

# First International Stakeholder Meeting INTREC

## PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

19-21 March, 2013

Royal Richester Hotel, 5 Richester Lane, East Legon, Accra 00233, Ghana

### Theme:

*Strengthening research and policy on social determinants of health in low and middle income countries in Asia and Africa*

Monday 18 March 2013			
<b>Arrivals</b> <b>Meeting of Conference Committee</b>			
Tuesday 19 March 2013			
Time	Title	Speaker/Convenor	Chair/ Rapporteur
09.00-09.30	<b>Session* 1: Opening Session</b>		Chair: Dr Martin Bangha, INDEPTH
09.00-09.20	Welcome and an Overview of INDEPTH	Prof. Osman Sankoh, Executive Director INDEPTH, Ghana	Rapporteur:
09.20-09.40	Welcome and an Overview of INTREC	Prof Peter Byass, Sweden	
09.40-10.10	Emerging issues with respect to social determinants of health in the INDEPTH Network and the potential contribution of INTREC	Dr. Margaret Gyapong, Director, Dodowa Health Research Centre, Leader, INDEPTH Social Science Research WG, Ghana	
10.10-10.40	The social determinants of health approach and its implications for global health research and policy	Prof Lisa Berkman, USA (video)	
10.40-11.00	Discussion	All participants	
11:00-11.30	<b>Group Photo Session and Health Break</b>		
11.30-13.15	<b>Session 2: Linking social determinants to health, health policy and health research</b>		Chair: Prof Laksono Trisnantoro, Indonesia
11.00-11.25	Is the social determinants of health approach inherently pro-poor?	Dr. David R. Gwatkin , USA	Rapporteur: Dr Anna Mirny,USA
11.25-11.50	Social sciences as a necessary framework for health research in Asian and African countries.	Prof. Pascal Allotey, Malaysia	
11.50-12.15	Bringing evidence on social determinants of health into health policy in Africa : Experiences of Equity Watch	Dr Yahya Ipuge, Tanzania	
12.15-12.40	Policy approaches to address the	Prof Charles Surjadi,	

	social and environmental determinants of health inequity in Asia-Pacific"	Indonesia	
12.40-13.15	Discussion with speakers panel	All participants	
13.15-14.15	<b>Lunch break</b>		
14.15-16.00	<b>Session 3: Situation analysis of SDH training and policy</b>		Chair: Dr Karen Hofman, South Africa
14.15-14.25	Methodology	Dr. John Kinsman, Sweden	Rapporteur: Dr Raman Preet, Sweden
14.25-14.35	Country report Ghana	Dr. Sheila Addei, Ghana	
14.35-14.45	Country report Tanzania	Dr. Rose Kalage, Tanzania	
14.45-14.55	Country report South Africa	Dr. Mandy Maredza, South Africa	
14.55-15.05	Country report Bangladesh	Dr. Nazmun Nahar, Bangladesh	
15.05-15.15	Country report India	Dr. Diana Kekan, India	
15.15-15.25	Country report Indonesia	Dr. Dwidjo Susilo, Indonesia	
15.25-15.35	Country report Vietnam	Dr. Phuong Tran, Vietnam	
15.35-16.00	Training needs analysis among INDEPTH Scientists	Dr. Joke Haafkens, Netherlands	
16.00-16.30	<b>Health Break</b>		
16.30-17.30	<b>Session 3 continued:</b>		Chair: Dr. Karen Hofman, South Africa
16.30-16.45	Recommendations from situation analysis in seven countries	Dr. John Kinsman, Sweden	Rapporteur: Dr Raman Preet, Sweden
16.45-17.20	Panel discussion about INTREC situation analysis with national stakeholders and INDEPTH scientists. Theme: Do you recognize the issues and recommendations identified through the situation analysis?	Panellists: INDEPTH scientists and national stakeholders from 7 countries	
17.20- 17.25	Conclusion		
17.25-17.30	Announcements conference organizers		
19.30	<b>Conference dinner</b>		

