



Network for Education
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Letter from General Secretary

Dear tropEd colleagues,

Besides the “normal business” of tropEd with three General Assemblies, discussing important issues in international/global health education, accrediting and re-accrediting courses and deciding on new members, the year 2017 showed at least three remarkable events:

- tropEd co-organized a session on Collaborative Initiatives for Capacity Building and Education at the 10th European Congress on Tropical Medicine and International Health (ECTMIH) in Antwerp, Belgium, from October 16th to 20th, 2017.
- The network conducted the second joint alumni survey with the aim to describe the outcome and impact of tropEd masters programmes in international/global health.
- Instead of having one student representative, tropEd students decided to nominate a group of seven representatives from six home institutions, which guarantee a more active participation of students.

For all those who contributed to these events but also to the daily business of the network, I want to convey the biggest thanks – also in the name of the Executive Committee.

I wish you all a fruitful and successful 2018!

Warmest wishes,



Dr. Axel Hoffmann





The tropEd Network held three General Assemblies during 2017, respectively in:

1. **23rd to 25th February 2017**
Barcelona Institute for Global Health
University of Barcelona, Spain
2. **29th June to 1st July 2017** **Center for International Health**
Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München,
Germany
3. **14th to 16th October 2017** **Antwerp**
Institute of Tropical Medicine,
Belgium

In these three meetings there are a total of 39 representatives from full member institutions and collaborative institutions. Overall, around 81% of full members have participated in the General Assembly meetings along with around 18% of Collaborating members.



Six EC meetings were held before, during and after the three GA meetings in 2017. The EC phone conference through SKYPE lasts normally for about 60 minutes.

Six EC meetings:

- EC SKYPE conference 27th March
- EC SKYPE conference 24th May
- EC SKYPE conference 31st August
- EC SKYPE conference 9th October
- EC SKYPE conference 21st November
- EC SKYPE conference 11th December

The members of tropEd **Executive Committee** in 2017:

President:

Dr. Nuria Casamitjana

President-Elect:

Dr. Carola Eyber

Past President:

Dr. Rodney Reynolds

Executive Secretary:

Dr. Axel Hoffmann

Ex officio Member:

Dr. Guenter Froeschl

Course accreditation

38 courses were submitted to the GA during 2017. Of those 21 are for new courses, and 17 for re-accreditation.

30 courses received Category 1 or 2 in the first round, which is 79% of all courses. Through the whole year, there were 28 courses accredited in GA and EC meetings.

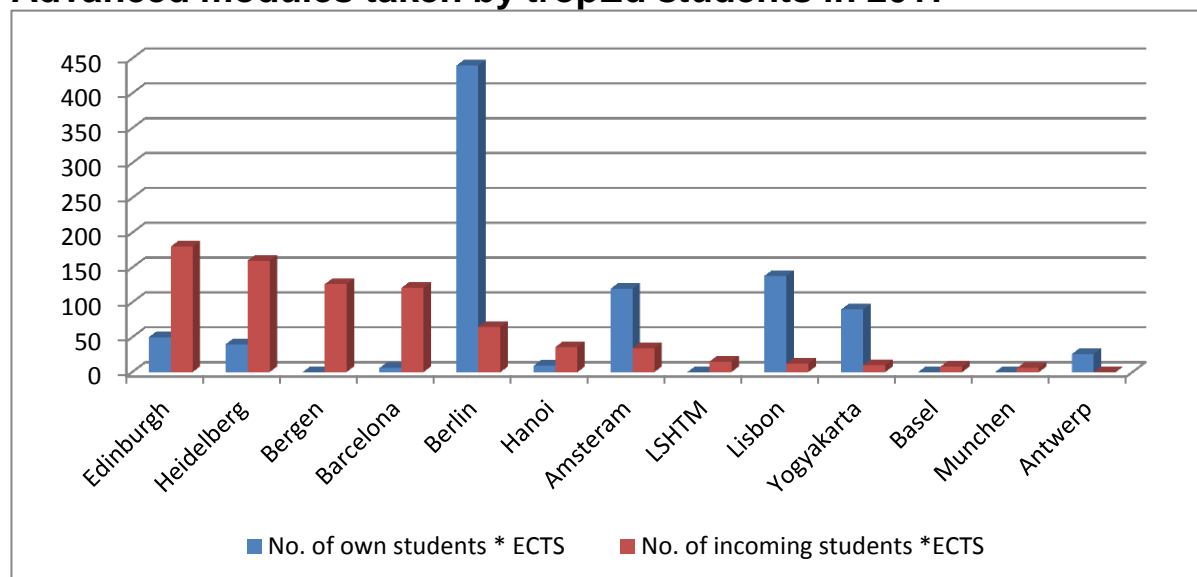


The accredited courses are:

