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Spotlight on the Network

In this Newsflash, we would like you to meet some of our newest "external" members. Welcome!

Introducing Maarten de Jong



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I am Maarten de Jong, a health scientist specialized in infectious diseases, public health

and epidemiology. Since 2016, I have worked as a field epidemiologist in disaster and conflict zones, focusing on outbreak response and operational research. With Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), I've worked in Ghana, Burkina Faso, Haiti, South Sudan, and Iraq.

Currently, I serve on the MSF board and work as an epidemiologist at the Public Health Service of Amsterdam (GGD), involved in outbreak control and PhD research. My project explores the use of wastewater surveillance to detect and control infectious disease outbreaks in both high-resource settings (Amsterdam) and low-resource settings (e.g., refugee camps), bridging the work of GGD Amsterdam and MSF.

Joining EAN offers a valuable opportunity to contribute to a dynamic network of professionals committed to evidence-based interventions and international collaboration in public health. I look forward to contributing to the EAN community in the years ahead!

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Introducing Celeste Marsh



Celeste Marsh, Australian Field Epidemiology Training Program (FETP) graduate currently based in Paris.

Hi all, I'm Celeste Marsh - an Australian Field Epidemiology Training Program (FETP) graduate - currently based in Paris. I have a background in international health research and programming, and long ago, physiotherapy. Work in the past five years has centred on emergency preparedness and response and included supporting national COVID-19 efforts in Australia and in Papua New Guinea (PNG), the latter through WHO GOARN deployment.

Most recently, I worked with Field Epidemiology in Action, a small but far-reaching outfit within the University of Newcastle, Australia, supporting PNG's FETP and associated programs. Building capacity and capability in the form of public health RRTs has been my focus for the last few years, but I also have interest in vaccination programming and surveillance, nutrition surveillance, food and nutrition security and broadly planetary health.

I first encountered EAN through attending ESCAIDE in 2019. Now living in Europe, I'm excited to have properly joined the EAN community and look forward to meeting more of you at ESCAIDE this November.

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Introducing Javier del Aguila



Javier Del Águila, EPIET Scientific Coordinator based in Madrid.

Hello there! My name is Javier Del Águila, and I recently joined the ECDC EPIET Programme as an external Scientific Coordinator. I am based in Madrid, at the National Centre for Epidemiology within the Carlos III Health Institute. I am a public health specialist doctor, and before becoming SC, I was conducting research on emerging infectious diseases from a complex systems perspective. I have worked with vector-borne

diseases, COVID-19, and vaccine-preventable diseases, primarily through system dynamics and spatiotemporal epidemiology, while also supporting surveillance activities.

Now that I have grasped the extent of the fellowship network, I look forward to expanding it thanks to EAN. Don't hesitate to reach out at any time, I'm always keen to connect and collaborate with everyone, especially when it comes to R training (which I love).

I hope we will have the chance to meet in person this year in ESCAIDE!

2025 World Rabies Day

World Rabies Day takes place each year on **28 September (tomorrow!)** to raise awareness of rabies and promote its prevention.

Rabies is a preventable viral disease, yet it still causes thousands of deaths annually, mainly in Asia and Africa, and affects vulnerable populations the most.

This year's theme, "All for 1, One Health for all", underlines the need for collaboration between human, animal and environmental health sectors to achieve the global target of zero human deaths from dog-mediated rabies by 2030.

More information on:

<https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/rabies>

<https://rabiesalliance.org/world-rabies-day>

Be part of the community : ways to stay involved and connected!

Do what you love to do!

You'd like to get active on a project for our community? An experience you'd like to share or a topic you'd like to educate on? Please reach out to us at eanboard@gmail.com if you'd like to discuss your idea and want our support. We are available to help you bringing your ideas come to life.

Support us with mini-assignments

Our community lives from all of us and the capacities of the board alone are limited. Every now and then, we may reach out to ask for your help on specific tasks or activities to get the best out of it for all of us.

Activate your membership

Many benefits are lined up for active members of the network (GOARN requests of assistance, bulletins, discounts on mini-modules, access to specific resources on our website...).

Membership runs from Nov. 1 until Oct 31 of the following year - but you can activate your membership at anytime! **The annual membership fee is now €30 / £28. There is a 10-year membership available at €250 / £230.**

Fellows in their first and second year of training are exempt from paying membership fees. We have added a new payment option for credit cards to make membership renewal a bit easier. To use this option, please go to our website and follow the instructions there.

The details for how to transfer fees by online banking are also on the [EAN webpage](#); if you require any further information on membership payment, we kindly ask you to contact the EAN board (eanboard@gmail.com), putting “membership payment” in the subject line. Please indicate your name and membership year as reference in the bank transfer and also send an email to eanboard@gmail.com with a copy of the receipt/invoice to inform us about your payment (sometimes names are not correctly transmitted with the transfer). Thank you for your support!

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