## Wednesday 20 March 2013

09.00-10.30	<b>Session 4: What we learned from research on social determinants of health in Africa and Asia</b>		Chair: Dr. Sanjay Juvekar, India
09.00-09.20	Africa: INDEPTH studies on adult health and ageing	Dr. Cornelius Debpuur, Ghana	Rapporteur: to be announced
09.20-09.50	Asia: Indonesian studies on smoking and fiscal and community strategies for implementing anti-smoking policies.	Prof Laksono Trinantoro, Prof. Abdillah Ahsan and Prof. Yayi Suryo Probandari, Indonesia.	
09.50-10.10	Europe: What the Amsterdam Institute of Social Science Research learned about conducting research on SDH in Africa and Asia SDH from 10 completed PHD studies	Prof. Anita Hardon, Netherlands	
10.10-10.30	Discussion	All participants	
10.30- 11.00	<b>Session 5: The INTREC training programs</b>		Chair Dr. Heribert Ramroth, Germany
10.30-11.00	Introducing a proposal for future INTREC training programs: audiences, possible topics, when and how will they be taught	Dr. Anna Mirny, USA	Rapporteur: To be announced
11.00-11.30	<b>Health break</b>		
11.30-12.30	<b>Session 5 continued</b>		Chair: Dr Heribert Ramroth, Germany
11.30-12.15	Group discussions commenting on the proposed INTREC training programs **		
12.15-12.30	Reporting back on discussions	All participants	
12.30-13.30	<b>Lunch</b>		
13.30-14.15	<b>Session 6: Strengthening the link between social determinants of health research and policy</b>		Chair: Prof Peter Byass, Sweden
13.30-14.15	Panel Discussion: What about the research-policy link?	Panel to be selected from representatives from 7 sage countries	Rapporteur to be announced
14.15-15.00	<b>Closing Session</b>		Chair: Dr Joke Haafkens, Netherlands
14.30-14.45	Launch INTREC website	Dr. Raman Preet, Sweden	Rapporteur, to be announced
14.45- 15.00	The INTREC-INDEPTH collaboration: next steps	Dr. John Kinsman, Sweden	
15.00-15.15	Final words	Prof. Osman Sankoh, INDEPTH Prof Peter Byass, Sweden	
15.30-18.00	-Business Meeting INTREC Partners -Networking		
18.00-20.00	<b>Drinks and snacks</b>		

**Thursday 21 March 2013**

**Field trip to INDEPTH HDSS, Dodowa (time to be announced)**

**Departures**

\* Rooms for group discussions will be announced at Conference Desk

### **Conference Programme Committee:**

Dr Joke Haafkens, University of Amsterdam; Dr Martin Bangha, INDEPTH, Ghana; Dr Raman Preet, Umeå University, Sweden; Dr Heribert Ramroth, Heidelberg University; Germany; Dr Anna Mirny, Harvard University, USA; Prof. Dr Laksono Trisnantoro, Gadjah Mada University, Indonesia.

### **Conference Local Organization Committee:**

INDEPTH, Ghana (Dr Martin Bangha, Mrs. Beatrice Yeboah, Mr. Peter Asiedu, Ms. Berlinda Azanu, Mr. Francis Ameni)

### **Background information speakers:**



#### **Prof. Osman Sankoh, Executive Director INDEPTH, Ghana**

Prof. Osman Sankoh became the Executive Director of the INDEPTH Network in October 2007 after serving as Deputy Executive Director from mid 2006. From 2002-2006 he was the Communications and External Relations Manager. Osman has many years of progressive experience in health and demographic surveillance work and in networking of international scientists and research institutions.

