



Network for Education  
in International Health

## Annual Report 2014

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## Letter from General Secretary

Dear tropEd colleagues.

It is always a great pleasure to introduce the annual report to our tropEd members and other friends all over the world. I would like to start the report with a big “Thank you” to the members of the Executive Committee, and of course to all institutional representatives, too. Thank you very much for the productive year of 2014!

This year we started with a strategic discussion about the future of the network in January in Umea. There we could re-define our vision and mandate, to ensure a continuous, high quality program in International/Global Health. These led to several important task force meetings on different issues we have to solve in the near future. All these fruitful meetings and the very valuable inputs from nearly all representatives make me feel confident, that we can successfully continue our work. The workshop on course alignment has also given us the great opportunity to improve the quality of the course accreditation. The tropEd website has now also a more comfortable look.

2015 will be a very special year and tropEd will celebrate her 20 years anniversary. I hope that the work of the secretariat – despite any shortcomings – will mostly satisfy you and looking forward to celebrate with you together!

Sincerely yours,



**Dr. Axel Hoffmann**





The tropEd Network held three General Assemblies during 2014, respectively in:

- **Umeå International School of Public Health, Epidemiology and Global Health, Department of Public Health and Clinical Medicine, Umeå University**  
**22nd to 24th January 2014**
- **Institute for International Health and Development, Edinburgh, UK**  
**22nd to 24th May 2014**
- **Centre for International Health, Universitetet i Bergen, Norway**  
**24th to 26th September 2014**

In all these three meetings, a total of 42 representatives from full member institutions have attended and 6 from collaborative institutions. Overall, around 82% of full members have participated in the General Assembly meetings along with around 20% of Collaborating members.



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

Eight EC meetings:

- EC SKYPE conference 21<sup>st</sup> February
- EC SKYPE conference 20<sup>th</sup> March
- EC SKYPE conference 6<sup>th</sup> May
- EC SKYPE conference 12<sup>th</sup> June
- EC SKYPE conference 1<sup>st</sup> July
- EC SKYPE conference 28<sup>th</sup> August
- EC SKYPE conference 13<sup>th</sup> November
- EC SKYPE conference 16<sup>th</sup> December

The current members of tropEd [Executive Committee](#):

**President:**

*Dr. Carina Källestål*

**President-Elect:**

*Ms. Pauline Grys*

**Past President:**

*Mr. Govert van Heusden*

**Executive Secretary:**

*Dr. Axel Hoffmann*

**Ex officio Member:**

*Dr. Curt Lofgren*

## Four task forces worked together to support the General assembly in 2014



Are you aware of them?

-Changes/Suggestions decided in GA meetings during 2014

- After half an hour snowball discussion in Umea, the GA came concluded in a new version of network aims:
  1. Offer the best possible international education program in international/global Health
  2. Ensure and enhance quality and standards at post graduate level in international/global health within member institutions
  3. Be internationally recognized in order to attract significant funding and recruit a sustainable number of students

This will be further discussed and confirmed in the future meetings.

- Instead of 5 ECTS, eLearning/ distance education could count for no more than 10 ECTS credit points in the total masters education from now on in order to receive the tropEd recognition.
- The GA agreed to accept credits awarded through blended learning courses as mobile ECTS credits instead of as from the home institution.
- tropEd has suspended the new membership taken since Jan. 2014. It will be discussed again in the GA meetings in 2015, whether we will start again to take on new members.

### Course Alignments

In order to improve the quality of the course accreditation and also help the course coordinators to design and organize the course more effectively, tropEd network has made a seminar on course alignments in Bergen. The coherence between learning objectives, learning methods and assessments has been looked at. How to revise the course application form in order to enable this alignment was discussed as well. Several suggestions were made. The accreditation task force will work on it further.

## Course accreditation

40 courses were submitted to the GA during 2014. Of those 20 are for new courses, and 20 for re-accreditation.

