

Newsletter #1



One year of eWHORM

Welcome to the **first issue** of our newsletter! As we mark the first year of activities, we take pride in looking back at months filled with excitement, commitment, and initial achievements. Just to name a few milestones, we have:

- Launched our project website;
- Accompanied eWHORM's coordinator, UKB, on the <u>first visit to</u> <u>the clinical trials site in Cameroon</u> to prepare the clinical trials conduct;
- Prepared the shared database and master protocol;
- Developed the virtual training assessment tool;
- **Designed** the mentorship programm for students;
- And so much more!



Find out more about our first-year activities by diving into a <u>recent</u> <u>interview</u> with eWHORM's coordinator, Prof. **Marc Hübner**

Our coordinating institution: University Hospital Bonn (UKB)

Our coordinator, the **University Hospital Bonn** in Germany, has decades of experience with clinical research on filariasis. UKB has a long-term collaboration with the **University of Buea** in Cameroon, and they work in tandem for the project, especially with regard to the implementation of highly sensitive diagnostic assays for *onchocerciasis*, *loiasis*, *mansonellosis* and soil-transmitted helminthiases (STH). This participation is substantially contributing to **international cooperation** in terms of R&D focused on Sub-Saharan Africa. Discover all our partners here: <u>https://ewhorm.org/who-we-</u> <u>are/partners</u>





April 2024 not only marked the first anniversary of eWHORM, but also set a major milestone of the project with the **first LAMP Assay Workshop** conducted in Cameroon. This first workshop aimed at training the participants to understand how the LAMP assays contribute to the project's success, as they will later be transferred to the other clinical trials sites of the project.

Learn more about this workshop here:

https://ewhorm.org/news/ewhorms-first-lamp-assay-workshop-at-theuniversity-of-buea-cameroon

Gender Equality in eWHORM



Gender equality plays a tremendous role in the success of eWHORM. Our partner **Bernhard-Nocht-Institut für Tropenmedizin** from Hamburg, Germany has therefore initiated their work by aiming to raise awareness of gender equality and to improve career opportunities in science for women. This ongoing effort has helped and continues to alert all internal and external stakeholders of the project to tackle the challenges still remaining when addressing the question of women in science.

On the **International Day of Women and Girls in Science**, Lidwine Badjina, eWHORM's Deputy Work Package 6 Leader, wrote a compelling article shedding light on the two levels of gender inequality in tropical diseases. Read more here: <u>https://ewhorm.org/news/lack-of-clinical-</u> <u>data-and-academic-opportunities-the-two-fold-gender-inequality-of-</u> <u>tropical-diseases</u>

Meetings and Events

Throughout the year, the eWHORM partners have actively participated in disseminating the project's ideas, goals and objectives at different **scientific events, workshops and conferences**. For an overview of the events that we attend, visit <u>https://ewhorm.org/events.</u>

Stay updated and spread the word!

For daily updates, make sure to follow us on LinkedIn! <u>https://www.linkedin.com/showcase/ewhorm-project</u>

If you'd like to help us spread the word about eWHORM, you can share the **newsletter** with your network and invite them to **subscribe** so they don't miss any updates on the project!



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