He joined INDEPTH from the Institute of Public Health (formerly Department of Tropical Hygiene and Public Health) at the University of Heidelberg Medical School in Germany where he worked as a Biostatistician/Epidemiologist from 1999 to June 2002. During that time, he collaborated with the Nouna Health Research Centre in Burkina Faso and spent several research periods in Nouna. Osman is a member of the Scientific Advisory Boards/Committees of several international research institutes. He has also acted as a consultant on population and health issues to the World Bank, the World Health Organisation, and the African Census Analysis Project at the University of Pennsylvania in the US.



#### **Prof Peter Byass, Sweden**

Professor of Global Health and Director of the Umeå Centre for Global Health Research. Works extensively on health in Southern countries, particularly on issues of measuring health and disease. This involves close collaboration with the INDEPTH Network, where he chairs the Scientific Advisory Committee, and many of its population surveillance site members. Much of his research is concerned with verbal autopsy and cause of death methods. He is Deputy Editor of Global Health Action and also holds honorary Professorships at the University of Aberdeen, Scotland and Witwatersrand University, South Africa.



#### **Dr. Margaret Gyapong, Director, Dodowa Health Research Centre, Ghana and Leader, INDEPTH Social Science Research WG**

Dr. Margaret Gyapong is a Medical Anthropologist by training and a Principal public health researcher with a focus on health systems, implementation research, tropical diseases and gender. She is the director of the Dodowa Health Research Centre and started the Demographic and Health Surveillance System that has been in operation for the last five years. She has publications and is a reviewer for several international journals. Dr Gyapong also serves on a number of national and international committees and task forces and has a part time faculty appointment with the University of Ghana, and adjunct professorial appointments with the Brunel University in the UK and Georgetown University in the USA.

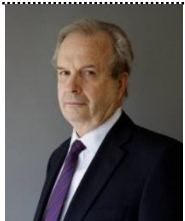


**Prof Lisa Berkman, USA (video)**

Prof. Berkman is a Thomas D. Cabot Professor of Public Policy and Epidemiology and the Director of the Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies at the Harvard School of Public Health, Berkman is an internationally-recognized social epidemiologist whose work focuses extensively on social and policy influences on health outcomes. Her research has been oriented towards understanding inequalities in health related to socioeconomic status, different racial and ethnic groups, and social networks, support and isolation. The majority of her work is devoted to identifying the role of social networks and support in predicting declines in physical and cognitive functioning, onset of disease and mortality, especially related to cardiovascular or cerebrovascular disease. In addition, she has devoted much of her work to understanding determinants of population health by comparing European countries with the U. S. She is currently a member of the Conseil Scientifique de l'Institut de Recherche en Sante Publique (IReSP) in France and a member of IOM. She has been actively involved since 1994 on the GAZEL study, a cohort of 20,000 French employees of EDF-GDF, the large natural gas-electricity company, and also with a study involving workplace practices and employee and family health.

Dr. Berkman is the author of several books and over 200 publications. She co-edited *Social Epidemiology*, the first textbook on the topic, plus *Neighborhoods and Health* (both with Ichiro Kawachi).

Prior to becoming director of the Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies, Dr. Berkman was Chair of the Department of Society, Human Development and Health at the Harvard School of Public Health from 1995 – 2008. She is also the former head of the Division of Chronic Disease Epidemiology at Yale University.



**Dr. David R. Gwatkin, USA**

Member of the International Advisory Group of INTREC. Senior Fellow at the Results for Development Institute, and a Senior Associate at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. He serves as an adviser on health and poverty to the World Bank, UNICEF, and other agencies. From 2000-03, he was the World Bank's Principal Health and Poverty Specialist. Before joining the Bank, he had directed the International Health Policy Program, a cooperative effort between two American foundations, the World Bank, and the World Health Organizations to strengthen health policy research capacity in Africa and Asia. He had previously been with the Ford Foundation in New Delhi, New York, and Lagos; and with the Overseas Development Council in Washington, D.C.