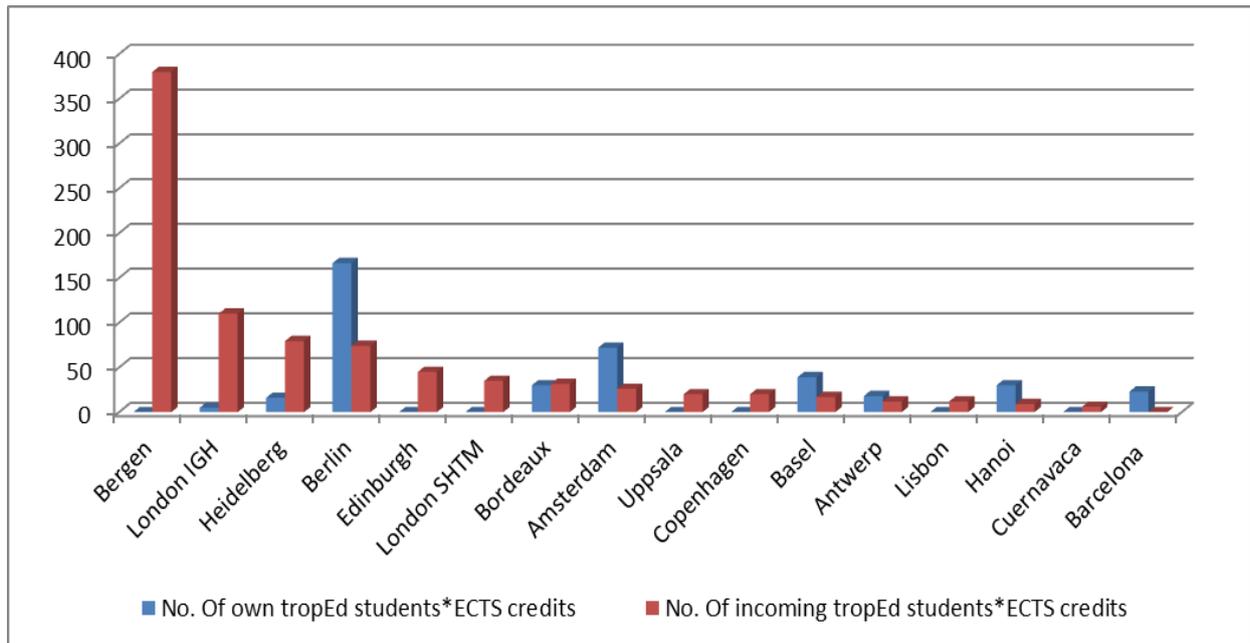
28 courses received Category 1 or 2 in the first round, which is 70% of all courses. Through the whole year, there are 24 courses accredited in GA and EC meetings.



### The accredited courses are:

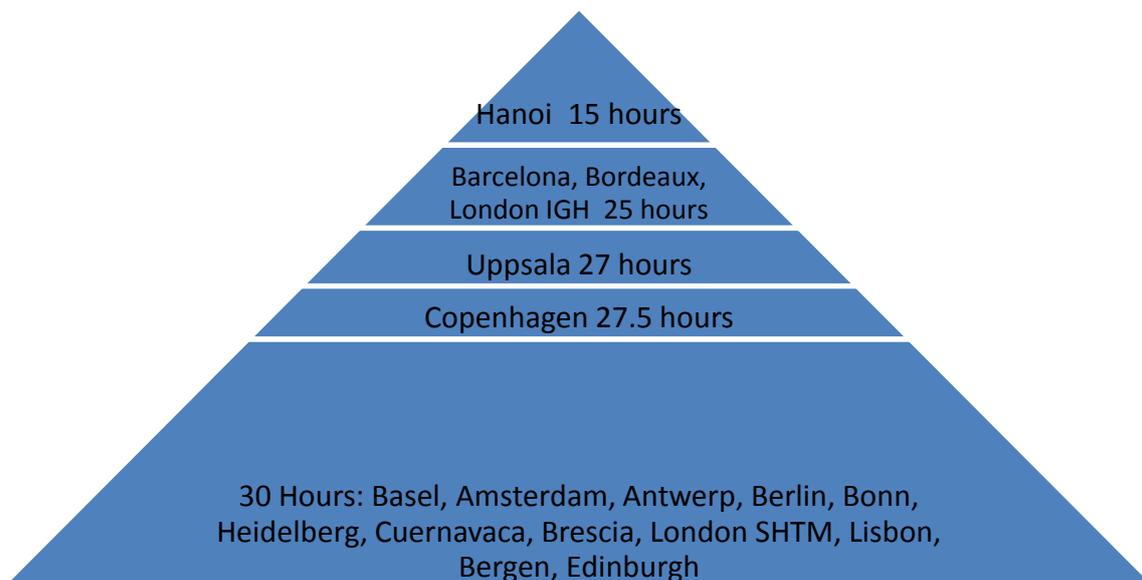
- **Amsterdam** Dynamics of the HIV and AIDS epidemics and effective responses
- **Amsterdam** Core course Masters in International Health
- **Amsterdam** HIV Policy, governance and financing
- **Antwerp** Short course in Clinical Research and Evidence-based Medicine
- **Barcelona** Environmental Health
- **Barcelona** Maternal and Reproductive Health
- **Barcelona** Development and Application of Vaccines in Global Health
- **Barcelona** Core course
- **Barcelona** Global Health Determinants
- **Barcelona** International Governance and Politics of Global Health
- **Bergen** Applied economic evaluation in health care
- **Edinburgh** Social Development Policy and Practice (SDPP)
- **Edinburgh** Policy and Practice in Complex Emergencies
- **Edinburgh** Project Design & Management
- **Heidelberg** Economic Principles of Social Security
- **Lisbon** Dengue, Yellow Fever and other arboviral diseases: research, monitoring and control
- **Lisbon** Genomics and Proteomics applied to Infectious Diseases
- **Lisbon** Sampling methods: developing sampling strategies for epidemiological studies
- **London IGH** Economic Evaluation in Health Care
- **London IGH** Collecting and using data: Essentials of quantitative survey research
- **London IGH** Core course
- **London IGH** Perinatal Epidemiology and Newborn Care
- **Mexico** Models of behavioral change in public health
- **Mexico** Qualitative Methodology in Public Health Research