- Amsterdam Control Strategies for Communicable – and Non-Communicable Diseases (CCND)
- Amsterdam Rebuilding Disrupted Health Systems – Developing context-specific strategies for health care policies, implementation and governance
- Antwerp Clinical Decision-Making for Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis (Acronym DR-TB)
- Antwerp Qualitative and Mixed Methods in International Health Research (QMM)
- Antwerp: Planning and Management of Reproductive Health Programmes
- Antwerp: Planning and Management of Tropical Diseases Control Programmes
- Basel Medical Priorities & Clinical Tropical Medicine in South East Asia
- Basel Travellers Health
- Basel: Health Economics and Health Financing
- Basel: Supply Chain Management in Healthcare
- Bergen: Culture and Psychopathology: An introduction to mental illness in a cross- cultural perspective
- Bergen: Global Nutrition
- Bergen: Qualitative Research Methods for Global Public Health
- Berlin Core course
- Berlin Mental Health in a Cross-Cultural Perspective with a Special Focus on Traumatized Populations
- Berlin: Biomedical publishing and writing
- Berlin: Community Oriented Primary Care
- Berlin: Advanced Epidemiological Methods
- Edinburgh Research Development and Proposal Writing
- Edinburgh Psychosocial Intervention for Displaced Populations
- Edinburgh: Rebuilding Health Systems – Analysing the challenges in fragile and disrupted states
- Heidelberg Health Systems Strengthening in Low and Middle-Income Countries
- Heidelberg Global Mental Health (GMH) in public health practice

- Heidelberg Applying the Rights Based Approach in achieving health related SDGs.
- Heidelberg Financing health care: Concepts, challenges and practices
- Heidelberg: Quality Improvement: a Key for Health Systems Strengthening
- Heidelberg: Decision-making in public health: evidence, politics or diplomacy
- Heidelberg: Global Challenges in Reproductive Health: Evidence and Tools for Program Implementation

Advanced modules taken by tropEd students in 2017



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The following tropEd accredited courses were not running or cancelled in 2017:

- Medical Priorities in Laos
- The eSCART
- Health and Human Rights,
- Health Systems Strengthening,
- Global Mental Health
- Management of Human Resources for Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH)
- The Link Between Globalization, Women’s Health and Children’s Health in Developing Countries
- Principle and Practice in Injury Prevention
- War, violence, peace and Health
- Global Mental Health & Psychosocial Wellbeing
- Strengthening Health & Health Systems in Fragile States
- Infectious Diseases Diagnostics
- Effective Project Leadership
- Analysing health systems in fragile and conflict-affected environments
- Health Policy, Governance and Finance in fragile and conflict-affected environments
- Rebuilding resilient health systems in fragile and conflict-affected environments
- Global Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights

Student and course data in 2017:

City	No. of applicants to the MIH programme	No. of newly registered tropEd students from your institute	No. of tropEd students completed the masters study in the year	No. of accredited courses
Amsterdam	522	14	18	16
Antwerp	178	4	3	7
Barcelona	106	1	1	10
Barcelona	70	0	0	0
Basel	10	10	11	10
Bergen	0	0	0	8
Berlin	58	20	19	10
Edinburgh	8	4	1	9
Geneva	0	0	0	2
Hanoi	2	0	0	3
Heidelberg	321	5	2	19
Lisbon	0	0	0	4
LSHTM	0	0	0	0
Mexico	0	0	0	0
Munchen	0	0	0	3
Shanghai	0	0	0	1
Uppsala	0	0	0	0
Yogyakarta	0	0	0	3
Total:	1275	58	55	105

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tropEd Membership

New Collaborating member:

- Ifakara Health Institute, Tanzania

Membership cancelled:

- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH
- School of Population Health, The University of Queensland

Membership applicants:

- University of Sciences, Techniques and Technologies de Bamako , Mali
- École Nationale de Santé Publique, Rabat, Morocco
- Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine
- Middlesex University Dr Carmen Aceijas, PhD, Senior Lecturer Applied Public Health,
- Facultad de Salud Publica, Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia Magaly Blas, MD, PhD , Profesora e investigadora,
- Salhgrenska Academy, Epidemiology and Community Medicine, University of Gothenburg

New potential partner institutions from members:

Bergen: Global Health, NTNU, Norway

Mexico: Universidad CES Colombia, Universidad Santo Tomás Colombia; University of Berkeley, University of Miami.

