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Beatrice Ambauen-Berger trained mostly in Lucerne and has been a specialist for Gynaecology and Obstetrics FMH since 2006. She has been a consultant on Obstetrics and Gynaecology at LAMB hospital in Bangladesh since 2010 and took on the position of Head of Department in 2013. Her passion is training national gynaecologists and midwives. Bea Ambauen-Berger is married and has a seven year old daughter, Janine.

Susanne Amsler with background in social sciences and public health, works as health advisor at the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) in the area of sexual and reproductive health. Prior she worked with the UN (UNFPA, Tanzania), Swiss NGOs (SolidarMed, Sexual Health Switzerland) and local NGOs abroad (Mali, Tanzania).

Andrea Atzori from Italy is an experienced and motivated professional in the area of PR, lobby, advocacy and fundraising, with experience in working with the UN system, European Union, the Corporate sector, Private foundations, multilateral and bilateral cooperation and individuals. Having received his Bachelor of Science in Public Health from the Manchester Metropolitan University, he has experience in working in Africa. He is a delegate for international relations of doctors with Africa CUAMM where he is in charge of management and development of the international network of contacts. In 2009 the President of the Italian Republic presented him with the Order of the Star of Italian Solidarity (known as The Order of the Star of Italy since 2011).

Viorel Babii has a degree in Social Work, Studies of Childhood and Children's Rights. He has benefited from several training courses at the European Youth Centres. Currently he is the manager of the Healthy Generation Project of the Health for Youth Association in Chisinau, Moldova. He has 10 years' worth of experience in developing and supporting youth participation networks: Regional and Local Youth Resource Centres, Local Youth Councils and peer educators on HIV prevention.

Dr Venkatraman Chandra-Mouli holds a MBBS and an MSc and works on Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health in the World Health Organization's Department of Reproductive Health and Research. His work includes building the epidemiologic and evidence base, and supporting countries to translate this evidence into action through well-conceived and well-managed policies and programmes. He joined WHO's Global Programme on AIDS in 1993. Since mid-1996, he has worked on adolescent health in different departmental configurations. Before joining WHO, he worked in Zambia, India and Zimbabwe. He has written and published over 40 articles, book chapters and books.

Victoria Ciubotaru is an obstetrician, gynaecologist, research-worker, head of the scientific laboratory of reproductive health and immuno-chemical investigations, Mother & Child Institute and has a degree in public health. She is a member of the team implementing Project “Healthy Generation – Scaling up of Youth Friendly Health Services (YFHS) in the Republic of Moldova”. She has experience with developing legal framework and training programmes for specialists of family planning and those that provide youth friendly health services, especially in sexual-reproductive health care.

Sandra Dominguez O'Hara ist ausgebildete Primarlehrerin und diplomierte Sozialarbeiterin. Über ihre Tätigkeit im Bereich Gesundheitserziehung und Gesundheitsförderung ist sie in die Rotkreuz-Programme im Süden von Honduras eingestiegen. Seit 4 Jahren leitet sie den Gesundheitsbereich mit den

Schwerpunkten Basisgesundheitsversorgung, Prävention von Infektionskrankheiten und sexuelle und reproduktive Gesundheit.

Judith Eisenring ist Co-Präsidentin der medizinischen Hilfsorganisation medico international Schweiz (ehemals CSS, ZH) und Projektverantwortliche für Cuba. Sie ist ausgebildete Hebamme, Krankenschwester, Sexualpädagogin, Sexualberaterin und Berufsbildnerin für Gesundheitsberufe. Erfahrung im Ausland hat sie unter anderem als Krankenschwester in Nicaragua und El Salvador gemacht.

Virginie Emery has a background in International Relations and Development and has worked in managing programs in the fields of Education, Child Rights and Local Development, mainly in Bolivia. Now part of Right To Play's institutional partnerships' team, she is in charge of building and strengthening relationships with strategic public and private partners in Switzerland. In addition, she closely monitors our programs in selected countries.

