

HIGHLIGHTS

BSU Phase II proposal submitted

The joint BSU proposal for the Phase II (August 2013 - February 2016) was presented to and discussed by the Rectors' Conference on 23 April and has now been submitted to the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs for approval.

On 25 February, the '[BSU Scholarship Programme](#)' was launched.

The new scholarship programme is supported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark and coordinated with the Ministry of Science, Innovation and Higher Education. During the first two years (2013-2015), the programme supports a total of 60 study years divided between the South partner institutions of the four BSU platforms.

Remember the [Global Health Researcher Day 22 May!](#)

The Global Health Researcher Day is open to all professionals interested in Global Health education and research, including researchers, experts, Platform on Human Health resource persons, and civil society representatives. PHH covers meeting expenses and catering. Participants (or their institutions) are expected to cover their own travel costs. Sign up no later than Monday 13 May 2013 via the [online registration form](#).

NEW ASSIGNMENTS WITH THE PLATFORM ON HUMAN HEALTH

RECENT RECRUITMENTS

- UG: Library Access has been assigned to Henry Madsen, University of Copenhagen (UCPH)
- KCMC: Co-supervisor of a PhD project within the field of: "*The effectiveness of surrogate markers in preventive treatment outcome of MDR-TB in Tanzania*" has been assigned to Didi Bang, Statens Serum Institute, Department of Microbiological Diagnostics and Virology

You will find a complete list of all PHH assignment holders on the [PHH website](#).

UPDATE ON RECENT ACTIVITIES

PHH Phase II Planning Workshop in Copenhagen

4-6 March 2013, representatives from the PHH partner institutions in Ghana, Tanzania mainland and Zanzibar and the Danish Implementing Committee Leaders were gathered in Copenhagen to finalise work plans and budgets for the Phase II. [Read more...](#)

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To a large extent the design of Phase II activity plans for each partnership follows the structure and principles agreed on in Phase I, thus with focus placed on consolidation of already initiated efforts but with increase of longer term and more coherent activities and handing over to South counterparts.

The final version of the Phase II proposal approved by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will be uploaded to www.bsuhh.org in due course.

Project Management Study Tour

From 4-8 March, five coordinators and administrators from Tanzania mainland and Zanzibar took part in a one-week Project and Financial Management Workshop at UCPH. Participants included Rogathe Machege, Lilian Lema and Prisca Njau from KCMC and Fatma Saleh and Amina Ahmed from SUZA. [Read more...](#)

PHH PHASE I PROGRESS

Phase I ends 31st of July 2013 and activities are progressing steadily. Please find below a selection of recent updates from the partner institutions in Tanzania mainland, Zanzibar and Ghana:

TANZANIA MAINLAND

Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre (KCMC)

Course in Advanced Applied Bio Statistics

Henrik Ravn from Statens Serum Institut/UCPH facilitated a course in Advanced Applied Bio Statistics at KCMC in April. The aim of this activity is to build capacity among KCMC staff to be able to facilitate similar courses as a part of the future PhD programme in health sciences.

Staff exchange to develop laboratory techniques

Staff exchange focused on development of laboratory techniques between KCMC and the Centre for Medical Parasitology (CMP) at the UCPH was initiated in March with the visit of Theonest Ndyetabura to CMP, now followed by a two-month study stay by Queen Saidi started in April.

Staff and work package leader replacement

Declare Mushi of KCMC has been appointed acting Director of the Postgraduate office thus replacing Ben Hamel also taking over the leadership of the PHH work package on institutional capacity building together with Dorte Holler Johansen on the Danish side.

ZANZIBAR

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

Research Methodology Course

The second PHH Research Methodology Course for staff from SUZA and ZCHS takes place in Zanzibar from 29 April to 3 May. The course is facilitated by Flemming Konradsen and Bernard Keraita, UCPH.

GHANA

Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST)

University of Ghana (UG)

Financial management and reporting

PHH Accountant Martin Nielsen and Administrator Christian Gregart, UCPH, have paid visits to KNUST and UG in April to take part in a review of existing financial systems and project management tools. The visit was also an opportunity to take part in the finalization of PHH Annual Reports that will be handed in to Universities Denmark shortly.

Research database and improved library access

Henry Madsen joins hands with colleagues at UG 22. April – 2 May on the assignments “Assistance to create a research database” and “Effective management of postgraduate training and research: Library access.”

Welcome to Denmark to PhD Student Emilia Asuquo Udofia

Emilia from University of Ghana will be staying in Denmark at the Unit for Health Promotion Research at the University of Southern Denmark from April to October under the supervision of Gabriel Gulis. The visit is part of her PhD studies on medical waste in selected districts in Southern Ghana.

Joint course activities

In January a two-week ‘*Research Methodology Course*’ for PhD students from KNUST and UG was facilitated by Harry Tagbor from KNUST and a team from UCPH including Pascal Magnussen, Peter Furu, Bernard Keraita, and Thilde Rheinländer.