Changes in member institutions during 2017

- **Basel:** We changed the name of the core course from Health Care and Management in Tropical Countries to Health Care and Management: From Research to Implementation
- **LSHTM:** Accreditation expired on a rolling basis; by 31/12/2017 none of the course/modules were tropEd accredited. We are looking for a solution to solve this problem.
- **Hanoi:** Change the name of institution to Hanoi University of Public Health; Accredited the Master of Hospital Management by Asian University Networks (AUN); Vietnam MOET accreditation at University level; Establishing and running the Universitys Health Clinic
- **Berlin:** tropEd representative changed from Dr. Matthias Borchert (until 03/2017) to Dr. med. Hans-Friedemann Kinkel (since 08/2017).
- **Mexico:** Laura Magaña who has been selected as President and CEO of the Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health (ASPPH). ASPPH, through the effective leadership of former Past President Professor John Finnegan, was one the founding member networks of WFAIGH. We look forward to strengthening the collaboration between ASPPH and tropEd.

The School of Public Health of Mexico has a new Academic Dean, Dr. Maria Eugenia Ocampo started at this position in October 1st, 2017. In February 17th, Dr. Juan Rivera Dommarco started his position as new General Director of the INSP.
- **Amsterdam:** Change of representative: Mr. Fernando Maldonado, course coordinator master programmes and part of KIT exam board committee instead of Ms. Prisca Zwanikken
- **Wuhan:** Change of representative from Prof. Dongliang Yang to Mr. Weiguo Dong
- **Fudan:** Change of tropEd representative from Prof. BiaoXu to Prof. Yinyao Chen with assist from Dr. Yihan Lu
- **Uppsala:** New tropEd representative from Uppsala: Mats Målvist, Change to new visiting address: International Maternal and Child Health,

Department of Womens and Childrens Health, Dag Hammarskjölds väg 14B, Uppsala

- **Edinburgh:** We have a new deputy director, Pol de Vos, who was previously with ITM Antwerp; We have submitted a new Erasmus+ application with Lisbon, Antwerp, Barcelona, Bergen & Amsterdam.
- **Heidelberg:** Ms. Nandita Rothermund-Bucher also works as tropEd representative.
- **Umea:** Change the tropEd representative to Ms. Marie Lindkvist

Changes from member institutions foreseen for the next year

Basel We will do an in-depth analysis of our portfolio.

Antwerp We are in the process of broadening the flexibility to all orientations in our master programmes not making the distinction between the flexible "tropEd track" and the "institutional masters with fixed programme" anymore. Many more students could become "tropEd students". In this process the modular structure will be reviewed with a more standard credit load of modules (most likely 5 credits and 3 weeks) and all modules will be offered as stand-alone courses also in tropEd. Note: this process will take more than a year.

Munchen We are in the process for accrediting the MSc International Health programme within the state of Bavaria. If we are successful, we plan to also become a home institution and have the core course accredited by tropEd. However, we are not able to set a time frame yet because the internal processes take time.

Berlin Two newly accredited modules are taking place (Biomedical manuscript writing and literature review, Community-Oriented Primary Care)

Uppsala We are currently restructuring our program and have therefore no accredited courses running this year. We aim to offer one course in spring 2019 and discuss possibility of becoming a home institution with a 20 ECTS introduction course in fall 2019.

New student representative group was elected, instead of one single person as student representative. tropEd GA meeting will be regular participated by student representatives:

- Kata Stete - Swiss TPH Basel
- Miriam Müller - Heidelberg
- Carmen Sant - Swiss TPH Basel
- Adrian Alonso Ruiz - Barcelona
- Luis Villacis - Charité Berlin
- Flora Haderer - ITM Antwerp
- Emily Liu - KIT Amsterdam

National accreditation of master's programme

Institutions have their master's programme accredited by the national accreditation agenda or University and namely:

- Basel:** OAQ 11.10.2007-31.10.2014, By the University of Basel since 27.11.2001, external evaluation of Teaching and Training 2015; external evaluation scheduled for early 2018
- Amsterdam:** NVAO (Netherlands Flemish Accreditation Organ) accredited and valid from 30.08.2005 to 29.08.2011, re-accredited and valid from 29.08.2011 to 29.08.2017, re-accredited and valid from 29.08.2017 to 29.08.2023
- Antwerp:** accredited by NVAO (Netherlands Flemish Accreditation Organ, Re-accreditation is valid: 01.10.2016 until 30.09.2024.
- Barcelona:** accredited by University of Barcelona
- Uppsala:** Swedish Higher Education Authority, graded as high quality. Duration unknown as the evaluation systems for Swedish Universities are in a change process right now (will attend a seminar on that this coming week).
- Berlin:** Akkreditierungsagentur im Bereich Gesundheit und Soziales (AHPGS), First accredited 07.09.2015, valid until 30.09.2019
- Heidelberg:** Heidelberg University is accredited by AQUIN until 30.09.2020.
- Brescia:** The Core Course in Tropical Medicine and International Health receives annual re-accreditation by the University of Brescia. However, the tropEd Master programme cannot be recognised in Italy due to current national regulations that do not allow five-year duration.
- Edinburgh:** National Quality Assurance Agency
- Geneva:** The MAS in Humanitarian Action was quality accredited by the Swiss Agency for Accreditation and Quality Assurance (AAQ) in 2015
- Yogyakarta** Indonesian Accreditation Agency for Higher Education in Health (IAAHEH)
- Lisbon** The Portuguese National Agency has accredited IHMT Master Degrees in which advanced tropEd modules are included. The accreditation is for 6 years.

Publications from tropEd students:

- Frontiers in Public Health, "The Transmission Chain Analysis of 2014–2015 Ebola Virus Disease, Outbreak in Koinadugu District, Sierra Leone: An Observational Study Asia
- Pacific Journal of Public Health "Active Community-Based Case, Finding for Tuberculosis With Limited Resources: Estimating Prevalence in a Remote Area of Papua New Guinea"

Some Institutions, such as Basel, Hanoi, Antwerp, Barcelona, Berlin, Ifakara, Yogyakarta, allow for a publication based thesis in place of a monographic thesis, and in Basel, Yogyakarta and Hanoi students have already used this option for defence in the past reporting period.

Financial report 2017



	<u>Current acc.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balance end of 2016:	13631.18	13631.18
Income:		
Membership fee	22500.00	
Total Income:		36131.18
Expenditure:		
Salary	-10000.00	
Administrative costs	-2767.07	
Travel costs	-3621.98	
Bank charges	-50.38	
Total Expenditure:		-16439.43
Balance end of 2017:		19691.75



Member's voice of some shortages and negative points about the mobility in the network:

- We hardly receive any students from other institutions however all our students do attend courses within the network
- Administrative processes for students are heavy (2 students had to change their mobility plans due to administrative difficulties)
- We hope there will be more communication with other members in the network to improve our involvement and education capacity.
- For some students it might be not that easy to move in the network despite the offer and potential possibility to do so (financial restraints, Visa problems)
- Our students do not visit other countries, as many of them are Foreign themselves, and we have no travel scholarships.
- Still don't manage to send out many students due to financial constraints.
- A shortage would probably be the financial burden of students participating in courses as they have to pay accommodation for one week.
- Lack of funding for students mobility within the network
- Home institutions are not well in contact with each other
- I know tropEd offers mobility to all students of its institutions. INSP receives students from tropEd institutions every year. I think it is an excellent

opportunity for our students but we do not receive funds to send some Mexican students to Europe. I think we would need some support to increase the number of Mexican Students taking courses abroad.

- More students going out than coming back in. Some issues with different marking systems and us having to explain how that works. Students use a lot of efforts figuring out their module plan, modules get cancelled sometimes etc.

Member's voice of some advantages and positive points about the mobility in the network:

- In 2017, three students of the University Charitè of Berlin, came to Mexico to work on their thesis projects with three Mexican researchers at INSP. It would be great if we could get something similar for our students in order to open their options to conduct fellowships abroad with experts in different topics
- Our students really like to attend courses in other institutions
- Networking and getting to know other approaches to I&GH education
- Possibility to move around. See different places. Experience different approaches to the field (institutions and lecturers) and in a variety of learning environments and with a lot of people from various backgrounds from which you learn as much as from the courses you take.
- We are pleased that students come to us from other countries; this improves the courses and the atmosphere among the students.
- Virtual mobility via E+ worked very well for our modules - interesting experience for students and staff across 3 institutes
- We see more advantages in the mobility as welcoming participants from different home institutions/countries add to the variety of the course and enrich the discussions. Furthermore, they do not only see different teaching styles, but also different organisation of institutions.
- Exchange of students is great for diversity and exposure to different backgrounds, cultures, faculty, students...
- Practicum in cooperation
- When there is an inquiry about the possibilities, the colleagues do their best to collaborate.
- The number of institutions in Europe and in some other regions of the planet. This is a wide open offer to any student in this network.
- Students coming in our modules, bring new perspectives and money. We couldn't run the MIH if there was no mobility to other institutes. It is offering students a choice in subjects that KIT would not be able to offer by itself. It gives them likely more intercultural skills and a broader network.
- Although Ifakara Health institute, hasn't involved and experienced mobility of staff within members network, we see a significant potential in terms of information sharing and learning both on knowledge competency, project-and challenge based learning between overseas members and Ifakara Health institute.

