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Exceed Conference Forced Migration Berlin 2016



Worldwide around 65.3 million people are forcibly displaced (UNHCR), the vast majority within their countries of origin. They are fleeing from war, violence, suppression and persecution. Additionally, many thousands are leaving their homes because of hunger and poverty induced by a lack of economic opportunity, an ever-increasing degradation of their natural environment and the growing number of natural disasters.

In 2009, five German higher education institutions – Technical University Braunschweig, University of Hohenheim, University of Kassel, Cologne University of Applied Sciences and Ludwig-Maximilians-University München – were selected to be part of the Excellence for Development Cooperation (Exceed) Program by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). Since then, these centers together with their 37 partners in developing countries, have been establishing think tanks to contribute to the post-2015 development agenda.



These five Exceed centers have combined forces to take a closer look at the environmental and socioeconomic dimensions of forced migration together with scientists, politician and the public from all around the world by organizing the first Exceed conference that will be held on the **19th of October, 2016 in Berlin**. During the course of the conference, current research results will be presented, challenges will be discussed and new strategies to prevent forced migration will be identified in an interactive conference set-up.

You are welcome to join us! Please make your registration at our website <u>www.exceed.global</u> before **September 30th** to confirm your participation.

8th International Symposium on "Mental Health in Developing Countries"

The International Network for Cooperation in Mental Health (i.nez), the Global Mental Health GroupLMU from the Department of Psychiatry and Psychotherapy of the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München and the Center for International Health CIHLMU, are organizing the **8th International Symposium on "Global Mental Health – Mental Health in Developing Countries"**. The symposium is open to all health professionals and students interested in this topic. This year's symposium will focus on mental health issues regarding refugees in Africa and Asia. As long as Europe was not faced with mass migration, it closed its eyes to the situation and problems of refugees in countries like



Syria, Colombia, Iraq, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Sudan, South Sudan, Pakistan, Nigeria, Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey, Kenya, Ethiopia, Afghanistan, Thailand and others. Not only refugees in Africa and Asia but also most of the local population receive hardly any appropriate treatment for mental disorders. Therefore, we shall also discuss mental health service development in low-income countries. You are cordially invited to participate in the 8th International Symposium "Global Mental Health – Mental Health in Developing Countries". We are also planning a poster session if you want to present a poster which fits the topic of the symposium.

For further information

please visit <u>http://www.international-health.uni-</u> muenchen.de/events/upcoming_events/mental_health_symposium_2016/index.html

NEWS FROM THE CIH PROGRAMS

Master Program Occupational Safety and Health (OSH)

Application for the Master OSH 2017

The Master International Occupational Safety and Health will start its application period for the Master beginning in 2017 on 15th of July 2016. We are looking forward to a high number of interesting applications to be submitted by the **15th of September 2016**.

We offer an international and interdisciplinary education in Occupational Safety and Health with focus on project-based learning. In order to ensure maximum flexibility and efficiency, the master's program is based on a blended learning concept.

Besides Latin American and Global OSH-aspects, this Master program mainly imparts key qualifications for OSH specialists including

- ✓ Project management in the area of OSH,
- ✓ Research skills including statistical analysis, scientific writing and critical reading,
- ✓ Skills to work in an international context like Scientific English and Intercultural Communication,
- ✓ Self-dependent working and learning methods,
- ✓ Modern presenting and teaching techniques.

Furthermore our program is based on a blended learning principle - so the Master is compatible with a fulltime work. The first year of the two year part-time program is offered in Spanish, the 2nd year mainly in English.

For more information about the master and the application requirements, please check our homepage <u>http://www.osh-munich.de/</u>

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact us: master@osh-munich.de

News from Cohorts 2016 and 2015

The **new cohort 2016** of the Master in International Occupational Safety and Health has started their studies. In May they joined their first onsite course in Lima where they learned about the Occupational Safety and Health Systems in the different Latin American countries, they did an enterprise visit and developed a study protocol for their investigation project.





The cohort 2015 joined their second onsite course of the Master program on Biostatistics and Presentation techniques in Lima. They analyzed the data from their investigation project and learned how to present this data for scientific presentations. For the third time the Master in International Occupational Safety and Health celebrated a graduation ceremony: this year 10 students graduated. ¡Felicitaciones! We are very proud of you!





