

Global Emergency Care Collaborative

Newsletter – Summer 2023



Dear GECCo community,

Welcome to our Summer 2023 newsletter! This issue includes information about our recent conference; some more exciting opportunities in global EM, and details of just some of the work that has resulted from people coming together through GECCo over the last few months.

Recent Events:

UK Global Health Projects, Programmes & Research: Who Does What in Emergency Care

Earlier this month, we ventured up to Scotland for our summer conference at the Faculty of Remote, Rural and Humanitarian Healthcare at the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh.



Conference delegates outside the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh venue.



Discussions about the measurable benefits of global health work during workshop.



Delegates listening to presentations as part of our global EM concept carousel.

We heard from some fantastic keynote speakers, including Professor Tony Redmond, who delivered an insightful talk on how to build relationships with host organisations during emergency overseas responses, and EMJ Editor Dr Ellen Weber, who highlighted the importance of supporting high impact low-cost research in resource limited settings.

Delegates heard from Dr Ram Vadi of UK-Med, who spoke about providing surge support during the Turkey earthquake response. He highlighted how responding in a global health emergency can be a 'shot in the arm for the NHS', with many UK-med members undertaking roles in the NHS, and reporting a positive impact on their clinical skills, wellbeing and resilience through their global health work.

RCEM senior international officer Victoria De Witt updated us on RCEM's global health activity, discussing their collaborative approach with the Ugandan Ministry of Health in developing EM as a specialty. Their joint aim is to train 400 EM doctors in the next 5 years, utilising virtual support, e-learning, mentorship and international exchanges.

Professor Justine Davies spoke on the known and unknown unknown in healthcare for injuries in LMICs, considering the need to rapidly assess system readiness for injury care.

Delegates attended workshops, spanning topics such as urgent care of poisoning and envenomation in West Africa with Professor Michael Eddleston; collaborative hubs of academic learning organisations for emergency care training in Pakistan with Dr Taj Hassan, and the positive impact of an ED global health partnership with ACP Colin Macalindin.

To read more about some of the other thought-provoking talks, workshops, concept carousel, and reflections on the day, please visit our website via this [link](#).

External Opportunities:

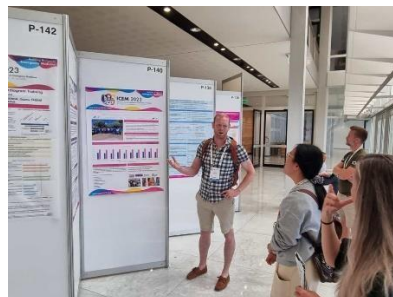
We regularly update our website with the latest opportunities in global EM. Please see a selection of the most recent opportunities below and head to our [website](#) for more information. Please note these opportunities are external to GECCo.

- 📍 *Call for Papers:* HCRI Conference - 'Navigating Crossroads: Advancements and Challenges in Medical Humanitarianism and Global Health'; abstract submission deadline 21st July 2023, conference 11th September 2023.
- 📍 *Funded PhD Opportunity:* Improving access to injury care in low and middle income countries at the Institute of Applied Health Research, University of Birmingham. Please click [here](#) for more information about how to apply.
- 📍 *Introduction to Humanitarian Healthcare Online Course:* free access to online course developed by the Faculty of Remote, Rural and Humanitarian Healthcare, RCSEd and UK-Med.

GECCo on Tour:

Lots of the GECCo community were spotted at the recent International Federation of Emergency Medicine conference in Amsterdam this year. Dr Anisa Jafar delivered a presentation advocating the Access-, Resource-, Context-limited Healthcare principle of defining global health. Dr Andy Lockyer discussed global EM programmes within emergency departments. EM ACP Colin Macalindin, who delivered a workshop at our recent conference, presented his work evaluating the Bristol-Nanyuki partnership. The conference also provided an opportunity to rekindle some discussions with colleagues within the African Federation of Emergency Medicine about how GECCo might be placed to support in the future.

[Find out](#) more about some of the interesting discussions and work presented by the GECCo community at IFEM on our website.



Getting Involved:

We are always keen to hear from healthcare professionals who would like to get involved with GECCo. It is not necessary to have experience in global EM, just some enthusiasm! Equally, we would love to hear from those with experience who we can learn from.

Your contribution could include helping to organise events, bringing a new global EM idea to life, technical support for our website, writing a blog post, or whatever else you feel you may be able to offer. We understand that working in healthcare can be stressful and commitments may change - we will always accommodate this. If you would like to get involved, please reach out to us via email at contactgecco@gmail.com, on twitter (@GECCoUK), or via the contact form on our website.

And finally...

Thank you for reading this issue of the GECCo newsletter. For more content, information and opportunities, please take a look at our website [here](#).