

THIS YEAR'S SPEAKERS

BUILDING BRIDGES IN GLOBAL HEALTH



Prof. Benedetto Saraceno

is the Secretary General of the Lisbon Institute for Global Mental Health and Gulbenkian Professor of Global Health at the University Nova of Lisbon. He heads the Steering Committee of the Gulbenkian Foundation Global Mental Health Platform and is the co-director of the International Master in Mental health Policy and Services of the University Nova of Lisbon.

From 1999 to 2010 Professor Saraceno has been the Director of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse at the World Health Organization, Geneva and from 2007 to 2008 he was also Director of the WHO Department of Non-Communicable Diseases.



Anna Bardolet Dilmé

graduated in International Affairs in Vesalius College Brussels, after which she received a Master of Science degree on Violence, Conflict and Development in the School of Oriental and African Studies in the University of London and a Master on Citizenship and Human Rights in the University of Barcelona. She is a researcher in the area of migrations at CIDOB where she has collaborated on various research projects including topics such as immigration in Catalonia, Spanish emigration, intra-EU mobility, and the naturalization process in Spain. Currently she is the country coordinator for Spain of the European Web Site on Integration (EWSI) and the Project Manager of the MENARA Project at CIDOB.



Carme Baraldes

With more than 10 years of experience in senior positions, since 2012 she is focused on Research & Development for the application of eHealth technologies to meet the needs in the humanitarian field projects in MSF. Fully committed with constant improvement, she promotes innovation, leadership and change management as key elements to progress.



Eckhart Woertz

is senior research fellow at CIDOB, the Barcelona Centre for International Affairs and scientific advisor to the Kuwait Chair at Sciences Po in Paris. Formerly he was a visiting fellow at Princeton University, director of economic studies at the Gulf Research Center in Dubai and worked for banks in Germany and the United Arab Emirates. He teaches at the Barcelona Institute of International Studies (IBEI) and was KSP visiting professor at the Paris School of International Affairs (PSIA) at SciencesPo. He is author of Oil for Food (Oxford University Press 2013), editor of GCC Financial Markets (Gerlach Press 2012) and has published numerous journal articles on development issues in the Middle East. He is on the editorial boards of Food Security and the Journal of Arabian Studies and holds a PhD in economics from Friedrich-Alexander University, Erlangen-Nuremberg.



Ibukun Adepoju

is a young professional in global health and an Erasmus Mundus PhD fellow in Trans-disciplinary Global Health Solutions at the Vrije University, Amsterdam. Her domains of interest include maternal and reproductive health, health systems research, global health governance and health policy. Her passion for improving health systems in the developing world has been facilitated by the opportunity to study, work with and interact with people from different cultural backgrounds and disciplines- experiences that have enriched and shaped her vision for a better world. She believes that to build bridges, the next generation of young professionals have to collaborate in new and creative ways, and challenge the status quo by asking hard questions of others and of themselves. Ibukun has been a speaker, panellist or workshop leader at a number of conferences and symposiums. She completed her medical degree (MD) in Ukraine alongside a BA in Health Sciences & Social Services from the University of South Africa before an adventurous year at Maastricht University where she earned her MSc in Global Health. Between 2013 and 2015, she served as the Vice President External Affairs for the European Medical Students' Association (EMSA) and has recently completed her 2-year term on the Monitoring Committee of the Alcohol Policy Youth Network (APYN). She also enjoys being a career coach, serving as a soft-skills trainer and playing PacMan.



Gabriel Antoja

Mr. Antoja has 15 years of experience in the healthcare industry in health information technology projects including working for global consulting companies such as IBM and Accenture in large EHR implementations, telemedicine European projects and disease management programs. As Project Manager of the Center for Research in Healthcare Innovation Management (CRHIM) of the IESE Business School, Mr. Antoja has been working in the research in hospital organizational design and process innovation, and promotes the application of human centered services design methodologies in healthcare. Mr. Antoja has been also in eHealth consulting projects such as formulating the eHealth strategy for a regional public health system and definition of a competence model for eHealth professionals.

Mr. Antoja graduated in industrial engineer in operations management at UPC in Barcelona.