## Advanced modules taken by tropEd students in 2014



## How many hours of SIT is formally one ECTS credit in each institution?

Until Sep. 2013 in tropEd network we only allow to count 30 SIT hours per ECTS. However, for several institutions this is contradictory to the national regulation. According to the ECTS user guide, the GA agreed to allow counting 25-30 hours SIT equal to one ECTS credits. But in one week still 45 hours of SIT cannot be exceeded. However, member institution must make their calculation according to their national regulations. Follow this new regulation, some institute has changed the SIT hours/ECTS credits and some remain unchanged.

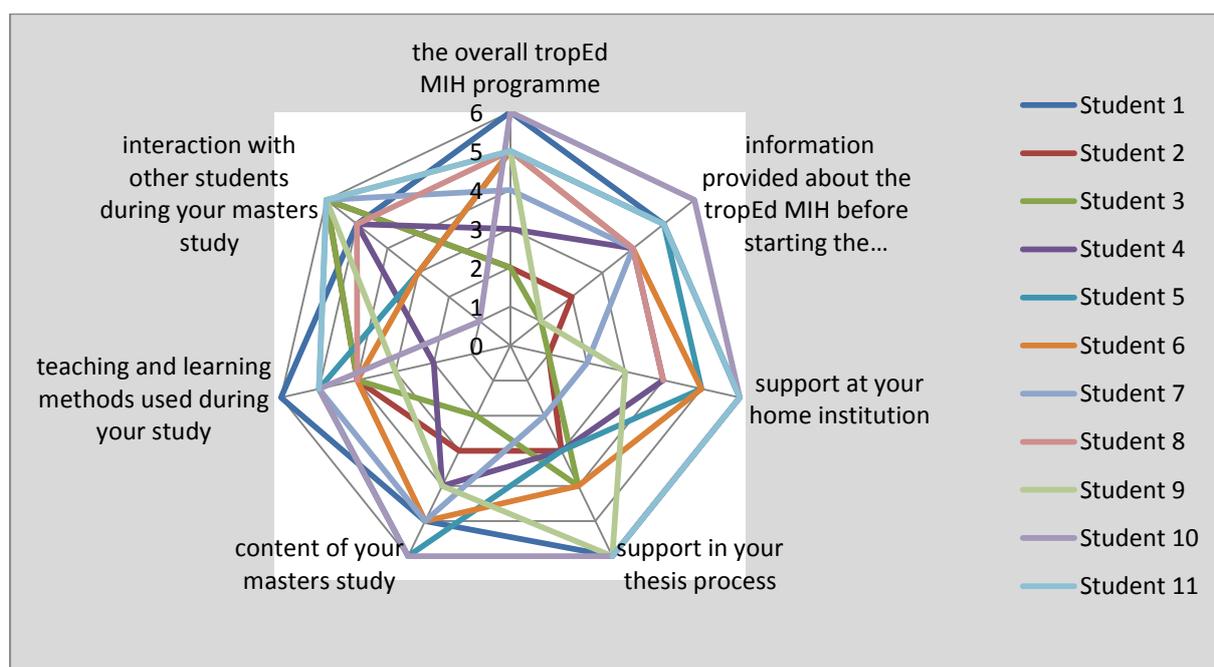


## Student and course data in 2014:

City	No. of applicants to the MIH programme	No. of newly registered tropEd students	No. of tropEd students completed	No. of accredited courses in total
Berlin	150	31	22	9
Basel	13	8	11	7
Amsterdam	142	6	16	12
Edinburgh		2	2	14
London IGH	23	2	1	11
Antwerp	7	2	1	5
Heidelberg	140		7	17
Copenhagen	0		1	5
Uppsala	340			5
Barcelona	35			8
Brescia	21			1
London SHTM				26
Bergen				10
Brisbane				5
Bordeaux				5
Lisbon				4
Hanoi				2
Bonn				2
Cuernavaca				2
<b>Total:</b>	<b>871</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>150</b>

Resource: Institutional annual report 2014

## How satisfied is our students? (6=completely satisfied, 1=totally unsatisfied)



-Resource: Exit interview until May 2014

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### **Publications from students:**

- Amara AH, Aljunid SM. Noncommunicable diseases among urban refugees and asylum-seekers in developing countries: a neglected health care need. *Global Health*. 2014 Apr 3;10:24.
  - Sulis G, Roggi A, Matteelli A, Raviglione MR. Tuberculosis: epidemiology and control. *Mediterr J Hematol Infect Dis*. 2014 Nov 1;6(1):e2014070.