Dr. Abdi Hersi is Somali British Medical Doctor and the Regional Director of Swisso Kalmo. He was born in Somalia and immigrated to the UK in 1991. He has worked as a physician, humanitarian advisor and public health expert amongst other things. During his extensive job experience he managed hospitals, Primary Healthcare Activities, TB, Leprosy, HIV/AIDS, Reproductive Health, and capacity building of health professionals on various topics. Due to his efforts, Swisso Kalmo is now a trusted and prominent partner with the UN System and International NGOs.

Adriane Martin Hilber works for the Swiss TPH and has a Masters in Public Health, a PhD in Medical Social Science and has worked for over 20 years in the field of sexual and reproductive health and rights as an activist, programme manager and researcher. She has extensive experience in project implementation, health promotion, evaluation, health policy and planning, and research. She has worked with a variety of organisations including International Planned Parenthood and the WHO. Her work has been focused on health policy and human rights as a vehicle for increasing access and reducing barriers to sexual and reproductive health, especially for youth and marginalised or stigmatised populations. She has lived and worked in developing countries and is a Brazilian, American and Swiss citizen living in Bern, Switzerland.

Jacques Mader has several decades of multifaceted experience of the health sector in various positions and different countries. He has always been more of a practitioner than a theoretician, more of a (critical) user than a producer of research results. Over the years and thanks to his practice in a great variety of contexts he has become increasingly pragmatic. He strives to use his expertise to promote equity in the access to health resources as well as a broader approach on the determinants of health.

Nicole Moran With a background in health and public policy, Nicole Moran has broad experience in the management and coordination of humanitarian and development programs (e.g. Afghanistan, India and South Sudan). Since 2010, Nicole has been working as a Programme Director for Right To Play, a global organisation using play to educate and empower children and youth.

Mr. Swapan Pahan is the director for LAMB-Community Health and Development Programmes. He has a M.Sc, Diploma of Community Health from India and Diploma of Personnel Management, Dhaka. He has extensive experience in community health and development programmes, and has been responsible for the development and management of all programmes in the LAMB Community programme over the past 25 years. The programmes include partnerships with Plan International-Bangladesh, Tearfund-UK, DFID, and Global fund for TB, working with and within the GOB structure. All programmes are operating in northern Bangladesh, all focused on the poor, and all are health related.

Janet Perkins is a Programme Officer in the Health Department of Enfants du Monde, a nongovernmental organization based in Geneva, Switzerland, where she provides technical support to maternal and newborn health projects in Bangladesh, Burkina Faso and Haiti. She also works as a consultant to the World Health Organization. She obtained her MPH at the University of Texas Houston Health Science Center in 2008. She has previously worked with governmental and non-governmental organizations on health promotion in Houston, Texas, U.S.A.

Sahiba Srna was born in 1973, is married and mother of two children. She graduated in economics and specialised in marketing. Since 1996 she has been working for a Bosnian non-governmental organisation „ZEMLJA DJECE“ (Land of Children) in the position of Assistant and Deputy Manager. Engaged mainly in international fundraising and relations, organisational and program management, she is also involved in the advocacy efforts of the organisation. Through years of work in the organisation „Zemlja djece“ she has intensively trained in variety of fields related to NGO capacity building and program development.

Christina de Vries is a qualified MD with a diploma in Tropical Medicine (Amsterdam) and a Master in Community Health in Developing Countries (London). She has been working as a Senior Public Health advisor for 20 years and obtained wide experience in Africa, Asia and N.I.S. countries. In 2010 she joined Cordaid and she has been a member of Medicus Mundi International since 2011.

Illustrator/Illustratorin/Illustratrice



Anna Fritsche, 28, will capture the essence of this year's Medicus Mundi Symposium with live illustrations. She has worked in different fields, both academic and design-oriented. Her background includes a BA in Media Science, Sociology and Gender Studies as well as a strong interest in youth culture's iconic forms of expression. Since joining team I of a creative business school called KaosPilot, her focus lies in illustration-based group facilitation and creating graphic guidelines for participants of meetings, workshops and conferences.