

Quality Improvement - Events 2020

The 4th International QI Forum will take place on the **11th and 12th of June in Heidelberg, Germany**. The focus of the Forum is on Digitalisation and Quality Improvement.

The Forum will serve as a pre-conference to the **37th ISQua International Conference in Florence, Italy** (30.08 - 02.09.20).

Key question: Do digital solutions and Artificial Intelligence (AI) improve quality of care and Patient Safety?

Aim of the Forum: better understanding of opportunities, limitations and risks of digitalisation for quality improvement in health care.

The QI Forum will be integral part of a five-day training course on **"Digital Transformation and Health"**, taking place at the Heidelberg Institute of Global Health - University Hospital Heidelberg from **08th to 12th June 2020**.

The course will be taught by Steven Wanyee, Co-Founder & Director of Digital Health Solutions, Research and Innovation (DHSRI), IntelliSOFT Consulting Limited and Steven Uggowitz, Senior Architect, Health Information Systems, ICT4D.



MORE INFO & REGISTRATION

Forum participants **RECEIVE A 15% DISCOUNT** for the ISQua Conference 2020 in Florence

Heidelberg University - Accredited Courses

Online Courses - Quality Improvement

- in collaboration with ISQua
- long 7,5 ECTS
- short 3 ECTS

Online Course QI in French - Amélioration de la Qualité

- en collaboration avec ISQua
- 3 ECTS

Online Course - Patient Safety

- in collaboration with GIZ
- 3 ECTS
- German Medical Association Accreditation

Social Protection Courses

- in cooperation with AOK Consult, Maastricht Graduate School of Governance/UNU-MERIT and National Economics University Hanoi, Vietnam
- **Online Courses:** 5 courses, each 2-4 ECTS
- **Face-to-Face Courses:** 5 courses, each 1,5 ECTS
- **Certificate in Social Protection:** mix of online and face-to-face courses, total 15 ECTS

Supporting Post-Ebola Liberia



In 2019, evaplan in consortium with Health Focus have been implementing a project on behalf of GIZ in the framework of its "Post Ebola Health System Strengthening Project" (PEGGS).

PEGGS aims at improving the resilience of the Liberian health system, including resilience to outbreaks of epidemic diseases. Our component of the project focuses on strengthening evidence-based health systems research in South-East Liberia, specifically at Tubman University in Harper, Liberia.

To this end, evaplan and Health Focus have established a research centre at the College of Health Sciences at Tubman University, implemented a series of public health training workshops at the university and sent academic staff to conferences and trainings abroad. Furthermore, the consortium assisted the university to develop a viable Research Strategy and to network with local government stakeholders as well as establish regional and international health systems research networks.

[Click here](#) to see pictures of the launch of the new research center.

"Digitizing in the Health Care System" - Training by AOK International Consulting and Nortal

The training will take place in Tallin, Estonia from the 4th to the 8th of May, 2020.

[More Info](#)

GAIN Quality established presence in Algeria

The public-private partnership project implemented by aQua and evaplan and co-financed by SEQUA has successfully carried out the project to improve the quality of health care services in selected Algerian hospitals.

Furthermore, aQua Institute and evaplan will be co-partnering with IMMAR Research and Consultancy Algeria: The foundation of a new company is imminent and will continue to offer their expertise in QI based on our systemic GAIN Quality approach, including certification of hospitals.

EU Project SCORCH

SCORCH (Supportive Risk Awareness and Communication to Reduce impact of Cross-Border Heatwaves) is an EU-funded project that aims to reduce the health impact of heat waves on vulnerable, urban populations through improved risk communication strategies in the EU neighbourhood countries (Georgia, Israel and Tunisia) and enhance cross-border collaboration between the EU and these countries. An international consortium consisting of evaplan at the University Hospital Heidelberg (Germany), Université catholique de Louvain (UCL, Belgium), International Network on Children's Health, Environment and Safety (INCHES, Netherlands), Tel Aviv University (TAU, Israel) and National Center For Disease Control And Public Health (NCDC, Georgia) implements the project. evaplan is coordinator of the project.

[More info on the project](#)

EAC Pandemic Preparedness

In consortium with EPOS, evaplan implemented a project on behalf of GIZ in the East African Community (EAC), where we assisted in developing a curriculum for "Pandemic Preparedness with a One Health approach course" for the region.

Under the guidance of a stakeholder group and an expert working group (EWG) from the EAC, we helped to identify several universities to participate in the process of developing the curriculum, we drafted the course structure and material in collaboration with those universities, and then assisted them to ensure that the syllabi were included in two participating universities course curricula. The project has contributed to the EAC becoming more prepared for the possibility of a pandemic in the future.

Conferences 2019

Prof Michael Marx presented as a key note speaker the topic "The Flaws of Quality Improvement & Patient Safety - the Human Factor" at the ISQua Regional Conference in Accra/Ghana and Lagos/Niger, as well as at the HASA (Hospital Association of South Africa) Conference in Cape Town - SA.

At the 36th International ISQua Conference in Cape Town, a team of evaplan and Heidelberg Institute of Global Health experts organized a half-day conference workshop "Practical planning for quality in health systems" as well as the session "Beyond the usual: new approaches to building capacity for safety, improvement and change".

Latest publications

2019 Bernadette Kleczka, Pratap Kumar, Mercy Njeru, Anita Musiega, Phoebe Wekesa, Grace Rabut, Michael Marx. **Using rubber stamps and mobile phones to help understand and change antibiotic prescribing behaviour in private sector primary health care clinics in Kenya** BMJ; (accepted for publication on 15th August 2019: [bmjgh-2019-001422.R2](https://doi.org/10.1136/bmjgh-2019-001422.R2))

2019 Brugnara L, Pervilhac C, Kohler F, Dramé ML, Sax S, Marx M. **Quality improvement of health systems in an epidemic context: A framework based on lessons from the Ebola virus disease out-break in West Africa.** Int J Health Plann Mgmt. 2019;1-16. doi.org/10.1002/hpm.2814

2018 Dramé, M. , Houehanou, C. , Sogbohossou, P. , Paré, R. , Ekambi, A. , Mizéhoun-Adissoda, C. , Houinato, D. , Gyselincq, K., Marx, M. , Martins, M. and Ferrinho, P. (2018) **Determinants of High Blood Pressure and Quality of Management in Three Regions of Benin.** *Open Journal of Epidemiology*, 8, 14-28. [doi: 10.4236/ojepi.2018.81002](https://doi.org/10.4236/ojepi.2018.81002).