Germany
- Flemming Konradsen, University of Copenhagen, Denmark

### October 21<sup>st</sup>

Launching of the World Federation of Academic Institutions for Global Health (WFAIGH)



WFAIGH is a global platform for an academic voice to influence policies on health and global governance mechanisms, to promote methodological development and research, and to share good practices in capacity building and educational innovations. So far it only has Regional Associations of Academic Institutions as members and tropEd is one of the nine founding members. Professor Nuria Casamitjana from Barcelona is selected as treasurer and lead the Finance Committee of the Federation. Dr. Axel Hoffmann from Basel is leading the Education Committee.

# Networking

**Internal Exchanges within the network: 43 % tropEd member institutions have internal exchanges activities with other members within the network.**

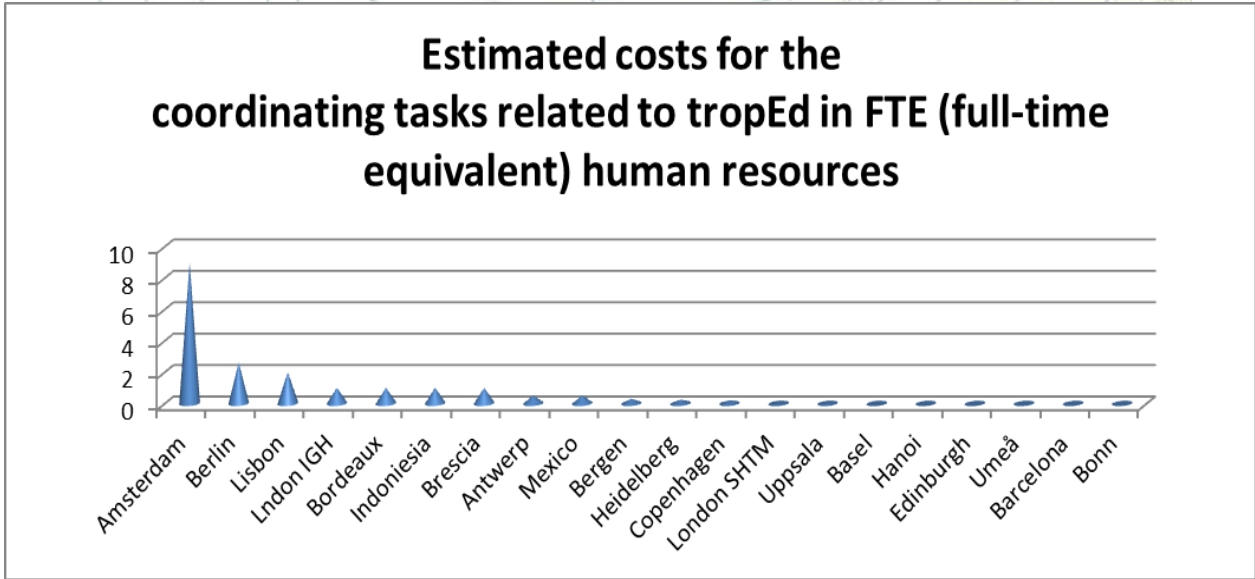
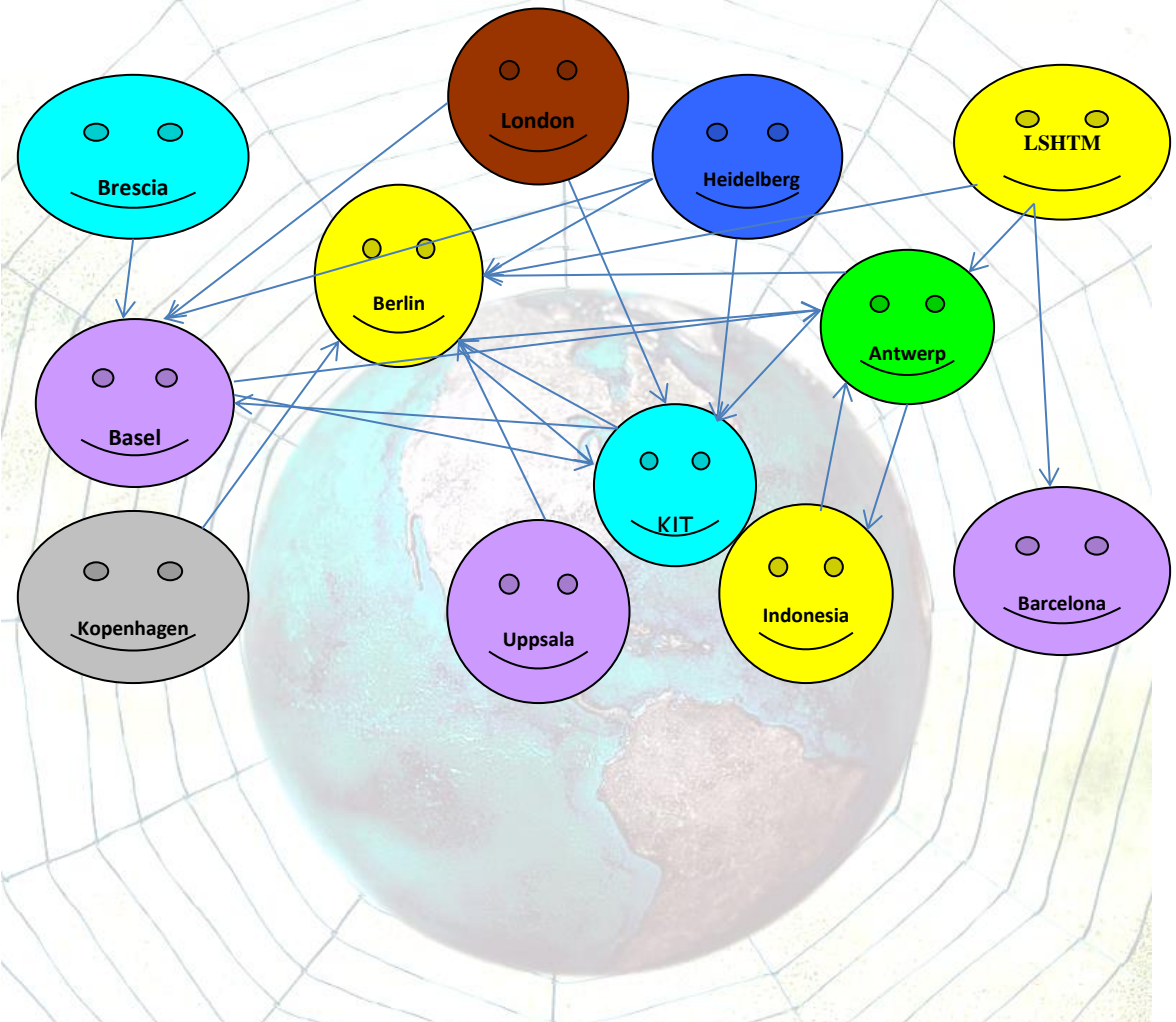
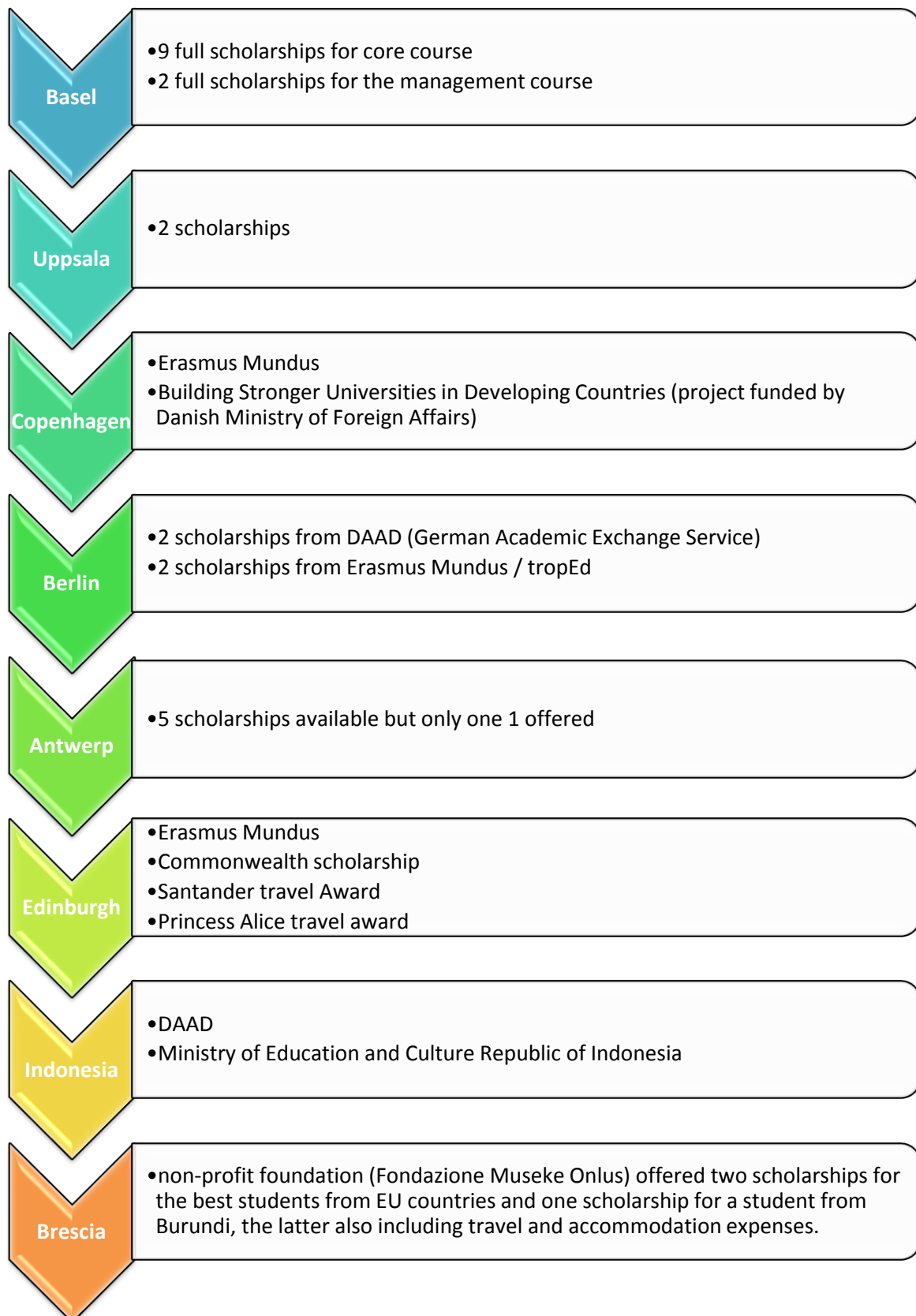