PR activities:

tropEd is mentioned in most courses brochures, posters, institutional webpage, email distributions, congresses, social media, specialised press, as well as brochure for summer or winter schools.

Consortium of
Universities
for Global Health



tropEd was represented through Núria Casamitjana at the annual meeting of the Consortium of Universities for Global Health (CUGH, www.cugh.org) that was held in Washington (USA) April 7-9th 2017.

Núria Casamitjana also represented tropEd in the World Federation of Academic Institutions for Global Health (WFAIGH), 2 meetings were held: during the CUGH meeting in Washington in April 2017 and during the World Health Summit in Berlin October 2017



PhD programme

In 2017 the **Erasmus Mundus Joint PhD Program Trans Global Health**, jointly organised by Free University of Amsterdam (VU), University of Amsterdam (UvA), Academic Medical Centre at the University of Amsterdam (AMC); Université de Bordeaux; Institute of Tropical Medicine Antwerp (ITM); and University of Barcelona (UB) - Institute for Global Health (ISGlobal); launched its last call. (new PhD candidates were awarded a Trans Global Health scholarship. In 2017 the doctoral thesis of the first call started being defended.



The 10th European Congress on Tropical Medicine and International Health (ECTMIH) was hold in Antwerp, Belgium from October 16th to 20th, 2017. tropEd co-organized a session on Collaborative Initiatives for Capacity Building and Education

The Organisers are: Marjan Pirard, Mieke Stevens, Maria Zolfo and Govert van Heusden Institute of Tropical Medicine, Antwerp
The topics of this session were:

- 1 Shaping tropEd, a higher education network in International Health, to meet contemporary needs; Reynolds R. (UK)
- 2 Networking for quality in international health teaching and learning; van Heusden G. (Belgium)
- 3 Amplifying influence: The West African Network of Emerging Leaders (WANEL) in health policy and systems; Kwamie A. (Ghana)
- 4 Building sustainable capacity for operational research at a global level using the Structured Operational Research and Training Initiative (SORT IT) model; Zachariah R. (Switzerland)
- 5 Virtual student mobility in international/ global health; Gerstel L. (The Netherland)



tropEd conducted the second joint alumni survey in 2017

Time frame of our alumni survey was:

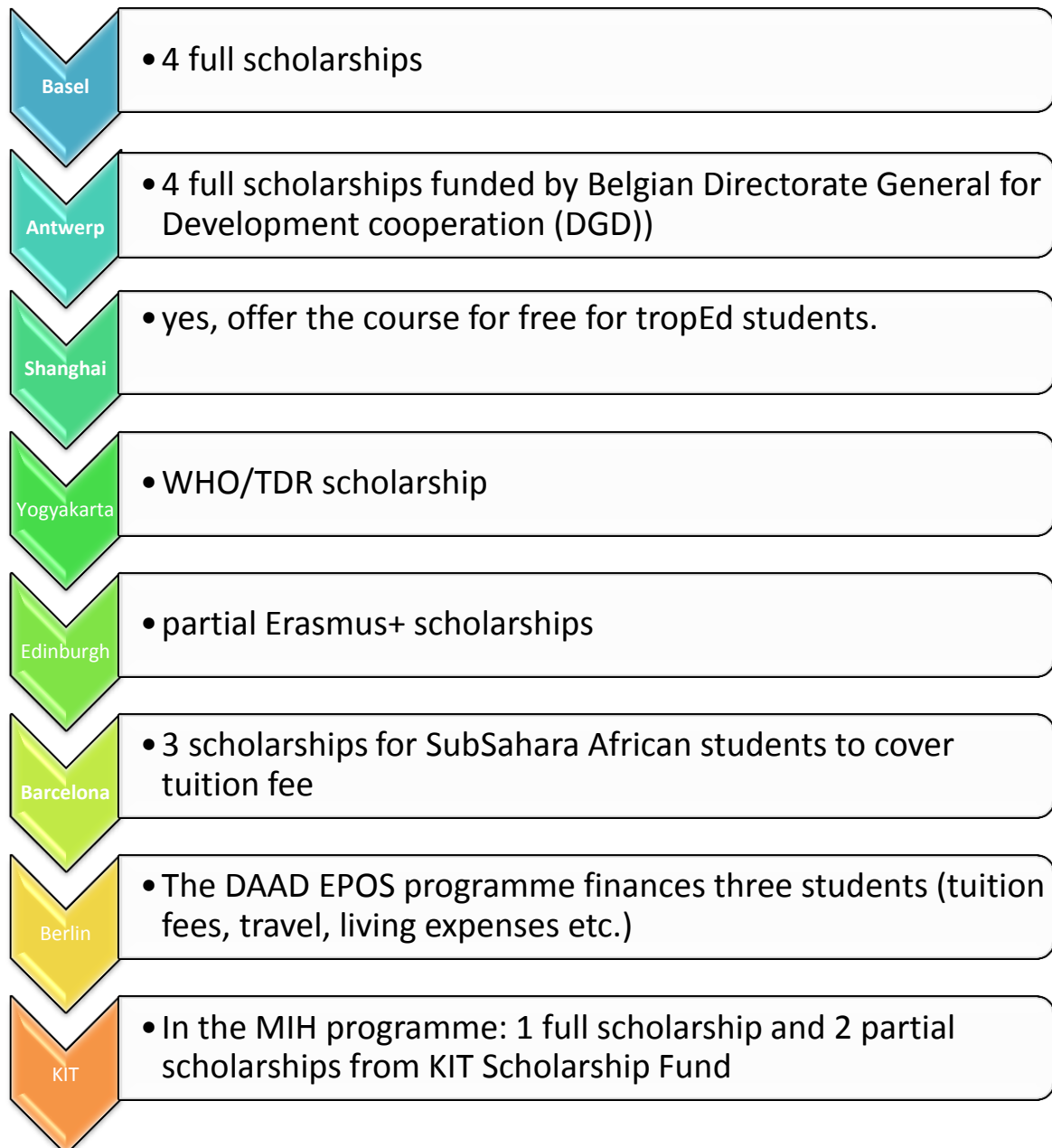
- Waiting for additional comments until 15th March
- By April /May preparation of the survey
- By May/June send out the survey

Objective of the survey is to describe the outcome and impact of tropEd masters programme in international/global health in graduates from tropEd home institutions. Mobility and flexibility will be compared in this survey. The target group are: All graduates from accredited core courses, graduated from May 2010 to May 2015. This means not only tropEd students but also the residential master's alumni. We are looking forward to see the result of this survey.

Alumni Activities in 2017 in member institutions:

- Antwerp:** Emerging Voices programme at HSR conference (upcoming Liverpool 2018); Alumni travel grants (No. 33) for the ECTMIH 2017 conference; Monthly Newsletters (via Mailchimp)
- Heidelberg:** Alumni Meetings, Summer Schools
- Hanoi:** Establish and update the alumni information regularly (every 6 months); Conduct a website for alumni; Invite alumni attend/participate the scientific workshop or related activities of university; Promote alumni advertising for the university
- Edinburgh:** Social media, webinars, invitations to seminars, newsletter
- Barcelona:** Facebook Alumni with all kind of information interesting for our alumni; Alumni Meet Up and debates: we did one on "Participatory Research"
- Berlin:** Summer and Winter schools, alumni mailing list
- Mexico:** INSP conduct a biannual meeting when The International Congress on Public Health at the National Institute of Public Health (CONGISP) takes place in our facilities; Besides, we maintained electronic communication (email and social networks) with our alumni community to disseminate relevant information and job opportunities in Mexico or abroad and to invite them to know our Continuing Education courses. At the same time we conduct an annual survey in order to know some data.
- Amsterdam:** Facebook, LinkedIn, Alumni Officer, when KIT staff visits; another country they have a meet & greet with alumni; distribution of brochures, alumni are ambassadors for TropEd and KIT, commercial cooperation with alumni.

Scholarship offered in 2017





Next tropEd General Assembly meetings:

- **March 2018** **Hanoi**
- **June 2018** **Edinburgh**
- **October 2018** **Berlin**