

# Quarterly Bulletin from the Teaching and Learning TWG

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Greetings! We hope you have had a very good summer, and that this update finds you well. We would like to share information about a number of initiatives in progress. We also hope to have your views and input on a range of important and exciting ideas and activities that coming up soon.

## Recent activities:

- We have created a page for the group on the new Health Systems Global website - <http://www.healthsystemsglobal.org/twg-group/4/Teaching-and-Learning-Health-Policy-and-Systems-Research/>  
The HSG Secretariat are now exploring ideas on making these pages interactive and have all our discussions in one place, to replace the email list and LinkedIn place. We will keep you posted.
- Our database is being re-designed to fit the new website, or be linked to it. Thus it is currently unavailable but it will be re-launched shortly, and we will send you an updated link.
- A journal article based on our global mapping study conducted in 2014 to identify hotspots where capacity for teaching and learning HPSR (report available at: <http://healthsystemsglobal.org/twg-group/4/Teaching-and-Learning-Health-Policy-and-Systems-Research/>) has been submitted for publication)

We think this may help to flag this for the attention of international actors and help to attract funding and support.

- Meike Schleiff will prepare a policy brief based on the above global mapping study that will be shared soon with the group. You can download and share this with any other actors at national and international level to seek funds and include in applications. If you, for example, prepare a grant application, you can demonstrate the needs and enlist the support of this TWG as a channel for capacity building.
- We are currently working on a set of Powerpoint slides that provide an overview of the health policy and teaching globally, definitions, gaps, resources and the role of the TWG as a contact point. You can download and use this presentation and share information about the resource with colleagues. We will send it shortly and would welcome feedback on the usefulness and suggested revisions to the slides.

- A proposal for development of a joint teaching module between this TWG and the TWG on Health Systems in Fragile and Conflict Affected States (TWG---HSFCAS) was submitted to the TWG---HSFCAS leads in view of developing a funding application. If you are interested to contribute to this and be involved in proposal development, let us know.

### **What next?**

- The TWG is convening a strategy group to help guide the next phases of the TWG work. We are seeking geographical representation as well as enthusiasm and willingness to invest a bit of time. If you are interested, please contact the chairs (David, Dina or Maryam). The group will seek to:
  1. Identify several key areas for further development of the groups and propose these to our membership
  2. In relation to these areas, propose the development of a funding proposal for next phases of work
  3. Identify ways in which the TWG will be involved in the Fourth Global Symposium on Health Systems Research, Vancouver on 14-18 November 2016
  4. Consider possibilities for collaboration among other HSG thematic working groups and other partners
  5. Considering the possibility of convening a face-to-face event on teaching and learning HPSR
- One of our next steps will be to officially launch the database of global teaching and learning opportunities once it is well linked to the new TWG pages. We are still asking for your help in identify additional courses and centres of expertise we may be missing.

### **Ways you can get involved:**

1. Contact the co-chairs, if you are interested in participating in the strategy group; though we may not be able to include everyone who is interested, we definitely want to gauge interest in further involvement and will have additional opportunities for collaboration going forward
2. We are continually updating our repository; if you are aware of HPSR training opportunities and open access materials, particularly in Latin America, the Middle East and North Africa, Eastern Europe, and China if you are aware of new training programs, or of others that are not yet well-known and that we may not have captured, please send them to: [hpsrmapping@gmail.com](mailto:hpsrmapping@gmail.com).
3. Can you share information about relevant events, such as conferences and seminars related to training for HPSR, which we can include in the repository or on the homepage of the TWG?

4. Is there new information about short courses, online trainings, and other opportunities for innovation in HPSR training that we can help promote?

If you would like to get involved or have good ideas about how to take forward the work of the group, we would like to hear from you. Please do not hesitate to contact any of the group co-chairs (David, Dina or Maryam).

Dina, David, and Meike