Figure 6 Resource: institutional annual report 2013



## Scholarship offered in 2013



## Alumni Activities

**62% of member institutions offering alumni activities, it includes:**

- Informal emails about news, new developments, teaching activities, seminars, jobs to all MIH graduates
- Facebook,
- Alumni officer, when KIT staff visits another country they have a meet & greet with alumni,
- Distribution of brochures,
- Alumni ambassadors for TropEd and KIT,
- Commercial cooperation with alumni
- Newsletters
- Side meetings at International Conferences (2013: ICASA Cape Town, "Health Districts in Africa Dakar)
- Support for participation in Emerging Voices for Global Health (EV4GH) workshop (2013 December - Cape Town)
- New alumni website
- Linkedin group
- One-off event in Malawi
- Funded by DAAD we organise workshops and paper-writing surgeries.
- Surveys to know where they are working; Employment opportunities, as well as foster our continuing education.
- Every two years we celebrate our biannual meeting for alumni.
- International Health Winter School,
- Maintaining a register of our alumni and with that as a base hope to become more active in a continuous contact with alumni

## Financial report 2013

	<b>Current acc.</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Balance end of 2012:</b>	<b>30078.85</b>	
<b>Income:</b>		
Membership fee	25469.19	
<b>Total Income:</b>		<b>55548.04</b>
<b>Expenditure:</b>		
tropEd Assistant Salary	30109.50	
Administrative costs	2725.74	
Travel costs	8314.47	
Bank charges	64.61	
<b>Total Expenditure:</b>	<b>41214.32</b>	<b>41214.32</b>
<b>Balance end of 2013:</b>		<b>14333.72</b>



### **General Assembly meeting in 2014**

- **22-24 Jan. 2014**                      **Umeå**
- **21-24 May 2014**                      **Edinburgh**
- **23-26 Sep. 2014**                      **Bergen**