**Prof. Pascal Allotey, Malaysia**

Member of the International Advisory Group of INTREC. With a professional training in nursing, midwifery and public health nursing, and an academic training in public health, epidemiology and medical anthropology Prof. Allotey's public health research career is spanning clinical, population and social science research. She works as a professor of Public Health at Monash University, Australia, since 2009. Previously she was appointed Chair in Race, Diversity and Professional Practice at the School of Health Sciences at Brunel University. She co-founded the interdisciplinary Centre for Public Health Research and refocused much of her effort into capacity building and public health education. She was the director of the professional doctorate in public health and holds one of the first three elected Honorary Academician positions to the Royal Society for Public Health (formerly the Royal Society of Health). She has worked with colleagues in Ghana and Kenya to establish a master's level program in applied social sciences for public health with a focus on implementation research. Allotey serves on the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee of WHO/TDR, external review committee for the Swiss Tropical Institute and the Expert Advisory Committee for the National NGO Forum in the UK. She is also on the board of Directors of a number of international health related NGOs. She won a public health research fellowship awarded by the Victorian Health Promotion Foundation (VicHealth) in Australia to undertake a 5-year research program in the health of refugees and asylum seekers. She was on the international scientific committee for a 6 country study on health systems in post conflict settings and has undertaken research in tropical diseases, reproductive health, disability, equity and health and human rights. The unifying theme in the broad research areas she has undertaken is a focus on marginalised populations and the effects of marginalizing factors on health. Allotey has published widely including books, book chapters, commissioned reviews and peer reviewed publications in the above areas. She has supervised to graduation several PhD and research master's students. She has held research grants from the National Health and Medical Research Council and VicHealth in Australia, the Global Forum for Health Research, TDR, several government departments in Australia and the

UK. She is a coPI on Wellcome Trust Grant for research capacity building into diseases of poverty in West Africa.



**Dr Yahya Ipuge, Tanzania**

Dr Yahya Ipuge leads the policy translation thematic group within IHI. He has over 15 years of senior-level management experience of public health programs and reform of health services with a specific focus in health systems strengthening. Prior to joining IHI, Yahya served as the Country Director for the Clinton Health Access Initiative in Tanzania.



**Prof Charles Surjadi, Indonesia**

Member of the International Advisory Group of INTREC. Professor Charles Surjadi was born in Jakarta on June 1951. Graduated in 1976 from the Faculty of Medicine, University of Indonesia in Jakarta as a physician, in 1981 received his Master of Public Health of the University of Philippine in Manila, and in 1997 received his doctorate from the Faculty of Medicine, University of Amsterdam. In 2002 received his public health professor at the Catholic University School of Medicine (Unika) Atmajaya.

Since 1977 a lecturer at the Faculty of Medicine, Unika Atma Jaya Jakarta until now. In 1982 he became the head of the village Atmajaya Balkemas Penjaringan, Since 1986 until today he is active as a consultant of healthy city and Urban health problems for the Ministry of Health, WHO, UNFPA and the World Bank, a chief technical adviser in the UN Habitat Water and sanitation program In Indonesian cities.

In 1989 he developed the Urban Health Study Group of Unika Atma Jaya which later evolved into Unika Atma Jaya Center for Health Research. Since 2007, he actively explore the social determinants of health and become members of the Steering Comitte Asia Pacific Global Health Equity Action Network

In connection with professional organization he co-founded the National Epidemiological Network in Indonesia. In 2009, up to 2012 he acts as one of the chief Association of Indonesian Public Health Medicine, while also actively a member of the committee of Indonesian Public Health Association at the same time since 2009 to 2012 was appointed by the governor of Jakarta as member of research board of Government of Jakarta.