  - Sulis G, Villanacci V, Missale G, Salemme M, Castelli F, Caligaris S. Whipple's Disease concomitant with *Candida esophagitis* and subsequent *Giardia lamblia* co-infection. *Eur J Gastroenterol Hepatol*. 2014 Oct;26(10):1181-5. doi:10.1097/MEG.000000000000154.
  - Sulis G, El Hamad I, Fabiani M, Rusconi S, Maggiolo F, Guaraldi G, Bozzi G, Bernardini C, Lichtner M, Stentarelli C, Carezzi L, Francisci D, Saracino A, Castelli F; The HIV/Migrants Study Group. Clinical and epidemiological features of HIV/AIDS infection among migrants at first access to healthcare services as compared to Italian patients in Italy: a retrospective multicentre study, 2000-2010. *Infection*. 2014 Oct;42(5):859-67. doi: 10.1007/s15010-014-0648-7. Epub 2014 Jun 29.
  - Sulis G, Urbinati L, Franzoni A, Gargiulo F, Carvalho ACC, Matteelli A. *Chlamydia trachomatis conjunctivitis in a male teenager: a case report*. *Infez Med*. 2014 Jun 1;22(2):140-3.
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## tropEd Membership

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### New Home Institution:

ISGlobal, Barcelona Institute for Global Health, Hospital Clínic – Universitat de Barcelona running a core course and started the masters programme. It now fulfils the criteria to become a home institution. Therefore the GA is pleased to announce Barcelona as a home institution from Jan. 2014.

### New potential partner institutions

<b>Heidelberg:</b>	Lagos State University, Nigeria
<b>Cuernavaca:</b>	University of Illinois Chicago; Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Honduras; Instituto Nacional de Salud de Colombia; Universidad de Santander, Colombia.
<b>Hanoi:</b>	Free University in Amsterdam

### Changes in member institutions during 2014

#### New tropEd representatives:

- **Bergen:** Bente Moen, Linda Karin Forshaw
- **Copenhagen:** Ms. Helle Trost Nielsen
- **Edinburgh:** Dr. Carola Eyber
- **Dar es Salaam:** Prof. David Urassa, Dean School of Public Health and Social Sciences

