

GLOW 2015 bios for speakers and chairs (in order on agenda)



Professor Richard Horton @richardhorton1

Editor-in-Chief of The Lancet and Co-chair of independent Expert Group (iERG) appointed to the United Nations Secretary General

Richard joined The Lancet and in 1995 became the youngest ever Editor-in-Chief. Under his leadership the journal has played a leading role in global health, with a large number of influential series. He was the first President of the World Association of Medical Editors and he is a Past-President of the US Council of Science Editors. He is a Council member of the Academy of Medical Sciences and is a Senior Associate of the Nuffield Trust. In 2011, he was elected a Foreign Associate of the US Institute of Medicine as well as holding honorary professorships at both LSHTM and UCL. He was born in London but is half Norwegian and qualified in physiology and medicine from the University of Birmingham in 1986. He chaired the UNSGs Results working group for the Commission of Information and Accountability and since then has been the co-chair for the iERG, producing annual reports to promote global accountability for women's and children's health.



Dr Matthews Mathai

Coordinator in the Dept. of Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health, WHO

Mathews is the Coordinator of the Epidemiology, Monitoring and Evaluation Team in WHO's Department of Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health. In his former position at WHO, he worked in Making Pregnancy Safer, contributing to the development, update and implementation of WHO's Integrated Management of Pregnancy and Childbirth (IMPAC) guidelines and tools. Before joining WHO, he was Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Christian Medical College in Vellore, India until 2005. He has also worked in many countries in Asia and the Pacific, training health workers in reproductive health, particularly in maternal and perinatal care. He established and directed the Regional Training and Research Centre in Reproductive Health at the Fiji School of Medicine in Suva, Fiji. He undertook his medical studies and postgraduate training in obstetrics and gynaecology at the Christian Medical College in Vellore, with further training at the University of Liverpool. He was awarded PhD in International Health by the Karolinska Institute, Stockholm.



Professor Joy Lawn @joylawn

**Director of MARCH Centre, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine
Global Evidence and Policy Advisor for Saving Newborn Lives, Save the Children**

Joy is an African-born, British-trained paediatrician and perinatal epidemiologist with 25 years of experience in national and global estimates, notably for stillbirths and neonatal conditions, and in the design and evaluation of integrated maternal, newborn and child care services particularly in Africa where she has spent most of her life. Since 2012, she has been the Director of the MARCH Centre and professor of epidemiology at LSHTM and is also a part-time Senior Research Fellow for DFID. She received a PhD in perinatal epidemiology through Institute of Child Health London and previously worked at the Centres for Disease Control, USA. She co-led the steering group for The Lancet Every Newborn Series in 2014, the Neonatal Survival series in 2005, the Stillbirths series in 2011, and The Lancet's Born Too Soon Global Action Report on preterm birth (2012). Joy is on the Scientific Review Group of Countdown to 2015 and is co-Chair of Countdown Health Systems and Policy Group. She was awarded the 2013 PGPR award for Outstanding Contributions to Global Child Health in recognition of her leadership role in bringing global momentum for newborn survival.



Professor Wendy Graham

Professor of Obstetric Epidemiology, University of Aberdeen

Wendy initiated and, until 2013, led IMMPACT—the international research group co-ordinated by the University of Aberdeen to strengthen the evidence-base for reducing maternal and newborn mortality. Her current work focuses on infection prevention at birth in healthcare facilities, quality improvement of maternity services, maternal death surveillance and response systems, and strengthening the translation of research evidence into policy and practice. She trained at Sheffield and then Oxford University, and was based at LSHTM for ten years prior to moving to Aberdeen. Wendy has 25 years experience in collaborative research in many countries, with partnership projects currently in Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Gambia, India, Tanzania and Zimbabwe. She serves on expert panels and committees for many international organisations and initiatives, including WHO, the Wellcome Trust, and DFID. Wendy has developed a new medical electives exchange scheme linking the University of Aberdeen with partner medical schools in low-income countries to support the next generation of maternal and neonatal health researchers and practitioners.



Professor Robert Pattinson

Director of the MRC Maternal and Infant Health Care Strategies Research Unit, University of Pretoria

Bob is the clinical head of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the University of Pretoria. He serves on the National Committee for the Confidential Enquiries into Maternal Deaths and the National Perinatal Morbidity and Mortality Committee in South Africa. He is also responsible for the perinatal care and child health care surveys in South Africa. His main research interests are in obstetrics, medical audits, health systems and effective methods of outreach. His current work is on determining the most effective means of implementing new health care strategies and improving current programmes and the most efficient ways to scale-up emergency obstetric care. He studied medicine at University of Witwatersrand in Wits, South Africa and then spent two years in rural mission hospitals in South Africa and Namibia. He graduated as an Obstetrician and Gynaecologist from Stellenbosch University in Matieland, South Africa and was awarded an MRC Fellowship in Perinatal Medicine at Oxford University.



Professor Gwyneth Lewis

International Women's Health Research Director at Institute of Women's Health, UCL

Until 2011, Gwyneth was the "Maternal Health Tsar," the clinical leader for maternal health policy and research in the UK, where she developed the new NHS maternity services programme. She ran the UK Confidential Enquiries into Maternal Deaths for thirty years and helped develop the WHO initiative "Beyond the Numbers", the leading programme for maternal death and morbidity review, which is now the cornerstone of the new WHO programme for Maternal Death Surveillance and Response. She has worked in over 40 countries and trained representatives from another 30 in issues relating to quality of care or reviewing maternal deaths and near misses to improve care. She recently co-edited and authored papers in the quality of care in developing countries supplement for the British Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. Gwyneth has also co-directed and produced several short films including the award-winning "My Sister My Self" and "Why Did Mrs X Die?". She co-founded the educational charity Hands-On to update and introduce new board games and other training and teaching materials for health care and community support workers.



