



EMERGING VOICES 2014

Call for Emerging Voices for Global Health 2014 (EV4GH 2014)

at



Third Global Symposium
on Health Systems Research
Science and practice of people-centred health systems
Cape Town · 30 September – 3 October 2014

About Emerging Voices

Emerging Voices for Global Health (EV4GH) is a blended training program for young researchers on health research and scientific communication. EV4GH coaches “Emerging Voices” to participate actively in international conferences and to raise their voice in the scientific debate.

Two previous EV4GH editions were organized and a third one is ongoing. In 2010 EV4GH was linked to the First Global Symposium of Health Systems Research in Montreux, and in 2012 to the Second Global Symposium in Beijing. EV4GH 2013 is currently ongoing and linked to the AIDS in Africa Conference (ICASA). For all information about previous editions you may contact the Institute of Tropical Medicine Antwerp (ev4gh@itg.be – website: www.ev4gh.net)

EV 2014 Consortium

The Symposium Executive Committee will again create opportunities for and support young researchers to stage their work at the symposium.

For the EV4GH 2014 track an Emerging Voices consortium was established:

- The Institute of Tropical Medicine Antwerp (ITM), Belgium
- The University of Cape Town (UCT), South Africa
- University of the Western Cape (UWC), Cape Town, South Africa
- Peking University Health Science Center (PUHSC), Beijing, China
- The Institute of Public Health (IPHIndia), Bengaluru, India

EV 2014 Track

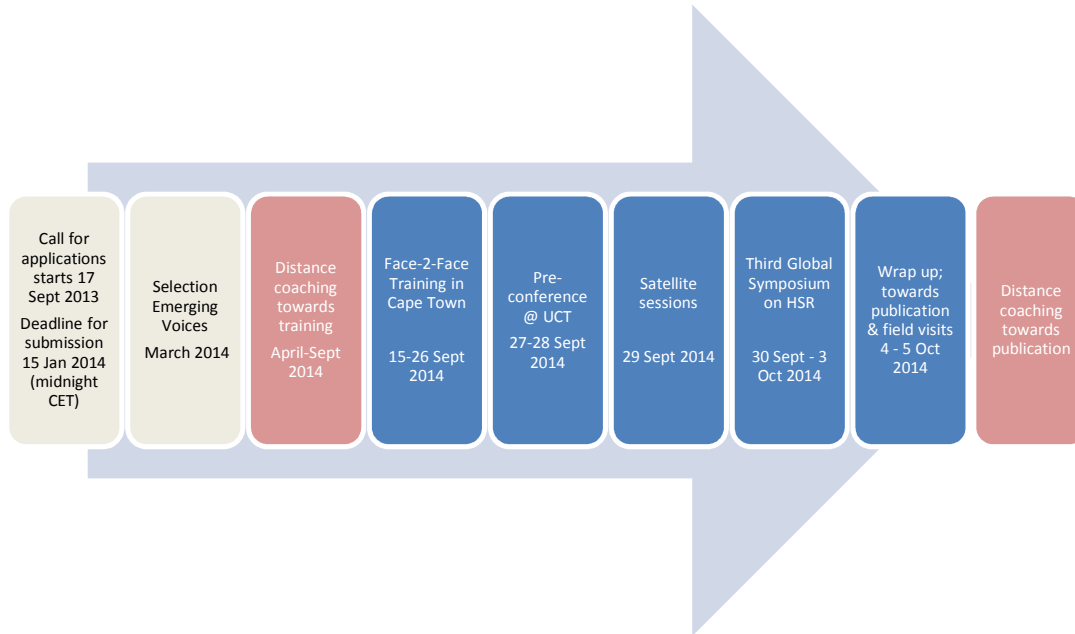
What is the EV4GH training?

The full EV4GH 2014 track consists of:

- 1) *E-coaching and distance learning in preparation of a face-to-face training (May-Sept 2014)*

- 2) *Face-to-face training*: scientific presentation and communication skills coaching using innovative formats, and content training (Cape Town, 15 Sept -5 Oct 2014)
- 3) *Young researchers pre-conference* (Cape Town, 27-28 Sept 2014)
- 4) *Participation in the Third Global Symposium on Health Systems Research* (Cape Town, 30 Sept-3Oct 2014)
- 5) *Wrap-up, towards publication, and field visits* to the South African health system (Cape Town, 4-5 Oct 2014)
- 6) *Distance coaching* towards a publication in the scientific literature.

Timeline EV 2014



Objectives EV 2014

- To facilitate participation of young health professionals and researchers in a public conference;
- To introduce young health professionals and researchers to the South-African health system;
- To introduce and advance young health professionals and researchers' content knowledge about global health governance, health systems research and other related topics;
- To enhance young health professionals and researchers' writing and presentation skills towards publication (peer-reviewed publications, social media, blogs...) presentation
- To involve Alumni Emerging Voices in capacity building and national and international partnerships.

