

Migration Health and Development Research Initiative (MHADRI)

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Dear MHADRI network member,

In 2016, the Migration Health Division (MHD) of the International Organization for Migration, in partnership with several academic institutions and researchers launched the Migration Health and Development Research Initiative (MHADRI). The network formed on a need to build a global alliance of migration health researchers and scholars to provide a platform to share, collaborate, develop, advocate and disseminate research at the nexus of health and migration. After the 2nd Global Consultation on Migration Health, we had a very successful in person [meeting](#) in which we outlined the roadmap for the short and medium term. Since that meeting we have formed the MHADRI Steering Committee:

Chuck Hui, University of Ottawa, Chair
Jo Vearey, University of the Witwatersrand, Vice Chair
Kolitha Wickramage, IOM, Secretariat
Ursula Trummer, Center for Health and Migration
Paul Douglas, IOM
Dee Knipe, University of Bristol
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We have been very active finalizing the vision, mission, values and governance of the network and developing opportunities to engage in the discourse on research in the area of migration health such as the workshop at the 1st World Congress on Migration, Ethnicity, Race and Health (MERH) conference. The network has grown by leaps and bounds, now comprising of over 100 researchers in varied disciplines, geographic areas and stages of career.

We wish to engage everyone in the discussion on the way forward for MHADRI. As previously communicated, we will have an in person [network meeting](#) at the sidelines of the MERH conference in Edinburgh on May. We recognize that not all members will be present, but wish to allow everyone the **opportunity to provide input** on the way forward for our MHADRI network. This [link](#) will direct you to some of the crucial issues we will be discussing. Please contribute your thoughts and deliberations. Your inputs will be added to the discussions and we will communicate a summary shortly after the conference.

MHADRI Secretariat

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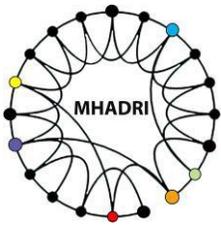
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One of the reasons for forming the MHADRI network is to support early career researchers in the area of migration health as an investment in the evidence-informed future of the discipline. There is clear interest in developing an early career sub-group. If are interested in joining this dynamic group please contact the secretariat at mhdrap@iom.int.

We hope to see you soon at the upcoming meeting.

Warmest wishes,

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