Currently 3 Master Alumni and 3 CIH

Partners are organizing a course on Teaching Interventions in Occupational Safety and Health for July 2016 in Curitiba, Brazil. We are happy to announce that we received over 90 applications and now are looking forward to the course

International Career Service



7 international LMU-Students participated in the first Career program of the International Career Service of the CIH. The program was a great success. With the help of individual Coaching sessions and two career workshops the participants were able to define their main strengths and skills as well as career options, to develop their application documents and train

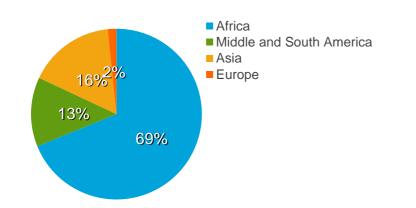
job interviews as well as plan the next career step.

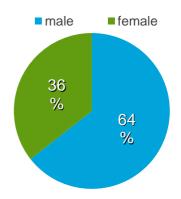
PhD Program Medical Research - International Health



Uncoming: Cohort of 2016

We are pleased to welcome our new PhD cohort, starting in October 2016! For our 10 PhD positions, we received a lot of promising applications from a variety of different continents and countries. For some statistics, please check out the graphs below!





CIH ALUMNI

In this section, we will introduce former CIH students to you. For the first edition of our newsletter, we talked with Francesco Nicoli and Kajal Chhaganlal about their experiences during their PhD in Medical Research - International Health and their career development since their graduation. Enjoy!

FRANCESCO NICOLI ITALY PHD MEDICAL RESEARCH - INTERNATIONAL HEALTH 2010

Ciao! My name is Francesco Nicoli, I'm 30 years old and I'm from Bondeno in Italy. I started my



PhD in Medical Research - International Health in 2010 and gratuated in 2013. My research area is immunology.

Currenty, I'm employed as a Post Doc at the INSERM in Paris and I work on immunology of infectious diseases and old age.

During the PhD program, I learned a lot about the different concepts of Public Health since, as an immunologist, I did not have any experience in this field before. Furthermore, I improved my skills on project writing, statistics and presentations. One of the biggest benefits I gained from the PhD MR-IH was the huge network of scientists I got to know.

I can highly recommend the PhD MR-IH because of the international environment and the big variety of topics which were covered. For the future, it would also be great to have people from regions like Europe, Northern America and Australia in the program in order to learn more about research in these countries and to make the PhD program more famous worldwide.

But of course, there is more in life than science: I experienced Munich as a very beautiful and green city and I especially enjoyed visiting beer gardens with friends!

Best, Francesco

KAJAL CHHAGANLAL

MOÇAMBIQUE PHD MEDICAL RESEARCH - INTERNATIONAL HEALTH 2011



Hello! My name is Kajal Chhaganlal, I'm 37 years old and I'm from Moçambique. I started my PhD in Medical Research - International Health in 2011 and gratuated in 2014.

Currenty, I'm employed as a Medical Doctor and group leader at Universidade Católica de Moçambique in Beira, Moçambique. My research areas are Child Neurology und ultrasound trainings.

The CIH PhD program provides a wide range of support and learning

experience through teaching, advising and collaboration opportunities. I have learned a lot through collaborative learning which is crucial for my work and the knowledge has provided me with immense opportunities professionally. An important aspect that really attracted me to this program is the blended learning combined structured program and highly motivated and approachable Professors who continue their support long distant.

Greetings, Kajal

Green Climate Fund



Many big, bold ideas are needed to move the needle on climate change. The Green Climate Fund's vision is to support a paradigm shift to low-emission and climate-resilient development. It is driven by innovation and targets its investments for transformational Green Climate Fund.

For those of you who are involved in research topic like indoor air pollution, the Green Climate Fund might be of interest. Please note that GCF is a funding concept on a institutional basis, not an individual funding.

For further information, please check out the Green Climate Fund Website: <u>http://www.greenclimate.fund/ventures/portfolio/bold-ideas</u>

CIH Exceed Report 2009-2014

In 2009, the Center for International Health (CIH) identified the importance of capacity building for



health professionals in developing countries (DCs) to make them capable to lead the fight against major health problems.

In this report, we highlight some of the many research and training programs currently conducted within the CIH by our core partners, some of our 58 PhD students and some of more than 120 Master students. We also highlight some of our short-term modules. This gives an overview about the broad range of activities offered, as well as some of the chances and challenges involved.

If you want to have a close look into the report, you can download it from:

http://www.international-health.uni-muenchen.de/download/files_cih/cih_report.pdf.