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Swiss TPH Spring Symposium 2017: closing words

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Evidence Meets Decisions Makers - Better Use of Evidence for Better Health

6 April 2017, Parterre Rialto, Basel, Switzerland

The Swiss TPH Spring Symposium 2017 invites public health policy makers, statisticians, global health specialists and students to review and discuss the current evidence on how the use of data and information by decision makers can be improved in the health sector. Topics will include:

- How decision makers make decisions
- What works in promoting the use of evidence
- Teaching and Training evidence
- Technology: from paper to electronics
- Methods: statistical modeling, systematic reviews and guidance development



Photo: PHISICC project

Programme

Registration and Welcome

08.30 Registration Opens

09.00 Setting the Stage, *Xavier Bosch Capblanch, Swiss TPH*

Session 1 – Policy Makers' Perspective

Moderator: *Angela Oyo-Ita, University of Calabar, Nigeria*

09:30 Who Is Really Shaping Health Policies? Stakeholders' Engagement in Côte d'Ivoire, *Mamadou Samba, Ministère de la Santé, Côte d'Ivoire*

10:00 Institutional Support to the Use of Evidence by Policy Makers: Focus on the Mozambique Immunization Programme, *Graça Matsinhe, Ministério da Saúde, Mozambique*

10:30 Does the Use of Data Depend on the Context? Lessons from LMIC and HIC, *Rodion Kraus, Health Partners International, UK*

11:00 Coffee Break

Session 2 – Producing Quality Evidence and Promoting its Effective Use

Moderator: *Adriane Martin Hilber, Swiss TPH*

11:30 Use of Computerised Health Services Monitoring Systems to Improve Policy Planning: Case Study from the Egyptian Health Care System, *Martin Raab, Swiss TPH*

12:00 The Truth, the Lie and the In-Between of Data: Focus on Vaccination Coverage, *Anthony Burton, former WHO – Immunization, Vaccination and Biologicals, Switzerland*

12:30 Should Policy Makers Participate in the Production of Evidence? How Then? *Abdullahi Garba, National Primary Healthcare Development Agency, Nigeria*

13:00 Lunch

Session 3 – Synthesis and Dissemination of Evidence

Moderator: *Axel Hoffmann, Swiss TPH*

14:15 Beyond Evidence Synthesis on the Effects of Interventions, *Meike Zuske, Swiss TPH, Switzerland*

14:45 Informing Policy When the Best Evidence is Inadequate: Focus on Vaccination Coverage, *Angela Oyo-Ita, University of Calabar, Nigeria*

15:15 How Environmental Synthesis Contributes to Regulatory Limits: Some Swiss TPH Examples, *Martin Rössli, Swiss TPH*

15:45 Coffee Break

Session 4 – Bringing Evidence to the Decision Makers' Table

Moderator: *Xavier Bosch Capblanch, Swiss TPH*

16:15 Round Table: *A. Oyo-Ita, M. Samba, G. Matsinhe, A. Garba, A. Burton, R. Kraus*

17:30 Closing Words, *Jürg Utzinger, Swiss TPH*

17.45 Close of Day

• Meta-data

- Setting the stage
- 3 classical sessions
 - Policy makers' perspectives
 - Producing quality evidence and promote its effective use
 - Synthesis and dissemination of evidence
- Round-table
 - Bringing evidence to the decision makers' table
- 10 speakers, 4 chairs
 - 4 Swiss TPH, 6 external speakers
 - 8 males, 4 females



Title of symposium

- “Evidence meets decision-makers: better use of evidence for better health”

**How can research
and policy improve
the lives of the most
vulnerable and
minorities?**

Evidence

- Google search: “Evidence” and “Wikipedia”



- Evidence (* 10 December 1976, Los Angeles; real name: Michael Perretta)
- US-American Rapper and Hip-Hop producer
- Member of Dilated Peoples

- **Evidence**, broadly construed, is anything presented in support of an **assertion**. This support may be strong or weak. The strongest type of evidence is that which provides **direct proof of the truth of an assertion**. At the other extreme is evidence that is merely consistent with an assertion but does not rule out other, **contradictory assertions, as in circumstantial evidence**.

