



RESPIRE ASM 2025 Programme

Tuesday 29 July –
Friday 1 August 2025

Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia

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The NIHR Global Health Research Unit on Respiratory Health (RESPIRE)

aims to reduce the number of deaths and wider health and societal impacts from
respiratory diseases in some of the world's most disadvantaged populations.

Co-led by the University of Edinburgh and Universiti Malaya, RESPIRE partners based
in Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka
collaborate to deliver low-cost, scalable policy and clinical interventions to reduce
respiratory disease and death in Asia.

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On behalf of RESPIRE and our colleagues in Malaysia, it is our great pleasure to welcome you to the RESPIRE Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) at the Hilton Kota Kinabalu, Sabah.

A chance to connect

With partners based across Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and the United Kingdom, the ASM offers an important opportunity to connect across RESPIRE. We have programmed three and a half days of meetings, with ample opportunities to share ideas and learnings, offer collective advice, support each other and plan for the future.

Some sessions will involve the use of interactive meeting tool, Wooclap, so delegates can interact with our on-stage panelists. You will need to bring your own mobile device to scan a QR code or visit a link in your web browser.

A fruitful programme

Kota Kinabalu (KK), the state capital of Sabah, Malaysia, is located in the northwest coast of Borneo.

The ASM will open on [Tuesday 29 July](#) with a spotlight on Sabah, with local stakeholders and policymakers invited to attend the welcome address. Day 1 sessions will focus on stakeholder engagement and Universal Health Coverage (UHC) in regards to both global and local contexts.

The sessions on [Wednesday 30 July](#) will focus on research updates, with a mix of on-stage presentations and poster presentations.

On [Thursday](#) morning, all delegates will participate in site visits to two health clinics in Sabah – a key feature of RESPIRE ASMs, and an opportunity to learn about the challenges and opportunities faced by Sabah's rural healthcare system. Thursday afternoon is dedicated to platform updates, with each platform showcasing their activity through interactive stalls.

Finally, on [Friday](#) morning, delegates will co-develop plans for forward planning. In breakout groups, delegates will “ignite” their ideas into actionable proposals that build on the success of RESPIRE activity.

Connect with us

We invite [all delegates](#) to take their own photographs, and engage with us on social media throughout the ASM. Any photos you publish online may be shared through the RESPIRE website, social media or newsletter.

Please use the hashtag **#RESPIREASM** and tag us on [LinkedIn](#), [Twitter/X](#) or [Facebook](#) (RESPIRE Global) – we look forward to sharing your posts! If you don't use social media but would like to share your photos, please email them to RESPIRE@ed.ac.uk.

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Time	Session
08.30 - 9.00	Registration
9.00 - 10.15	Welcome and Address <i>Chair: Suhashini Sivasegaran</i> Honorary Professor Ee Ming Khoo & Professor Harry Campbell Datuk Dr Nor Fariza Ngah, Deputy Director-General of Health (Research & Technical Support), Ministry of Health Malaysia
10.15 - 10.30	Poster Walkthrough with VIPs
10.30 - 11.15	Coffee Break & Networking Press Conference / Media Q&A By invitation only
11.15 - 12.35	Engaging Policymakers Effectively <i>Chair: Jayakayatri Jeevajothei Nathan</i> Bridging Policy and Practice: Strategic Engagement with Policymakers Datuk Dr Nor Fariza Ngah, DDG Health, MoH Malaysia Panel Discussion <i>Moderator: Siân Williams</i> Siti Nurkamilla Ramdzan, Ahmed Ehsanur Rahman, Amina Khan Identifying Policy Priorities for Tobacco control and Air quality: Stakeholder engagement in RESPIRE countries (IPPTA), Malaysia Norita Hussein
12.35 - 12.45	Announcement of the Professor Tabish Hazir Award Hana Mahmood
12.45 - 13.45	Lunch
13.45 - 14.45	Universal Health Coverage <i>Chair: Liz Grant</i> Keynote Lecture Dr Hema Yamini Devi Ramarmuty, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia
14.45 - 15.15	Coffee Break
15.15 - 16.15	Plenary discussion: Integrating Chronic Respiratory Care into Universal Health Coverage Sarah Rylance, NCD Management Unit, WHO Geneva (joining virtually) Rumana Huque, Hani Salim
Gala Dinner and Cultural Show Please join us in smart attire for a cultural networking experience (upstairs)	
18.00 - 18.10	Group Photograph
18.10 - 21.00	Gala Dinner and Cultural Show Cultural Show sponsored by Sabah Convention Bureau, and managed by Hello Sabah Events