#### New institute name:

- **Brisbane:** School of PUBLIC health from POPULATION health

#### Other changes:

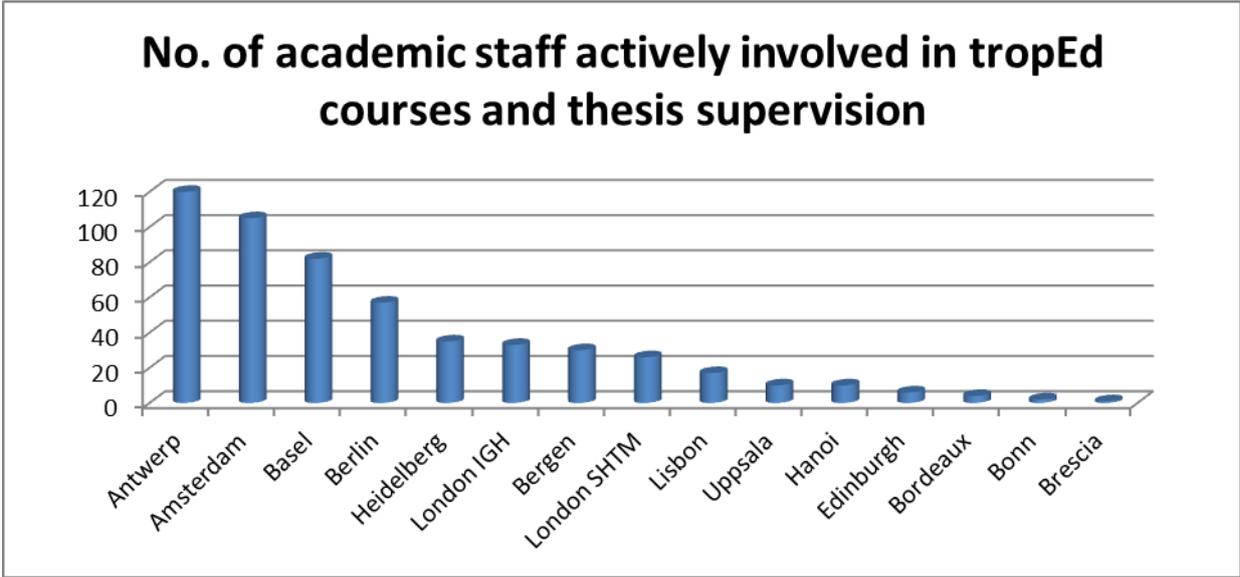
- **Basel:** We had an external evaluation of teaching and training at the Institute.
- **Copenhagen:** The faculty of Health Sciences at University of Copenhagen has decided to close for intake Master of International Health students from September 2014.

### Information from Members to be shared with the network

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| <b>Antwerp:</b>   | The idea of facilitating mobility by "investing a limited no. of credits" in the network by each member is worth exploring further.  |
| <b>Hanoi:</b>     | Ten Laos will come to our school to do MPH program in 5 years (2015-2019). This project funded by EU (We join this with Free university (Amsterdam), University of Health Science and National Institute of Public Health in Laos) |
| <b>Edinburgh:</b> | Course validation for next 5 years happening in May 2015   |

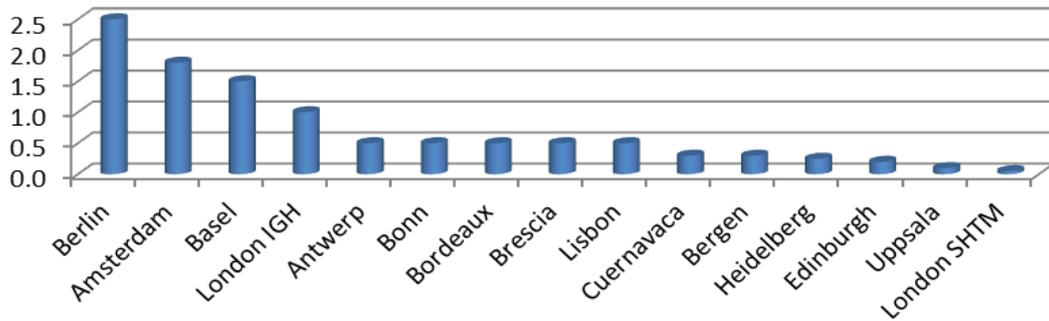
**Changes from Member institutions foreseen for the next year**

- Antwerp:** New NVAO-accreditation round in 2015 for ITM masters including the "new" (tropEd) MPH-IH
- Barcelona:** We plan to submit more advanced courses for tropEd accreditation
- Uppsala:** We will no longer give a core course within the network and thus, no longer be a home institution
- Bonn:** This year (2015) there will be a change concerning the tropEd representative: The new representative from GIZ will be Ms Ruth Schumacher, GIZ Bonn. Beginning in February
- Berlin:** The institute will move in February 2015 to one of Charité's main campuses, the Campus Virchow Klinikum in Berlin-Wedding.
- Brisbane:** Broadening of SPH teaching staff involved in tropEd
- Edinburgh:** New director coming into IIHD - Alastair Ager (who was former director of IIHD).



Resource: Institutional annual report 2014

## Estimated costs for the coordinating tasks related to tropEd in FTE (full-time equivalent) human resources



Resource: institutional annual report 2014

Do you think the website now has a better look?