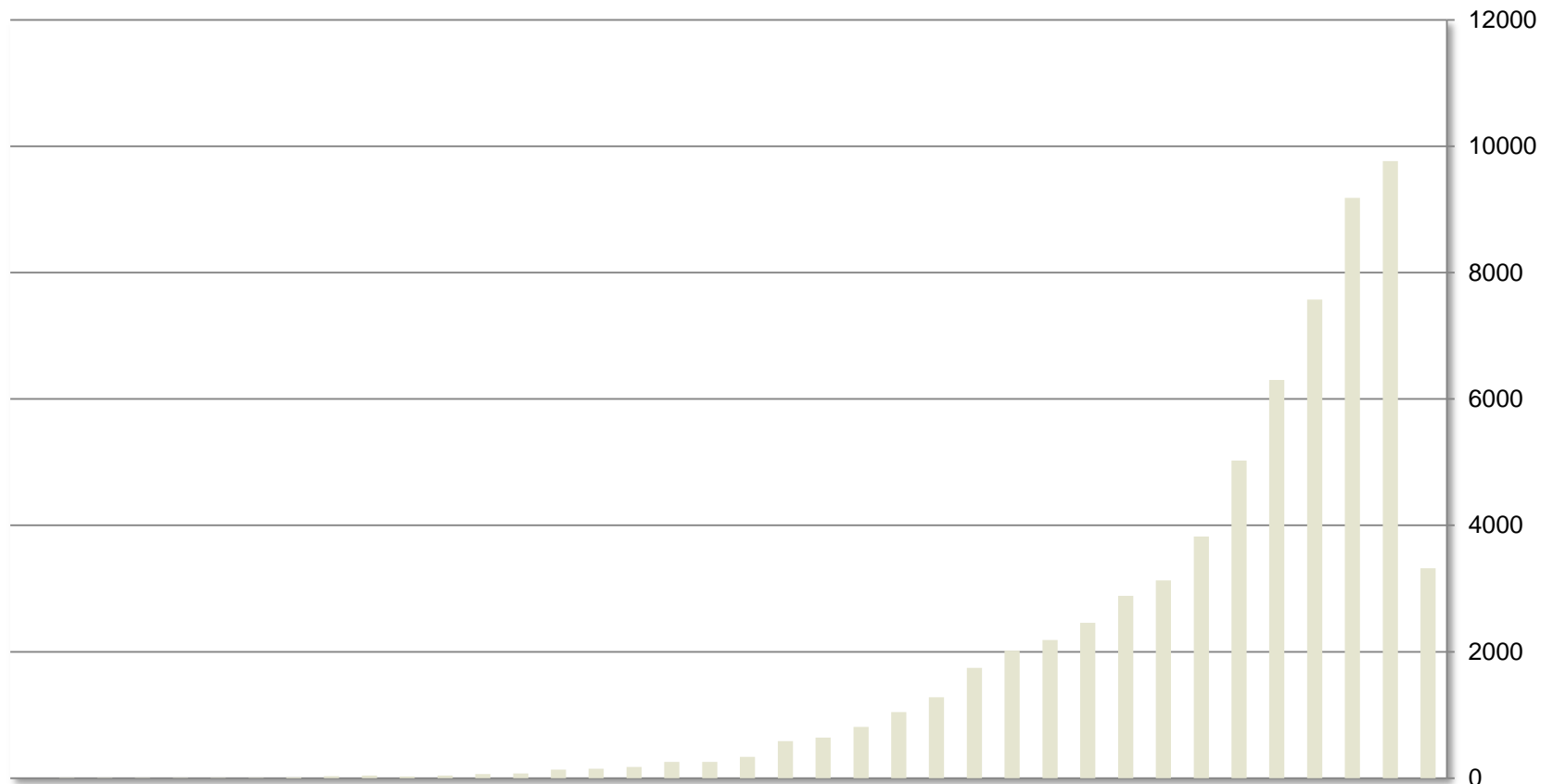


What did we learn?

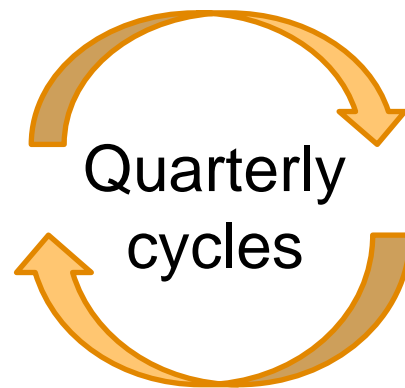
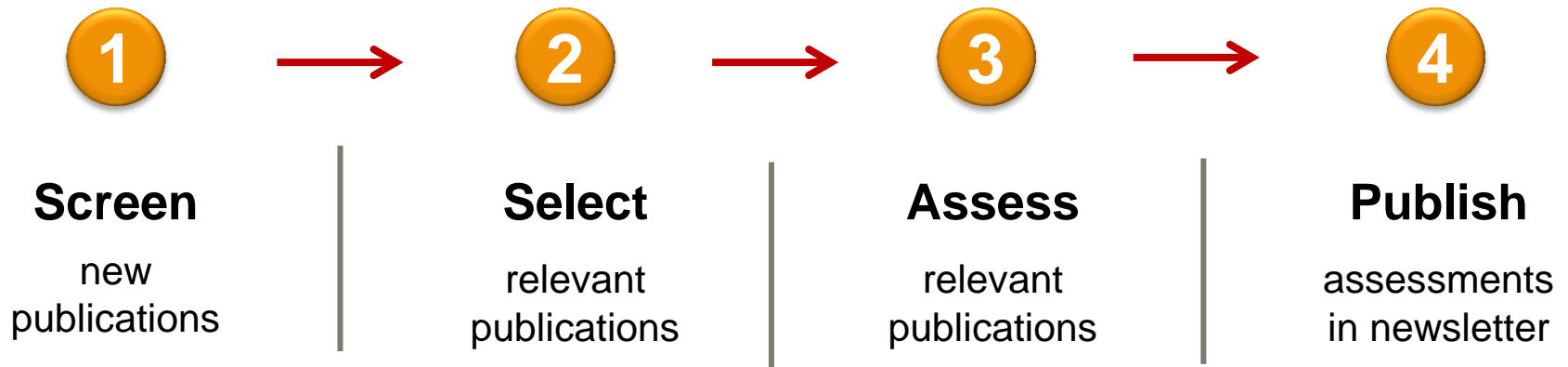
- Complex issue!
- Quality of evidence, timing of evidence, ownership of evidence
- Quantitative, qualitative evidence
- Data, data, data
 - 3 or 4 people from Geneva killed in an avalanche
 - Number of people in this room; range: 84-154, mean 110
- Community engagement
- Synthesizing evidence

Evidence

- Systematic reviews and meta-analysis



Course of action: BERENIS



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Outlook

- Swiss TPH Winter Symposium 2017
 - “Helminth infection: from transmission to control”
 - 7-8 December 2017
 - Parterre Rialto