Ignasi de Juan

is a physician, a specialist in health, education and social areas. He is de Ceo of the Transpienaica Social Solidaria and he is working in the area of external affairs at the Fundació Formació i Treball. He is the European Coordinator of CEAAL (Council Adult Education Latin America) and European Ambassador RELATS (Latin American Network of Art and Social Transformation). He has worked as international consultant for the UN in the UNFPA and PAHO-WHO, the Inter American Development Bank, the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, and the European Union (ECCHO). He has been collaborating as general coordinator of Doctors Without Borders (Georgia, Guatemala, Colombia, Nicaragua, Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan) and coordinator of health promotion programs in the Department for Health Generalitat de Catalunya. He has formation in international public policies at UAB, URLL-Esade, Universita di Perugia (in the CSES), The Johns Hopkins (in SAIS), Harvard Universtiy (at the KSG) and Oxford University. Works and has worked with various international NGOs and social entrepreneurship in social issues, education, business and society



Jack Fisher

is NCDFREE's Global Coordinator for Europe and Africa. He has a MSc in Global Health from the Copenhagen School of Global Health and research experiences in the linkages between air pollutions and NCDs. He is now based in London, England where he is the Communications Officer for The Lancet Countdown to 2030.



João Curado

PhD, is a computational biologist by training with a strong background in genomics and transcriptomics. He's also a passionate entrepreneur and a familiar face in Barcelona entrepreneurial ecosystem where he started the local Innovation Forum branch. He's also the co-founder of Flomics, a company that studies the transcriptomic signals in human fluids to diagnose prevalent and complex diseases such as coronary artery disease and cancer. His motivation is to continuously learn more about entrepreneurship and to use it to create an impact in the world. At the same time he wants to bring other entrepreneurs along and that's why he decided to found the Innovation Forum Barcelona.



Nadine Blankvoort

Nadine Blankvoort, originating from Canada, currently living in the Netherlands, is a registered Occupational Therapist working in research and higher education. Following the completion of a Masters in Medical Rehabilitation in Occupational Therapy in Manitoba, Canada, Nadine worked in the areas of clinical rehabilitation, as well as community development. In 2012, Nadine completed the Global Health Masters program at Maastricht University, with research conducted into the embodied experiences of stroke survivors in Surabaya, Indonesia. Nadine has since been involved in projects based in Bangalore, India around the improvement of health circumstances for individuals living in urban slums. Nadine is currently employed as an instructor and researcher at Maastricht University master program in Global Health and the Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences, where she works as an instructor in the Occupational Therapy School and the minor Global Health, as well as works in coordination of internationalization. Her current professional focus is the development of international and diversity learning experiences for students in higher education, as well as conducting qualitative research within the refugee and asylum seeker population residing in Amsterdam.



Quique Bassat

As a pediatrician, with special interest in infectious disease epidemiology and public health, Dr. Bassat has attempted to combine his clinical work with biomedical research in those diseases that most affect the poor and vulnerable. Originally based in Manhica, Mozambique, he worked there as a pediatrician and a clinical researcher, participating in different clinical trials related to malaria prevention and treatment, such as the different RTS,S malaria candidate vaccine clinical trials (infant and older children studies). He also led the Manhica part of different phase III multicentre antimalarial drug studies that were decisive for the clinical development of new antimalarial drugs (dihydroartemisinin-piperaquine; dispersable artemether-lumefantrine). He was also particularly interested in the study of the burden, trends and characterization of malaria in children admitted to hospital, and the overlapping symptomatology between malaria and other common infectious diseases. While his work was initially focused in P. falciparum malaria and children, he has widened his scope of interest to the study of Plasmodium vivax. In recent years, in addition to the ongoing work in Mozambique, he has coordinated the implementation of various P. vivax related studies in countries such as Brazil, India or Papua New Guinea, aiming to describe in greater depth the epidemiology and clinical manifestations related to this species. Such work has included the first fully-characterized large series of P. vivax severe cases collected from two very distinct countries (Brazilian Amazon and India's Rajasthan) following an identical protocol, and the first series of P. vivax associated deaths fully studied through complete autopsy. In recent years, he has also spent important efforts describing the epidemiology and control of Yaws in Papua New Guinea. He has also conducted work on the description of the epidemiology and etiology of respiratory infections (viral and bacterial) both in Mozambique and in Morocco. Currently, his main project is related to the validation and implementation of Minimally Invasive Autopsy (MIA) tools for the post-mortem investigation of Causes of death in the developing world.