## Networking

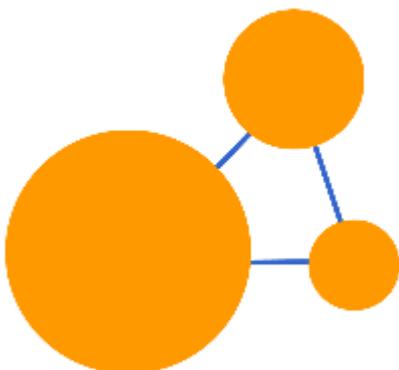
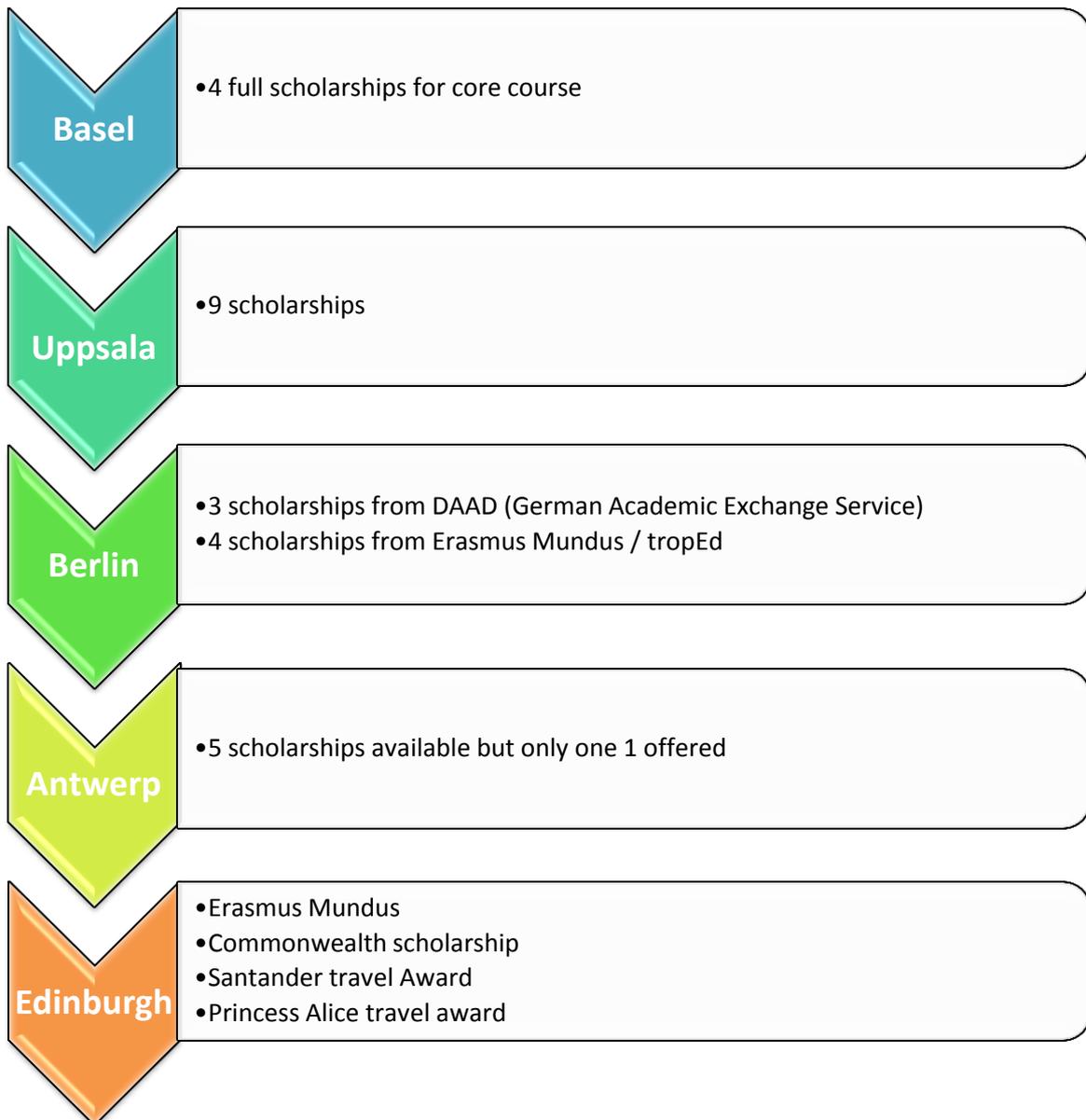
Internal Exchanges within the network: 48 % tropEd member institutions have internal exchanges activities with other members within the network.



