

**Newsletter 04
June 2012**

NEW WEBSITE

Welcome to www.bsuhh.org

The Platform on Human Health (PHH) launched its new website on May 7 in close coordination with the 3 other “Building stronger Universities” (BSU) Platforms and the joint BSU Secretariat. The aim of the common web initiative is to strengthen information and knowledge sharing within and between the four BSU platforms, partners and stakeholders.

NEW ASSIGNMENTS

Follow the links below for more information:

[Development and implementation of a PhD course on General Research Methodology](#)

Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Ghana

[Facilitators for Research Proposal Development and Writing Workshop](#)

Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre

Conditions

Qualified staff employed at any Danish University are invited to apply. PHH will compensate the assigned resource person for his/her investment according to time stipulated in the announcement applying a salary rate corresponding to the one maintained with the home university. This university should in return agree to invest the equivalent amount of staff time in the assignment as an in-kind contribution.

Please express your interest in an assignment by forwarding a brief CV (max. 2 pages) to the Danish contact person stated in the given announcement. The CV should clearly document how your previous experience qualifies you to solve the assignment in the given setting. **Deadline is June 25, 2012**

WORK PLAN PROGRESS

GHANA

University of Ghana (UG) and Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST)

11 assignments at UG involving support from resource persons at the Danish universities were announced in the PHH Newsletter 03 in March. Qualified candidates have been identified for all assignments, and final Terms of Reference and agreements are in the process of being entered.

Newsletter 04
June 2012

The first Phase One assignment at KNUST - development of a research methodology course - is announced in the section above.

Early May 2012 the Danish PHH Ghana team including Ulrika Enemark, Aarhus University, and Jørgen Kurtzhals and Dorte Holler Johansen, University of Copenhagen, paid visits to PHH colleagues at UG and KNUST to assess overall status of the PHH collaboration and agree on next steps. Implementation of activities is progressing steadily. Opportunities to collaborate and coordinate closer between the two partners will be pursued when planning the second phase of BSU. For more details, please follow links:

[> PHH UG Progress Report May 2012](#)

[> PHH KNUST Progress Report May 2012](#)

TANZANIA MAINLAND

Kilimanjaro Christian Medical College (KCMC) and National Institute of Medical Research (NIMR)

Implementation of PHH activities at KCMC is progressing according to the plans with only few changes and delays and in close and very productive coordination with other present likeminded donors supporting KCMC.

Dorte Holler Johansen and Helle Trøst Nielsen from University of Copenhagen are visiting KCMC early June to plan the next steps related to Work Package 3 (institutional capacity building) with a particular focus on activities that aim at strengthening the postgraduate administrative office.

For more details please follow link:

[> PHH KCMC/NIMR Progress Report May 2012](#)

ZANZIBAR

State University of Zanzibar (SUZA) and Zanzibar College of Health Sciences (ZCHS)

Phase One activities are progressing steadily. The first research methodology course involving a mix of 16 students from SUZA and ZCHS will take place in July with support from Flemming Konradsen, Nanette Hale and Bernard Keraita from University of Copenhagen. Read more about progress of other activities in the link below:

[> PHH Zanzibar Progress Report May 2012](#)

CROSSCUTTING ACTIVITIES

eLearning Africa 2012

Henrik Bregnhøj and Søren Larsen from University of Copenhagen (members of the Danish PHH E-learning team) and Zanzibar PHH E-learning counterparts Omar Saleh from SUZA and Masha Gharib Bilal ZCHS

Newsletter 04 June 2012

participated in “eLearning Africa 2012” in Benin 23-25 May. The recurrent conference is the largest of its kind in the region, this year with 1,400 participants gathering from mainly Africa, Europe, North America and selected Asian countries for presentations, demonstration and discussions on E-learning and Sustainability. The conference was a welcomed opportunity for the PHH team to network and develop new ideas. [Read observations from the PHH participants here](#)

Thematic Working Groups

The Platform on Human Health provides annual grants of up to DKK 15.000 in support to self-driven thematic working groups on global health related issues. The working groups can be based in any Danish research or higher learning institution but must remain open to any party with a relevant interest in the specific field.

Two new Working Groups have been established recently:

Global Health held their inaugural meeting on June 4; E-Health in Africa held a kick-off meeting on May 30.

Complete list of active Thematic Working Groups in 2012:

- Sexual and Reproductive Health (focal point based at University of Copenhagen)
- Climate Change and Health (focal point based at University of Copenhagen)
- Environmental and Occupational Health and Safety (focal point based at University of Southern Denmark)
- Governance and Communication – Perspectives on Global Health (focal point based at Roskilde University)
- Guinea Bissau (focal point based at Aarhus University)
- E-Health in Africa (focal point based at Aalborg University)
- Global Health (focal point based at University of Copenhagen)

Read more about PHH Thematic Working Groups: <http://bsuhh.org/activities/thematic-working-groups/>

The Danish PHH Steering Committee

The Steering Committee met on May 21, 2012 for a regular update. Danish Implementing Committee leaders and Work Package representatives were invited to present brief status reports from the partnerships in Ghana, Tanzania mainland and Zanzibar (for more info follow the links in the sections above).