

Report from the 11th European Congress on Tropical Medicine and International health, September 2019

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1. ***What course/conference/workshop did you attend?***

I received support from NRSGH to attend the 11th European Congress on Tropical Medicine and International Health (ECTMIH). The conference took place in Liverpool, UK 16-20 September 2019.

2. ***What was the course/conference/workshop about?***

ECTMIH is a biannual conference organized by the Royal Society for Tropical Medicine and Hygiene and the Federation for European Societies for Tropical Medicine and International Health FESTMIH. The main objective of the conference is to provide a platform for state-of-the-art updates, developments and breakthroughs in the field of tropical medicine and global health. The theme of this year's *conference 25 years: investigation, innovation and implementation*, marking the 25 years anniversary of FESTMIH.

Along with my supervisors and partners in the project, my Phd is a part of, we organized a session called *Reproductive health and the politics of abortion*. In this session, we presented findings from our comparative research project on the relationship between abortion law, policies and access to abortion and fertility control in Ethiopia, Zambia and Tanzania. I presented my paper *Shaping the abortion policy – Competing discourses on the Zambian Termination of Pregnancy Act*. The organised session was well attended and interesting questions and comments were raised by the audience.

3. ***How will you benefit from this course/conference/workshop?***

I learned a lot from taking part in the organization of our session from submission of abstract to presentation and discussing with the audience. The conference provided a good opportunity for me to expand my network and discuss my research with other researchers as well as representatives from NGOs and donors.

4. ***How satisfied are you with the course/conference/workshop?***

Altogether, the conference was a good experience for gaining experience in presenting my research to a large audience. However, the size of the conference can also make it somewhat difficult to find and attend the most relevant sessions and to interact with the partners most relevant to one's research.



Picture from my presentation at the conference