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Spring 2020 Newsletter



The 2020 award winners celebrate their award with the OWSD and Elsevier Foundation teams.

"The words of Dr. Susana Arrechea express the mission of the Elsevier Foundation better than anything, "Winning the OWSD-Elsevier Foundation Award means showing to my baby daughter and to other young Guatemalans that scientific research can be done and recognized worldwide regardless of gender, origin of birth, or where you grew up." Whether we are supporting awards for women scientists, a medical day for MSF/Epicentre, an African nursing app or health accelerator, our goal is inclusive research and health. Read more to find out about the amazing work our partners are doing. We are proud to support them."

Ylann Schemm, Elsevier Foundation Director

Elsevier Foundation-OWSD Awards for Women in Science in the Developing World



During a special ceremony at the [AAAS annual meeting](#) in Seattle, 5 early-career women researchers from Yemen, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Kenya and Guatemala and were recognized for their outstanding work in the fields of Engineering and Technology. Through the disciplines of environmental microbiology, computer science and engineering, these researchers have found ingenious ways to improve the lives and livelihoods of people in their communities and beyond. Discover their stories: [“Live from #AAASmtg in Seattle: follow our award-winning women in science”](#).

SDG Inspiration Day Amsterdam



Building on the success of [previous RELX events](#), in November we held our first Elsevier SDG Inspiration Day, in partnership with Elsevier and the [UN Global Compact Network Netherlands](#), at the [KIT SDG House](#) in Amsterdam. We discussed the power of data to advance the SDGs with a number of keynote speakers from different stakeholders, including government officials former Prime Minister J.P. Balkenende and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' SDG Coordinator Sandra Pellegrom, representatives for different NGOS ([Sense about Science](#), [Zero Hunger Lab](#), academics and corporate representatives from the [Global Compact Netherlands](#).

Read more on our website: [“SDG Inspiration Day Amsterdam”](#)

Epicentre Medical Day

In February, our team supported the [Epicentre Medical Day Conference](#) in Niamey, Niger. The event brought together experts and key stakeholders from the medical, humanitarian, and public health fields as to address key health challenges in the Niger and the Sahel: meningitis, malaria, and malnutrition. The sessions addressed contemporary public health policy issues and challenges while highlighting significant advances in medical



research and product development. The conference welcomed amongst its experts the editor-in-chief of *The Lancet Infectious Diseases*, John McConnell, who shared perspectives on the medical challenges in the region and presented the work of the [Lancet Commission on Malaria eradication](#).

Find out more in our interview with John McConnell and Prof. Yap Boum, Regional Representative for [Epicentre Africa](#): “[Inclusive research and multilingualism are crucial for tackling critical health challenges](#)”.

Launching the Jibu app



March featured the launch of an important mobile learning project that we have been supporting for the past four years: [the Jibu app](#). Developed by [Amref Health Africa](#) in collaboration with our Foundation and the Dioraphte Foundations, Jibu (Swahili for “answer”) allows for self-paced, self-administered learning and is aimed at improving the skills and knowledge of health workers in sub-Saharan Africa. Many developing countries suffer from acute shortages, skills-mix imbalances, retention, motivation and limited access to education and training.

Jibu provides an innovative approach to distance learning to allow for the upskilling of health workers across Sub-Saharan Africa through m-learning.

Read more from the AMREF Health Africa's newsroom: [“Amref Health Africa, Elsevier and Dioraphte Foundations Unveil m-learning App to Strengthen Health Workforce Training”](#)

Amref Health Africa's Innovate For Life

[Innovate for Life](#), a health tech accelerator, announced the finalists for their 2020 Cohort program. Run in partnership with The Elsevier Foundation, [Mettā Nairobi](#) and [Accenture Development Partnerships](#), Innovate for Life will be run both in Kenya and Ethiopia with a cohort of four entrepreneurs (two from each country) to bring to scale their unique healthcare solutions. The Program is centered on developing shared value partnerships between [Amref Health Africa](#) country offices and health innovators to support health innovations from across the region to address underlying health challenges.



Read more in the AMREF's newsroom: [“Innovate For Life announces finalists for 2020”](#)

New partnerships in Health & Innovation

In 2020, The Elsevier Foundation will support two new partnerships in health and innovation: the "Latino Diabetes Citizen Scientists" project of the [Sansum Diabetes Research Institute](#), and the “NLN/Elsevier HBCU Excellence in Technology Innovation program” from the [National League for Nursing](#) (NLN). These partnerships feature innovative technological solutions to health challenges, namely capacity building in the health sector and prevalence of diabetes within the Latino community in the U.S.



Read more about our partnerships in Health & Innovation on [our website](#).

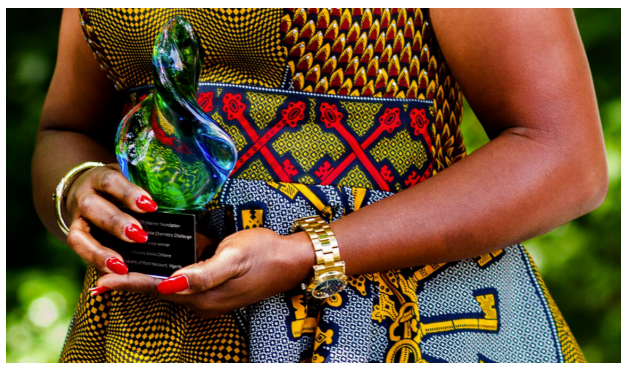
What's next?



2020 Elsevier Foundation Board Meeting

In April we'll hold our virtual 2020 [Board Meeting](#). The meeting is an important occasion to review our partnerships, further refine our strategy, assess our progress, hear from our partners and explore future program ideas. In the words of the Elsevier Foundation President, YS Chi, "working with our partners, we have re-engineered our programs to harness the power of technology for diverse research ecosystems and global health." Our annual Elsevier Foundation report will be available on [our website](#) at the end of April.

[Read our latest Annual Board Report >](#)



The Green & Sustainable Chemistry Challenge

We have announced the [top 5 finalists](#), from among 316 competitive proposals, of the Elsevier Foundation-ISC3 [Green & Sustainable Chemistry Challenge](#), which rewards innovative solutions tackling some of the developing world's greatest sustainability challenges. In November, the finalists will present their outstanding proposals during the [5th Green & Sustainable Chemistry Conference](#), where the two winners will be announced.

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