Expected Outcome EV 2014

Expected outputs for each Emerging Voice participant:

- Poster presentation
- Oral presentation during pre-conference (in an innovative format)
- Active participation to Third Global Symposium on HSR
- Video of your oral presentation (Camtasia or alternative)
- Publication (within 1 year after F2F Training)

Applications EV 2014

Who can apply? We are looking for young researchers, health professionals, decision or policy-makers or practitioners born on or after 1 January 1974.

The suitable applicant must have at least one of the following:

- A Master's degree in health or a health-related field
- Be enrolled in a doctoral-level programme in health or a health-related field
- At least two year work or research experience in public health or development
- Two references

EV4GH is in English. Participants thus need a fair command of English to participate.

If you fit this profile and you can participate in the EV training including a full three week period in Cape Town from 15 September until 5 October 2014, you are invited to apply.

How to apply

A full application consists of **2 steps**:

☑ **Step 1:** Application via submission of an Abstract (Title of maximum 25 words + an abstract of maximum 300 words) through the Symposium website (<http://hsr2014.healthsystemsresearch.org/abstract-submission-third-global-symposium-on-health-systems-research-2014-cape-town>)

☑ **Step 2:** send a **mail to ev4gh@itg.be containing 3 attachments** (15 January 2014, midnight CET):

51) the **abstract** you submitted to the symposium (check

<http://hsr2014.healthsystemsresearch.org/sites/default/files/Submission-Guidelines.pdf> for more info on abstract requirements);

(2) a short **CV** (maximum an A4 page) ;

(3) a well-elaborated **motivation letter** explaining why you want to participate to EV4GH 2014 training. The motivation letter is crucial and must argue convincingly why you are an excellent Emerging Voice candidate. Include 2 references (name, contact details).

The mail to ev4gh@itg.be should contain "**EV2014application_the number of your building block followed by the letter corresponding to your research topic**" (see themes below e.g.: you want to apply for novel strategies around health equity: "EV2014application_1C") as subject line and 3 documents (abstract, CV & motivation letter) as 3 e-mail attachments named respectively:

given name_surname_abstract.pdf;

given name_surname_cv.pdf;

given name_surname_letter.pdf.

All the above should be completed at the latest by 15 January 2014 (midnight CET). A full application consists of completion of both steps.

Travel grants:

A limited number of travel grants can be awarded to Emerging Voices who lack sufficient financial means for participation. There will be some full grants, and also partial grants. Please indicate in your motivation letter whether you would need a grant and which other possible (partial) funding you can explore if selected.

Themes:

Share your experience around one of four health systems research field-building dimensions:

1. cutting-edge research around the dimension of people-centred health systems and how to strengthen them to promote greater responsiveness, better health, human rights and social justice
2. innovative research approaches and measures for generating systematic and rigorous knowledge of, and engaging people in action towards, people-centred health systems
3. novel strategies for developing the capacities needed to conduct people-centred health policy and systems research, covering formal teaching programmes and broader capacity-development initiatives
4. original experience of learning communities and knowledge translation platforms engaged in strengthening health systems.

Within the dimension of “cutting-edge research”, those **submitting abstracts** will also be required to categorize their submission according to the research topic to which it is primarily related, choosing from:

A. Governance, accountability and participation

for example:

- Approaches to democratizing decision-making and supporting social accountability
- Reforming information systems to support participatory decision-making processes
- Re-visioning the role of the district in plural, people-centred health systems

B. Community-based health systems

for example:

- The effectiveness of alternative approaches to strengthen community-based services, including community health worker programmes
- Experiences of local inter-sectoral action for health

C. Health equity and rights

for example:

- The role of rights, justice and equity in health-system organization and performance
- Assessing health system responsiveness to people’s needs and rights
- The political economy of health systems

D. Strengthening quality of care

for example:

- Evaluating quality-improvement processes and strategies
- Improving access to essential medicines and technologies
- Addressing patient safety through patient-provider partnerships

E. Recognizing providers as people

for example:

- The factors driving migration globally and locally
- Evaluation of strategies for improving health-worker motivation and retention
- Understanding dual practice, informal charges and health-worker coping strategies
- Improving human resource management processes

F. Complexity science and people-centred systems

for example:

- Addressing the significance of culture, values, power and relationships over health-system performance
- Influences over decision-making in agenda setting, policy formulation and policy implementation

- Distributed leadership in complex adaptive health systems and strategies to facilitate its emergence

G. Financing for people-centred and equitable health systems

for example:

- Reflecting population preferences in resource allocation and budgeting processes
- Purchasing to meet population needs
- Assessing alternative strategies of purchasing to incentivize health workers and managers in the provision of effective, quality services
- Promoting progressive revenue-collection methods

Save the date Emerging Voices 2014: Mid Sept 2014-3 Oct 2014 - Emerging Voices at the Third Global Symposium on Health Systems Research – Cape Town, South Africa

For **further information**, follow us on www.ev4gh.net and other social media channels:



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