### National accreditation of masters programme:

Seven home institutions have their masters programme accredited by the national accreditation agency or University and namely: University of Basel, NVAO (Netherlands Flemish Accreditation Organ, University of Barcelona, Swedish Higher Education Authority, Die Zentrale Evaluations- und Akkreditierungsagentur Hannover (ZEvA), AQUIN.

## Scholarship offered in 2014

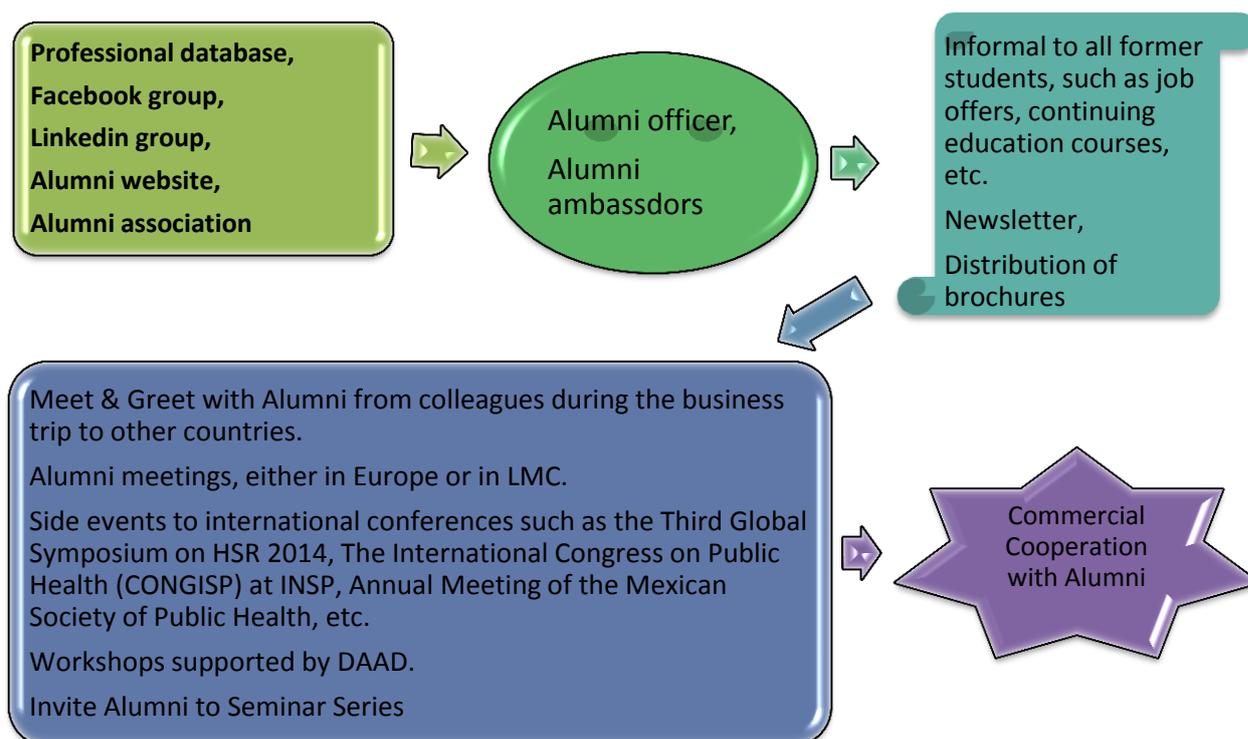


Global Health Next Generation Network was presented in the General Assembly in Bergen. tropEd would like to work closely with this network in the future especially on the alumni related issues.

