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Early Child Development

Silent Emergency or Unique Opportunity?

Times	Sessions	Speakers	Chairs
in GMT 09:00 -	Walaama	Dr M Fernandes, Universities of	
09:05	Welcome The importance of early child development	Southampton & Oxford, UK Dr D Devakumar , Institute for Global Health, University College London, UK	-
09:05 – 09:35	Keynote Lecture 1 Early child development: Silent emergency or unique opportunity?	Dr Chemba Raghavan , Officer in charge, Early Child Development, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), New York, USA	Dr M Fernandes , Universities of Southampton & Oxford, UK
09:35 – 11:00	Plenary Session 1 Early Child Development through the Lifecourse: Lessons from International Birth Cohorts.		Dr H Brotherton, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, UK &
	Lecture 1: Experiences that shape our health: Findings from the FinnBrain Birth Cohort Study	Professor Linnea Karlsson, Centre for Population Health Research, University of Turku, Turku, Finland	Dr M Crespo-Llado, University of Liverpool, UK
	Lecture 2: Lifecourse predictors of cognitive function in childhood and adolescence: Findings from the Mysore Parthenon Birth Cohort Study	Dr Ghattu V Krishnaveni, Senior Scientist & DBT/Wellcome Trust India Alliance Senior Fellow, CSI Holdsworth Memorial Hospital, Mysore, India	
	Lecture 3: Early Child Development: Perspectives from birth cohorts in Brazil	Dr Alicia Matijasevich , Associate Professor, University of São Paulo, Brazil	
	Panel Discussion		
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee & comfort break		
11:30 – 12:00	Keynote Lecture 2 A Historical Perspective on Child Development: The Shadow of Race Science & Eugenics	Dr Angela Saini , Science journalist and author, UK	Dr D Devakumar Institute for Global Health, University College London, UK
12:00 – 12:30	Keynote Lecture 3 Early child growth and development: similarities across populations; differences across phenotypes and exposotypes	Professor Jose Villar, Professor of Perinatal Medicine & Co-director of the Oxford Maternal and Perinatal Health Institute, University of Oxford, UK	Dr S Bhopal, Newcastle University & LSHTM, UK
12:30 – 13:15	Lunch		
13:15 - 14:15	Group workshops Each attendee will be invited to select 2 sessions. Each workshop will run for 20 minutes with a 10 minute transition period between them.		Dr Maryke Nielsen, University of Liverpool, UK & Malawi Liverpool Wellcome Trust, Malawi
	Workshop 1: Leaving the Lab - Challenges and opportunities of implementing child developmental assessments in the field	Dr Randall Waechter , Associate Professor and Assistant Dean, St George's University and WINDREF, Grenada, West Indies	
	Workshop 2: Structured approach for neurodevelopment surveillance and early interventions in high risk neonates	Dr Neelam Gupta , Consultant Neonatologist, Guys and St. Thomas' Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, London, UK	





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in GMT 13:15 -	Group workshops (contd)		Dr Maryke Nielsen, University of Liverpool, UK & Malawi Liverpool Wellcome Trust, Malawi
14:15	Workshop 3: The journey of the preterm neonate with developmental delay - the Nigerian perspective	Dr Adejumoke Idowu Ayede, Consultant Neonatologist and Senior Lecturer, University of Ibadan and University College Hospital, Ibadan, Nigeria	
	Workshop 4: Early child disability - the voice of the carer Workshop 5: Child Soldiers - impacts on health and development	Ruth Nalugya, National Coordinator, Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association, Uganda & Dr Cally Tann, Associate Professor, Global Newborn Health & ECD, LSHTM, London, UK Dr Amy Stevens, Public Health Registrar, Yorkshire and Humber School of Public Health, UK	
	Workshop 6: Breaking the detection gap - the use of tablet-based tools to assess cognitive development of children in LMICs Workshop 7: Multi-disciplinary working in children with developmental disabilities in Jordan: A case from LMICs Workshop 8: Career workshop - Clinical academic careers in global child health	Dr Maria Crespo-Llado, Post-doctoral researcher, University of Liverpool, Liverpool, UK Professor Nihad Almasri, Professor of Paediatric Physiotherapy, University of Jordan, Jordan Dr Helen Brotherton, Consultant Paediatrician & Assistant Professor, LSHTM, London, UK	
	Workshop 9: Career workshop - the workings of ECD focussed NGOs Workshop 10: Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health Global Links Workshop 11: RCPCH International Child Health Advocacy Working Group	Pavel Hrica, Director and co-founder, Cesta Von, Slovakia Dr Seb Taylor and Dr Marcus Wootton, RCPCH Global Links, UK ICHG Advocacy Group, RCPCH International Child Health Group	
14:15 - 15:15	Plenary Session 2 Rescuing Child Development: From Science to Interventions		Dr M Fernandes, Universities of Southampton & Oxford, UK &
	Lecture 1: Neurobiology of parenting - from basic science to interventions	Dr Christine Parsons , Associate Professor, Aarhus University, Denmark	Dr Charlotte Lau, NHS Lothian Trust, UK
	Program illustration 1: The Omama Project: Supporting the early development of Roma children living in poverty	Dr Olga Shaw , Program Manager, CESTA VON, Slovakia	
	Program illustration 2: Relational early intervention - Saving Brains Grenada	Professor Barbara Landon, Co-PI, Savings Brain Director and Director, Psychological Services, Centre, WINDREF, Grenada, West Indies	
15:15 – 15:30	Coffee & comfort break		
15:30 — 16:00	Keynote Lecture 4 Children of the Pandemic: The Effects of COVID-19 on Family Life, Caregiving and Child Development	Dr Tarun Dua , Unit Head, Brain Health, World Health Organisation, Geneva, Switzerland.	Dr M Fernandes, Universities of Southampton & Oxford, UK
16:00 - 16:15	Invited lecture: 2020 ICHG Advocacy Award Winner Promoting healthy complementary feeding in the Western Brazilian Amazon	Dr Priscilla de Morias Sato, Post doctoral fellow, School of Public Health, University of Sao Paulo, Sao Paulo, Brazil	Dr Maryke Nielsen, University of Liverpool, & Malawi Liverpool Wellcome Trust,
16:15 - 16:30	Close ICHG Working Group Update Prizes & final comments	Dr Maryke Nielsen, Dr Michelle Fernandes, Dr Delan Devakumar, RCPCH International Child Health Group, UK	-
16:30	END		