In March, UG and KNUST joined forces on a one-week course on ‘*Grant and Proposal Writing*’ for PhD-students and senior staff facilitated by Peter Furu. The course was followed by a joint planning session facilitated by Richard Adanu, UG and Peter Furu.

E-learning Appraisal

The Colleges of Health Science at UG and KNUST are ready to take the next steps in implementing e-learning as a way to strengthen the research education programmes. This was the overall finding from the appraisal visit to Ghana, conducted in February by Søren Larsen and Michael Rytgård from the IT Learning Centre, UCPH. Specific recommendations from the appraisal will be followed up on as a part of the plans under for Capacity Building within Research Communication, Dissemination and Networking grant.

Course on Research Ethics

A PHH course on Research Ethics starting April 29 at UG will be facilitated by Lars Hviid from UCPH. The overall objective of his assignment is to assist in the development and implementation of a standard course on Research Ethics to be offered as part of a Ph.D. programme at the College of Health Science.

THEMATIC WORKING GROUPS

Global Health Working Group

The Global Health Working Group (GHWG) hosts a **'Global Health Researcher Day'** on 22 May 2013 in Copenhagen to gather the Danish resource base in the field of global health. The [programme](#) includes presentations by representatives of the PHH thematic working groups. [Read more...](#)

Earlier this year, GHWG concluded a mapping exercise to outline the Global Health programs and courses offered in Danish research-based universities. The first draft Global Health Program & Course Catalogue – 2013 is now available at the [PHH website](#).

Working Group on e-health in Africa

The e-health Working Group is organising a workshop on “e-Health research and educational capacity in Sub-Saharan Africa” at the upcoming [Medinfo 2013 Conference](#) taking place in Copenhagen 20-23 August.

Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Working Group

6 June: Journal Club: *Provokeret Abort i Etiopien* by Kristine Ivalu Bonnen, University of Southern Denmark.
Time: 15.00-16.00 Place: University of Copenhagen, CSS Building 9, 2. floor (Room 9.2.22)

- [Read more about the PHH thematic working groups.](#)

PHH STEERING COMMITTEE

Ulrika Enemark, Associate Professor, School of Public Health, Department of Health Services Research, has replaced Søren Kjærgaard as representative of Aarhus University and Vice Chairperson of the PHH Steering Committee. (Ulrika is already PHH North implementing Committee leader at University of Ghana.)

The PHH Steering Committee met on 5 February 2013. Minutes of the meeting are available at the [PHH website](#).

JOINT BSU ACTIVITIES

Phase I review

A review of the BSU Phase I was carried out January-February 2013 including a visit to Ghana and Tanzania to discuss experiences and lesson learnt with representatives from all BSU partner institutions. The overall objective with the review was to assess the organisational structure and the performance of the BSU platforms to the extent possible at this early stage of the partnerships with a view to make recommendations for Phase II. The review report is available on the [BSU/ Universities Denmark website](#).

PhD supervision ToT in Bagamoyo

PHH partners from SUZA and KCMC participated in the second part of the joint BSU '*PhD Supervision: Training of Trainers*' course in Tanzania that took place in Bagamoyo from 8-11 April. During this second part the participants developed courses and course-activities for PhD supervisors to be implemented back at their own institutions. [Read more ...](#)

Follow-up joint BSU Assignment Holder meeting in Aarhus and Copenhagen

On February 27 and 28, PHH organised joint Assignment Holders' meetings in Aarhus and Copenhagen together with the Growth and Employment and the Environment and Climate Platforms to share information and experiences. Main findings and conclusions from the meeting, including basic data on all assignments and assignment holders are available at the [PHH website](#).

Joint BSU e-learning meeting on May 13

PHH will host a Joint BSU e-learning meeting on May 13 with resource persons from the Danish universities selected by the four Platforms. The aim of the meeting is to initiate mapping of relevant opportunities for cooperation in this field across the four thematic platforms and their partner institutions. The activities will mainly be funded by the grant from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs specifically for Capacity Building within Research Communication, Dissemination and Networking.

Similar planning meetings are foreseen in the other areas covered by the grant, including problem-based learning and knowledge sharing, research dissemination and communication.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

8th European Congress on Tropical Medicine and International Health (ECTMIH) In Copenhagen 10-13 September 2013

ECTMIH will look with critical eyes on current achievements in international health with a focus on the link between scientific knowledge and practice.

The comprehensive programme includes a special session on North-South collaboration and institutional capacity building, addressing challenges and impact of ongoing efforts. The session will be chaired by Flemming Konradsen, who is the chairperson of PHH. There will be two main presenters at this session: Prof. Richard Adanu, who ins PHH UG Implementing Committee, and Prof. Imelda Bates, Liverpool School of Global Health. There will also be panel with representatives from key donor agencies and institutions.

Come and join. It is a unique possibility meet a lot of new, interesting colleagues and friends. Please note there is reduced registration fee until 1 June. Sign up and find more information at:

<http://www.ectmih2013.dk/>