<http://www.globalhealthngn.org/>

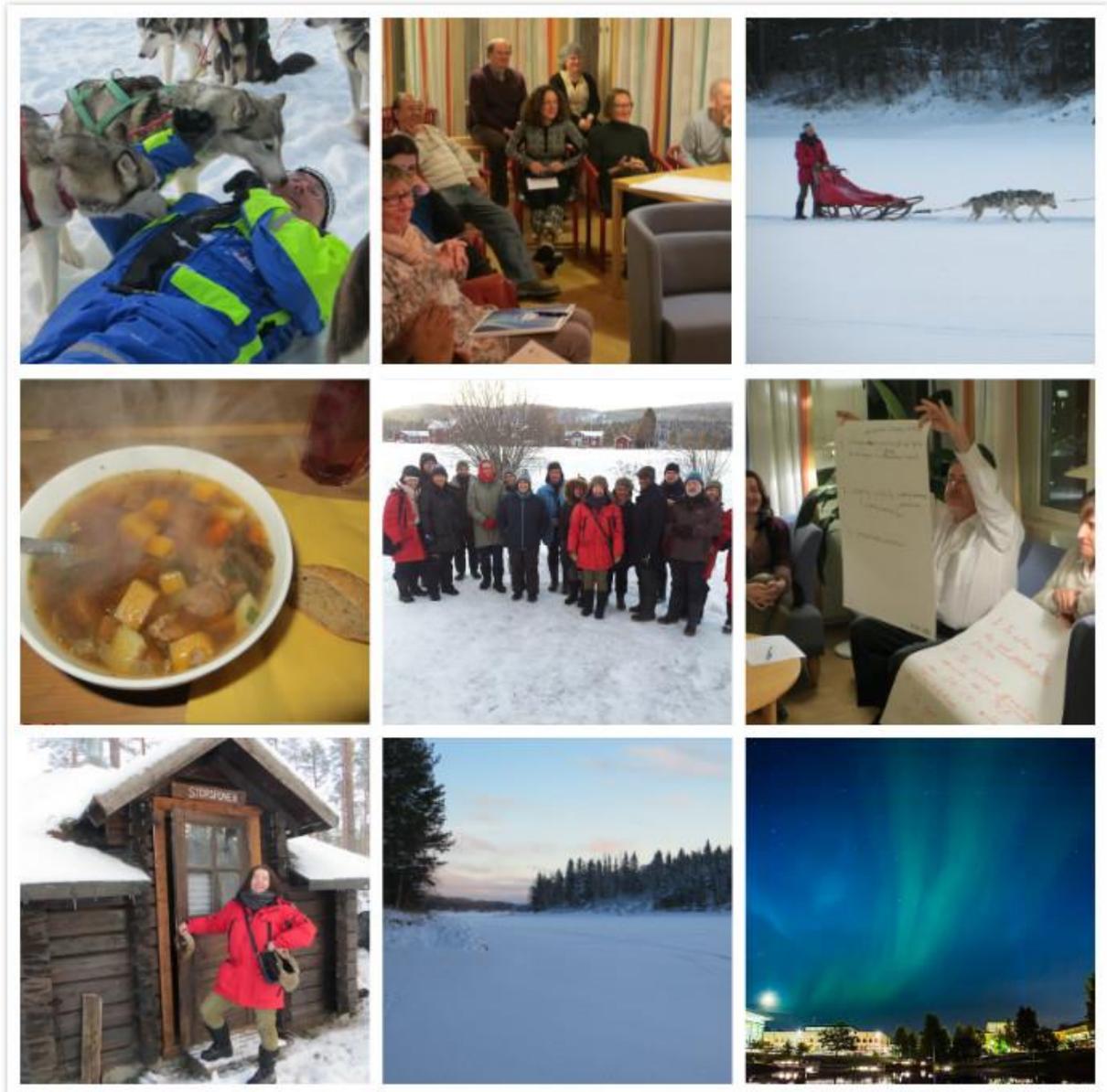
## Alumni Activities

Most of institutions are working hard on the alumni issues. In February 2015 there will be a session in the General Assembly meeting in London. At that time all members can exchange their experiences and problems regarding alumni. tropEd hope to be able to organize some alumni activities at the network level in the near future. The following picture shows you what was going on related to alumni in different institutions:



## Financial report 2014

	Current acc.	Total
<b>Balance end of 2013:</b>	<b>14333.72</b>	
<b>Income:</b>		
Membership fee	22493.50	
<b>Total Income:</b>		<b>36827.22</b>
<b>Expenditure:</b>		
Administrative costs	1675.96	
Travel costs	6287.45	
Bank charges	58.15	
<b>Total Expenditure:</b>	<b>8021.56</b>	<b>8021.56</b>
<b>Balance end of 2014:</b>		<b>28805.66</b>



## Save the dates!

- **General Assembly meeting in 2015**
  - **25-27 Feb. 2015**                      **London**
  - **03-06 Sep. 2015**                      **Basel**
- **20 years anniversary**              **04-05 Sep. 2015**    **Basel**
- **9th ECTMIH**                              **06-10 Sep. 2015**    **Basel**