**Dr. John Kinsman, Sweden**

Associate Professor in Global Health, and Deputy Director of the Umeå Centre for Global Health Research. Also serves as Associate Editor for BMC Public Health, and is a member of the INDEPTH network's Working Group on Social Determinants of Health. Current research: the EU-funded 'INTREC' project, on social determinants of health; development of a healthy lifestyle intervention for adolescent girls in rural South Africa; and developing mixed methods research on the impact of climate change and health. Extensive previous research experience on behavioural HIV prevention, ART adherence, AIDS policy, and HIV testing and counselling in Africa.



**Dr. Cornelius Debpuur**

Cornelius Debpuur is a social demographer with over fifteen years of experience in population and health research in Ghana. Since obtaining his PhD from Brown University (USA) in 1997 he has been working with the Navrongo Health Research Centre. Cornelius has extensive experience in the design, implementation and evaluation of community-based health interventions in resource-poor settings. Over the years he has been involved in the design and implementation of various intervention studies, some of which include the Navrongo Community Health and Family Planning project and the Navrongo Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health Project . In 2007 he designed and implemented the SAGE surveys on ageing and adult health in the Kassena-Nankana district. Since then, he has been leading the Navrongo Health Research Centre in developing a program of research on adult health and ageing. He has research interests in general population dynamics, reproductive health, health equity, adult health and ageing, as well as community-based health delivery strategies. Presently, Cornelius is a principal health research officer having both scientific and administrative responsibilities at the Navrongo Health Research Centre. He is also an Adjunct Assistant Professor, School of Nursing and Health Studies, Georgetown University Medical Center, USA and an Honorary Lecturer, School of Public Health, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa.



**Dr. Sheila Addei, Ghana**

INTREC Social Scientist for Ghana. Research Officer at the Dodowa Health Research Centre (DHRC). Coordinator, DHRC Qualitative Unit: Design and lead a team to conduct qualitative components of studies intended to address policy and program needs of the Ghana Health Service.

Coordinator: Institutional Review Board (IRB): Co-PI for the establishment of IRB. Currently support the running of the DHRC IRB which reviews proposals for research carried out within Demographic Surveillance area of the DHRC.

Coordinator: Georgetown Internship program: Coordinate activities and research of students on internship.



**Dr. Rose Kalage, Tanzania**

INTREC Social Scientist for Tanzania. Research Scientist, Ifakara Health Institute in Dar-es-Salaam. A trained Anthropologist, with vast experience in social research including proposal writing, quantitative and qualitative data collection, data analysis, report writing and presentation. Rose Kalage has experiences with community-based programs and practical knowledge and skills in organizing and facilitating trainings, community mobilization and sensitization as well as in conducting community appraisals.



**Dr. Mandy Maredza, South Africa**

INTREC Social Scientist for South Africa. Associate Researcher, Junior Economist at University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg. Masters in Public Health (Health Economics), University of Cape Town, BSc Pharmacology, Rhodes University.



**Dr. Nazmun Nahar, Bangladesh**

INTREC Social Scientist for Bangladesh. Masters in Public Health 2012 from Umeå University, Sweden. Masters in Psychology 2003 from University of Dhaka, Bangladesh. MPH Thesis work on "Assessment of Professionals' View on Managing Mental Health Problems as a Result of Exposure to Natural Disaster (Cyclone) in Bangladesh". Besides my studies in Umea, Sweden I have engaged myself with a Non-Governmental Organization of Sweden named PREI (Project for Integration) from August, 2010 to June, 2012. This organization works for women, refugee, and older immigrants and so on and they work among more than sixty countries people in the world. I have attended of their various activities within this two years period. Have completed a three months internship program from an NGO 'INCIDIN Bangladesh' which works with street children who engaged in Sex Work. (2004)



