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**To: Dutch Society of Parasitology**

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**Subject: Report on conference attended (International Conference on Plasmodium Vivax Research, Manaus, Brazil)**

It was a great opportunity for me to attend the ICPVR 2017 conference in Manaus Brazil which was held from June 11-14, 2017. The conference brought scientists working in the field from all corners of the globe to the same stage and it was a nice platform for me to meet and make network with fellow researchers.

I have attended two courses in the morning and afternoon of the first day on

1. CONDUCTING EPIDEMIOLOGICAL STUDIES. Instructors: Ivo Mueller (Walter & Eliza Hall Institute, Australia/Institut Pasteur, France), Ingrid Felger (Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute, Switzerland) and Wuelton Monteiro (FMT- HVD, Brazil)
2. PROGRAMMATIC CHALLENGES TO VIVAX MALARIA ELIMINATION. Instructors: Kevin Baird (Eijkman-Oxford Clinical Research Unit, Indonesia), Marcelo Ferreira (University of São Paulo, Brazil), Paola Marchesini (Brazilian Ministry of Health).

In the evening Kevin Baird (Indonesia) gave a motivating speech entitled “After seventy years of dormancy, *Plasmodium vivax r*esearch awakens”.

Then, on the 12th of June the conference continued on topics ranging from tackling the hypnozoite and relapse; achieving universal access to safe and effective radical cure; novel insights into parasite biology  and systems biology.

During lunch times posters were displayed. I have had both a poster and oral presentations. I gave a 10 minutes talk on “The contribution of symptomatic and asymptomatic infections to the infectious reservoir of *P. falciparum* and *P. vivax* in Ethiopia”. The title that I submitted was changed as we have had updated results from our recent lab work.

On 13th June topics ranging from epidemiology and surveillance (my talk was during this session); understanding, mapping and novel interventions in transmission; and immunity, pathogenesis, vaccine discovery and development were covered.

The last day of the meeting, 14th June, was about **current control strategies aimed at** *P*. vivax**working; towards elimination of**P. vivax**malaria; and is modelling accelerating elimination?**

**The conference was concluded by a great talk by** Nick White (UK/Thailand) on **Relapse.**

**In summary, my attendance helped me make network with people working in the same field and exchange idea for future efforts. Overall, it was inspirational!**

**Kind Regards,**

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