

The symposium and lustrum committee proudly presents:

The 7th Lustrum of the Working Party ISM&RH

International Safe
Motherhood
& Reproductive
Health **ISM&RH**



Health advocacy: who dares?

SYMPOSIUM, DINNER AND DANCE
Including inspiring speakers &
workshops

Friday, September 16th 2022

Boerderij Mereveld

Mereveldseweg 9, Utrecht

Program Lustrum Symposium

08:30	Arrivals and registration
09:15	Opening symposium
09:15	Lindy van Vliet – ‘What, Why and How of Health Advocacy’
10:15	Efraim Hart – ‘Health advocacy, our responsibility as physicians’
10:45	Coffee & Tea break
11:00	Rebecca Gomperts – Abortion rights activist and founder of ‘Women on Waves’ and ‘Women on Web’
11:45	Wanda de Kanter – ‘If you’re eager to have a baby, stop smoking first and then stop your contraceptives’
12:30	Lunch
13:30	PhD pitches
14:30	Workshops: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Sanne van der Kooij – ‘Setting up a campaign, SOS Moria’2. Joline Roze – ‘Doctors in Debate’3. Jamilah Sherally – ‘Fighting for social justice with the pen’4. Will be announced
16:00	Coffee & Tea break
16:30	Tarek Meguid – ‘No dare without care’
17:15	Closing ceremony & Takeover of the presidency
18:00	Walking dinner
19:00	Party with African dance
23:00	End



Welcome

Dear Guests,

I warmly welcome you to the symposium and party to celebrate the 35th anniversary of the Working Party on International Safe Motherhood and Reproductive Health.

In 1987 the Dutch Consultancy for Maternal and Child Health, including Family Planning, was founded. The absolute number of maternal deaths was still above 500,000; more than 90% in LMICs. We did not yet know about the Millennium Project, let alone the Sustainable Development Goals.

The former Consultancy is now called the Working Party on International Safe Motherhood and Reproductive Health and is a committee under the board of both the Netherlands Society for Tropical Medicine and International Health (NVTG), and the Dutch Society for Obstetrics and Gynaecology (NVOG). The activities which are undertaken under the umbrella of the Working Party can be grouped into four pillars: education, patient care, research and advocacy.

Although significant reductions in maternal and neonatal morbidity and mortality were measured during the past decades, large disparities still exist between and within countries. To further improve maternal and neonatal health, timely access to quality (maternal and neonatal) health care, including family planning services, are needed. Members of the Working Party have been and are still active in many different ways to contribute to reaching better health for more mothers and babies.

The theme of the symposium to celebrate our 35th birthday is “Health advocacy”. Are we to be advocates for the women whose reproductive rights are violated? And how do we do that? Or how could we do that? During the morning session recognized health advocates will speak out about their activities and inspire the audience! In the afternoon, in small groups, we will further discuss and make more specific what kind of health advocates we can and want to be!

Directly after lunch several PhD candidates will pitch how advocacy plays a role in their maternal health research projects.

Those who attended our 30th birthday party know what will happen then! Drinks, diner, music, dance and more surprises. You don't want to miss that!

Jelle Stekelenburg, Chair of the Working Party ISM&RH

Information

DATE

Friday, September 16th 2022

LOCATION

Boerderij Mereveld Mereveldseweg 9, Utrecht

COSTS

Entrance fee: €150

Resident/students €100

Prices are including day program, evening program, lunch, dinner & drinks

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT

<https://safemotherhood.nl/symposium-2022/> with name + function + workshop preference

MORE INFORMATION

<https://safemotherhood.nl/symposium-2022/>

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ACCREDITATION REQUESTED:

NVOG, NVTG and KNOV

We hope to see you the 16th of September!