**Dr. Diana Kekan, India**

INTREC Social Scientist for India. Dr Diana Kekan was working on Novartis Vaccines Institute for Global Health's Typhoid Vaccine trial as the Study Medical Coordinator and Project manager at Vadu Rural Health Program. She has been working in Vadu Rural Health Program for two years. Other than the clinical trial, she was involved in the Verbal Autopsy project, wherein her primary responsibility was assessing the causes of death and allotting ICD10 code for the same. She attended the INDEPTH ALPHA InterVA analysis workshop organized by INDEPTH Network. She was selected as a national research assistant for the INTREC (INDEPTH Training and Research Centres of Excellence) project. Dr Diana's venture into health began, when she pursued her undergraduation in Bachelors of Medicine and Bachelors of Surgery from M.I.M.E.R Medical College, Pune. She worked as a research assistant at Chest Research Foundation, Pune on an epidemiological study on Asthma control test. This study prompted her to pursue her Masters in Public Health (Major-Health Promotion) from Northern Illinois University, USA. She worked as an Intern in City of Evanston Health and Human Services. She actively participated in projects focused on physical activity namely "Youth out Walking program, Kids Walk to School" programs. Other than working independently, Dr Diana's few strengths include strong writing skills, diligence, sincerity and precision in work with strong sense of work ethics. Her experience in clinics and in research in terms of epidemiology, literature review, assistance in proposal writing, SOPs is conducive for research. Her education in medicine and public health forms a fine balance for research activities in Vadu.



**Dr. Dwidjo Susilo, Indonesia**

INTREC Social Scientist for Indonesia. Researcher at Centre for Health Service Management, University of Gadjah Mada, Yogyakarta and lecturer at School of Public Health, Faculty Medicine and Health, University of Muhammadiyah Jakarta. Master of Public Health from School of Population Health, University of Melbourne, Australia. Research on Non Communicable Diseases, Social Determinants of Health, Health Promotion, and Economic Evaluation, Health Financing.



**Dr. Phuong Tran, Vietnam**

INTREC Social Scientist for Vietnam. Master of Public Health from the School of Public Health, Queensland University of Technology (QUT) in Brisbane, Australia. Major in Health Promotion. Director, Center for Health and Community Development (HealthCD), Hanoi. Develops and manages all activities of the Center. The Center was established in January 2012 under Vietnam Union of Science and Technology Associations (VUSTA). As the name of the center could convey, it focuses on public health, social science, policy-related research and advocacy and community development.



**Dr. Joke Haafkens, Netherlands**

Dr. Joke Haafkens, is a senior research coordinator at the Amsterdam Institute of Advanced Labour studies and at the Academic Medical Centre of the University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands. She is also a member of the Centre of Social Science and Global Health at the University of Amsterdam. Haafkens has previously worked at the WHO Office for Europe in Copenhagen on gender and health issues. For the past 15 year she coordinated a range of research projects funded by Dutch and EU research funding organizations as a PI. She received an MA in social psychology and a PHD in medicine from the University of Amsterdam. Previous research topics include primary health care, social psychiatry and psycho-pharmaceutical drug use and translating research evidence into health policy. Current research topics are capacity building for research on social determinants of health in developing countries, occupational and company health in Europe; sex and gender related issues in health care and health research, capacity building for patient education on cardiovascular disease management for high risk groups in the Netherlands and Africa. Her research uses a mix of qualitative and quantitative methods, and her work has been published in medical, social science and health policy journals, reports and books.



**Prof Laksono Trisnantoro, Indonesia**

Medical Doctor, Department of Public Health, Faculty of Medicine, Gadjah Mada University. Vice of Doctoral Program, School of Medicine Gadjah Mada University, Director, Centre for Health Service Management, School of Medicine Gadjah Mada University. Director of Graduate Program in Hospital Management, Faculty of Medicine, Gadjah Mada University



**Prof. Abdillah Ahsan, Indonesia**

Master Sains Ekonomi (MSE) from Postgraduates Program of Economics of FEUI. Thesis Title "The Impact of Socio Economic Factors to Individual Smoking Behavior: Analysis of National Socio Economic Survey Data 2004". Conducting research on: Tobacco Economics in Indonesia, Human Resources Planning, Labor Market System and Policy. Lecture in the subject of Introduction of Macroeconomics and Introduction of Microeconomics at the Program of Economics Faculty of Economics University of Indonesia. Lecture in the Subject of Cooperatives and Small and Medium Enterprises, Indonesian Economy, Introduction of Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Labor and Human Resources Economics, Analysis of Human Resources and Labor Economics, and Advanced Industrial Economics.



