There has been a lot going on over the last 6 months in the Section of Public Health and much to celebrate. Mark Strong, the Director for the Section of Public Health would like to extend his congratulations to all staff and students in Public Health on their achievements. Here are some highlights.

**Awards & Achievements**

- **Amal Alaswad** on passing her PhD viva subject to minor corrections.
- **Robert Akparibo and John Holmes** on being selected by Faculty of MDH to take part in University First Grant Winners Fellowship Scheme (one year training programme).
- **Julie Dickinson and Vanessa Halliday** on being awarded the Senior Fellowships of the Higher Education Authority (HEA).
- **Andrew Lee** on passing his MD viva subject to minor corrections.
- **Andrew Lee** on being awarded the ScHARR Teaching and Learning Excellence Award for 2014/15.
- **Jessica Li** on sharing best poster prize on the UK Centre for Tobacco and Alcohol Studies Early Career Researcher Conference at University of Bristol on 15 – 16 Sep.
- **Sajid Mahmood** on passing his PhD viva.
- **Rebecca Pradellas** on passing her PhD viva.
- **Henock Taddese** on passing his PhD viva with no corrections.

**Grants Won**

- **Julie Balen** on being awarded a small pot of SIID (Sheffield Institute for International Development) funds, around £8k, for a pilot study in Nepal to examine health system resilience following the major earthquake earlier this year. This is in collaboration with Simon Rushton from the Department of Politics and with Bhimsen Devkota who is an Honorary Research Fellow, also at Politics and Faculty member at Tribhuvam University, Kathmandu, Nepal.

- **Julie Balen** on being awarded around £40k of a much larger grant (worth around £1.6 million). It is a 40 month MRC, DfID, and Wellcome Trust Joint Global Health Trials funded study together with partners from ITM (Institute of Tropical Medicine, Antwerp, Belgium), LSHTM and MRC Gambia Unit and is an interdisciplinary cluster randomised trial of a novel malaria intervention strategy that involves community participation through reactive self-administered treatment against residual malaria transmission.

- **John Holmes** on being awarded a grant worth around £642,757 from the NIHR Public Health Research Programme. It is for 36 months, starting Nov 2015 and is to evaluate the UK lower risk drinking guidelines.

- **Petra Meier** on winning the Wellcome Trust bid to fund PhD Studentships (worth around £1.9 million from Wellcome Trust and £1.2 million matched funding from the University). There will be five students over three years, 15 in total.
Rebecca Pradeilles and Michelle Holdsworth on being awarded some funding, around £10,271, from SIID (The Sheffield Institute for International Development). This will allow them to do some secondary data analysis (from mid-December to mid-June) on socio-economic status, food insecurity and weight status in Malians and Moroccans living in different geographical environments.

Publications


Balen J. Case report from a collaboration on health research between The University of Sheffield, UK, and SolidarMed, Switzerland. *Medicus Mundi Bulletin Switzerland (In Press)*.