Professor Peter Brocklehurst

Director of the Institute for Women's Health, UCL and Co-Director of the Department of Health Policy Research Unit in Maternal Health and Care, University of Oxford

Peter oversees the Institute for Women's Health at UCL, the UK's largest group of academics in women's health, whose on-going work includes the largest individually randomised trial ever performed (over 200,000 women screened for ovarian cancer); innovative work in gene therapy in pregnancy; developing drug pipeline for neonatal hypoxic brain injury; and policy research in preconception care. He is also Interim Director of the UCL Clinical Trials Unit and Chair of the Research Committee of Academic Board for the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists. He currently leads a programme of clinical trials in perinatal care and is Associate Director of Life Study, a new birth cohort study aiming to recruit up to 90,000 women during pregnancy, to collect biomedical and social data as well as biological samples – with the aim of following surviving children for the rest of their lives.



Dr Kim Dickson

Senior Adviser for Maternal and Newborn Health, UNICEF New York

Kim currently leads UNICEF's global portfolio on maternal and newborn health and most recently co-chaired the Advisory and Steering Groups that led to the adoption of the Every Newborn Action Plan (ENAP) at the 67th World Health Assembly in 2014. She was a member of The Lancet Every Newborn series study group that spearheaded the generation of evidence to support ENAP. Before joining UNICEF, she was a senior adviser with the WHO's HIV Department in Geneva where she coordinated the WHO's contributions to the Global Plan for the elimination of new HIV infections among children and keeping their mothers alive. Prior to her time at WHO, she worked with DFID in South Africa for many years as Clinical Director and Regional Development Director of the now Wits Reproductive Health and HIV Institute. She has coordinated and managed several high-level multi-agency task teams and partnerships to formulate global policies, set recommendations and develop action plans to advance the health of women and children.



Professor Tina Lavender, OBE

Professor of Midwifery and Director of the Centre for Global Women's Health, University of Manchester

Tina leads a programme of research, midwifery and women's health at University of Manchester and holds a visiting professorship at University of Nairobi. Her main research focus is in the management of prolonged labour and partogram use for monitoring labour progress. She has worked extensively in Eastern and Southern Africa on this issue and led development of a cross-national masters degree programme in midwifery and women's health for UK and African institutions. She is co-Editor-in-Chief of the British Journal of Midwifery, Associate Editor of the African Journal of Midwifery and Women's Health, Editor of the Pregnancy and Childbirth Group of the Cochrane Collaboration and on the editorial team of the British Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. She is an Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Midwives and European Academy of Nurse Science and also acts as a regular advisor to WHO in guideline development.



Professor Lesley Regan

Hon. Vice President of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists

Lesley is the Head of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and Director of the Recurrent Miscarriage Service at St Mary's Hospital, where she leads a multidisciplinary team to provide comprehensive investigations and treatment for couples with a history of recurrent early and late miscarriages. Her research team have been instrumental in furthering understanding and treatment of a variety of causes of pregnancy loss, but in particular the contribution that thrombophilic disorders make to reproductive failure. In collaboration with Gudrun Moore at UCL, she has recently started the Baby Bio Bank, a research project which is collecting a unique pregnancy tissue archive of thousands of trio samples (from mother, father, and foetus/baby) in order to identify candidate genes for the four major complications of pregnancy: recurrent miscarriage, preterm birth, foetal growth restriction and preeclampsia. She chairs the Advocacy Committee of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, is President of the UK Association of Early Pregnancy Units, and advisor to the NICE interventions committee. She has published two books on miscarriage and pregnancy for the lay public and presented a series of 6 BBC Horizon documentaries.



Professor Neena Modi

President Elect of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health

Professor of Neonatal Medicine, Imperial College London

Neena is a practicing clinician and academic lead of a multidisciplinary neonatal research programme with a focus on nutritional and other perinatal determinants of life-long metabolic health. She has clinical duties as a Honorary Consultant in Neonatal Medicine based at Chelsea and Westminster NHS Foundation Trust and serves as Vice President for Science & Research of the UK Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health and as President of the UK Neonatal Society. She qualified from the University of Edinburgh, followed by specialist training in neonatal medicine at University College Hospital London, and subsequently as Lecturer in Child Health at the University of Liverpool. In 2007 she led the establishment of the Neonatal Data Analysis Unit and in 2012, the UK Neonatal Collaborative, with the aim of developing the use of routine clinical electronic data to support neonatal services and research.



Professor Yana Richens, OBE

Professional Global Advisor, Royal College of Midwives

Hon. Doctorate, Birmingham City University

Yana has been a practicing midwife nearly 30 years and is currently undertaking an NIHR funded PhD on the subject of "fear of childbirth." She was the first midwife to be awarded the Mary Seacole Fellowship by the Department of Health and has received an OBE in recognition of her services to nursing and midwifery. A member of the Chief Nursing Officers' national advisory group, Yana provides specialist advice on black and ethnic minority issues in the NHS. She pioneered work to improve the care of expectant mothers with HIV, women suffering from pre or postnatal depression and was one of the first midwives to set up an obesity clinic for pregnant women with a raised BMI. She is co-Editor-in-Chief of the British Journal of Midwifery, an editorial board member of the Nursing Standard, and has served as an invited member of the perinatal mental health group commissioned by the National Institute for Clinical Excellence.