**Prof. Yayi Suryo Prabandari, Indonesia**

Dr. Prabandari is a clinical psychologist and works in the Department of Public Health, Faculty of Medicine, The University of Gadjah Mada University (FM-UGM). Beside her responsibility for teaching (undergraduate & graduate program) in public health, she also holds the position of chairperson of Public Health Graduate Program, majoring in Health Promotion, director of Center for Health Behavior and Promotion, FM UGM, and member of health education division of Cancer Foundation Yogyakarta. To date she is the secretary of Public Health Department and Post Graduate of Public Health. She hold its position since 2010. Her time



also dedicated to work as chairperson of professional behavior team and a member of Center for Bioethics and Medical Humanities.

Dr. Prabandari graduated from Psychology Faculty GMU (1989) and graduate program in clinical psychology (1994). She graduated her doctorate degree at the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences at the University of Newcastle, Australia (Community Medicine) in 2006. Her dissertation research is about smoking inoculation among junior high school students. Parts of her doctorate dissertation were presented at The Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco 11th Annual Meeting, Prague, Czech Republic, 2005 and Asia Pacific Tobacco or Health, Taiwan, 2007. Currently she is coordinating the Quit Tobacco Indonesia/QTI II Team (2008-2010), as a continuing the QTI I (2003-2007), as part of International Project on Smoking Cessation among India and Indonesia, funded by the Fogarty, NIH Grant. The main activities of the project are developing tobacco related diseases curriculum for medical school, establishing smoking cessation clinic and community outreach to develop smoke free house kampong. As part of the project, Dr. Prabandari has presented presentations on The 13th WCTOH (World Congress on Tobacco or Health), July 12-15, 2006 in Washington DC, USA, as well as on the 14th WCTOH, February 2009 in Mumbai, India, the 15th WCTOH, March 2012 in Singapore, and in APACT (Asia Pacific Conference on Tobacco or Health) in Sydney Australia in 2009. Indeed, as part of the project, a number of papers have been published internationally. Dr. Prabandari is also active in advocating the government of Yogyakarta to issue and implement regulations on tobacco free areas, and serve as a spokesperson in tobacco control campaigns for several districts and provincial health offices (Yogyakarta, Bekasi, Bali, Central Java, Surabaya, Cianjur, Jakarta, Medan, Balikpapan, East Kalimantan, Aceh).



**Prof. Anita Hardon, Netherlands**

Anita Hardon (1961) is currently professor of Health and Social Care at the Faculty of Social Sciences (Anthropology Department) of the University of Amsterdam and director of the Amsterdam Institute of Social Science Research. She graduated cum laude in Medical Biology at the University of Amsterdam, specializing in tropical hygiene, science dynamics and medical anthropology. She conducted PhD research at the Department of Cultural Anthropology/Non-Western Sociology of the University of Amsterdam and defended her PhD thesis "Confronting Ill-Health: Medicines, Self-care and the Poor in Manila" in 1990.

Following her dissertation, she conducted a series of studies on community drug use in Pakistan, the Philippines, Mali and Uganda. These studies elucidate how people define, experience and treat their health problems, and their responses to public health programmes to promote the appropriate use of medicine. They also show how the commercial interests of doctors, drug sellers and pharmaceutical manufacturers play an important role. Anita Hardon has also been involved in research in the field of gender and reproductive health. This research uses a symmetrical approach involving the study of people's subjective experiences of reproductive health, and the analysis of the cultural construction of reproductive health care interventions. She has done several policy studies and evaluations in the field of health and development, including one analyzing the challenges involved in increasing access to HIV/AIDS medicines in resource poor settings for the World Health Organization. Anita Hardon has published in journals in the area of social science, medicine, health policy and health and development. In 2012, Hardon has been awarded a prestigious Advanced Research Grant from the European Research Council (ERC) to lead studies of drug use among young people in Asia and Europe, from the perspective of young people themselves.



**Dr. Anna Mirny, USA**

Dr. Anna Mirny is a Research Associate at the Harvard University Center for Population and Development Studies (HCPDS). Anna is an educational researcher holding an Ed.D. in Human Development and Psychology from Harvard Graduate School of Education. She has extensive experience working in curriculum development and evaluation of international educational programs. Before coming to HCPDS Anna has been teaching and doing research in educational psychology, worked as Educational Researcher for Sesame Workshop, and served as a Director of Research and Evaluation at Wide World, a professional development organization at Harvard University, providing online training for educators around the globe.

Dr. Mirny serves as Director of Education for HCPDS's work on INTREC, an international collaborative action envisioned to address health inequities in LMICs of Africa and Asia.



**Dr. Raman Preet, Sweden**

Scientific Project Manager at UCGHR responsible for coordination of two European Union funded projects, DengueTools and INTREC. A global health researcher who holds two master degrees in public health and dental public health with bachelor's in dentistry. Research interests are in the field of health policy; oral health as part of general health; and gender & global health

## **Background information on INTREC**

The WHO's Commission on Social Determinants of Health argued in 2008 that the dramatic differences in health status that exist between and within countries are intimately linked with degrees of social disadvantage. These differences are unjust and avoidable, and, according to WHO, it is the responsibility of governments, researchers, and civil society to work to reduce them. Part of this work requires the production of setting-specific, timely, and relevant evidence on the relationship between social determinants of health and health outcomes, and yet this information is limited, especially in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). Therefore, WHO emphasized the strong need for the development capacity-building activities to enable research on social determinants (SDH) of health in LMIC's.

The INTREC (INDEPTH Training and Research Centres of Excellence) project started in 2012 with this concern in mind. Its dual aims include:

- (i) Providing SDH- related training for INDEPTH researchers from Africa and Asia, thereby allowing the production of evidence on associations between SDH and health outcomes;
- (ii) Enabling the sharing of this information by facilitating links between researchers and decision makers, and by ensuring that research findings are presented to decision makers in an actionable, policy- relevant manner.

The INTREC consortium consists of six institutions. The one around which most of the work revolves is INDEPTH – the International Network for the Demographic Evaluation of Populations and Their Health in Low- and Middle-Income Countries. With its secretariat in Accra, Ghana, INDEPTH is an expanding global network, currently with 44 Health and Demographic Surveillance Systems (HDSSs) from 20 countries in Africa, Asia and Oceania. Each HDSS conducts longitudinal health and demographic evaluation of rural and/or urban populations. INDEPTH aims to strengthen the capacity of HDSSs, and to mount multi-site research to guide health priorities and policies in LMICs, based on up-to-date evidence. The other five members of the INTREC consortium are all universities, which bring their own respective technical expertise to particular components of the work. These universities are Umeå University in Sweden; Gadjah Mada University in Indonesia; Heidelberg University in Germany; the University of Amsterdam in the Netherlands; and Harvard University in the USA.

The work of INTREC will build on the pre-existing INDEPTH network, and is primarily focused on seven countries. In Africa, these include Ghana, Tanzania, and South Africa; and in Asia, Indonesia, India, Vietnam, and Bangladesh are taking part. Starting in 2013, each continent will be served respectively by regional training centres in Ghana and Indonesia. These centres will act as focal points for research and training on SDH for the INTREC countries and, in due course, other low- and middle-income countries.

INTREC is supported by a grant from the European Commission's FP7 Health Program.

See [www.intrec.info](http://www.intrec.info) for more details.