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Time	Session
9.00 - 09.30	Programme Updates for Preventable Risk Factors (Programme 3) <i>Chair: Girish Dayma</i> Linda Bauld & Savithri Wimalasekera
09.30 - 10.15	Programme Updates for Infectious Diseases (Programme 1) <i>Chair: Girish Dayma</i> Harish Nair & Shams El Arifeen
10.15 - 10.45	Coffee break
10.45 - 12.00	Poster Presentations 1 Explore RESPIRE's research projects, ask questions, and connect directly with the presenters. Don't miss this great opportunity to engage, network and get involved to help shape the future of our research community.
12.00 - 13.00	Lunch
13.00 - 13.45	Programme Updates for Non-Communicable Diseases (Programme 2) <i>Chair: Dhiraj Agarwal</i> Hilary Pinnock & Nik Sherina Hanafi
13.45 - 14.15	Research Updates for Climate and Health projects (C&H) <i>Chairs: Dhiraj Agarwal</i> Liz Grant & Farzana Khan
14.15 - 15.30	Poster Presentations 2 <i>With refreshments</i> Explore RESPIRE's research projects, ask questions, and connect directly with the presenters. Don't miss this great opportunity to engage, network and get involved to help shape the future of our research community.
15.30 - 16.00	Introduction to Sabah's Healthcare System Lee Wai Khew <i>*includes overview of site visit plans for tomorrow*</i>
16.00 - 16.30	Poster presenters to take down posters, posterboards removed
16.30 - 17.30	International Steering Committee Meeting Only for select delegates

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Time	Session
Visits to Healthcare Facilities	
07.45 - 08.15	Delegates gather at the hotel lobby Bus transport will depart at 08.30 sharp, so please ensure you arrive by 08.15
09.00 - 12.00	Visit to Healthcare Facilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group A/C: Klinik Kesihatan Luyang + Klinik Kesihatan Telipok • Group B/D: Klinik Kesihatan Putatan + Klinik Kesihatan Kinarut Your bus group (A, B, C or D) is listed beside your name in the Delegate List (pages 7-9), and will be physically displayed on a standee.
12.30 - 13.30	Lunch
13.30 - 14.45	RESPIRE Platform Updates <i>Chair: Kamilla Ramdzan</i> Platform I: Stakeholder Engagement & Community Engagement and Involvement Siân Williams & Sanjay Juvekar Platform II: Education, Training & Capacity Building Ruth McQuillan & Hana Mahmood Platform III: Open Science, Data & Methodologies Chris Weir & Tathagata Bhattacharjee Platform IV: Digital Health & Innovation Syed Ahmar Shah & Zakiuddin Ahmed Knowledge Mobilisation Hub Liz Grant & Farzana Khan
14.45 - 16.00	Interactive Platform Stalls <i>With refreshments</i> The platforms address vital cross-cutting and global challenges that strengthen and amplify the relevance and impact of our research. Visit the stalls to discover how the Platforms connect disciplines, regions, and expertise to enhance your research and support collaboration, innovation, and influence beyond research. Be sure to scan the QR codes from each Platform to be entered into the Prize Draw.
16.00 - 16.10	Announcement of the Platforms Prize Draw Winner <i>Chair: Kamilla Ramdzan</i> A prize will be awarded to one delegate who meets the eligibility criteria, and is present to collect the prize when announced.

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Time	Session
09.00 - 09.15	ISC Feedback Celina Gorre – RESPIRE International Steering Committee (ISC) Chair
09.15 - 10.00	Future Planning for RESPIRE beyond 2026: Shared Learning - Research Ideas and Funding Applications <i>Chair: Ee Ming Khoo</i> Overview of the Current Global Health Research Funding Landscape <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harry Campbell – overview of global health research grant opportunities Jay Evans – alternative sources of funding (virtual attendance) Liz Grant – Climate, environment & health opportunities All participants via Wooclap – Local, National, Regional funding opportunities
10.00 - 10.30	“Ignite Talks” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ehsan Rahman: Oxygen for All: saving lives through improved provision and care management (OxALL) – an example of a fully formed collaborative proposal Hani Salim: Strengthening Healthcare Systems in Asia to Provide Equitable Care for CRDs (Beyond-RESPIRE) – an example of a fully formed collaborative proposal GM Monsur Habib: CRD-HDSS: A Health and Demographic Surveillance System for Chronic Respiratory Diseases in Rural Bangladesh Tathagata Bhattacharjee: Federated Data Collaboration Framework for RESPIRE Farzana Khan: Understanding the Impact of Environmental and Epigenetic Determinants on Chronic Respiratory Diseases in Urban Slums of Bangladesh: A Pathway for Policy Action Amina Khan & Maham Zahid: Scaling Up an mHealth Smoking Cessation Intervention for Tuberculosis Patients: An Implementation Science Study in Pakistan
10.30 - 10.45	Coffee break
10.45 - 11.25	Ignite Your Research: Turning Ideas into Funded Collaborations Breakout session: Collaborative discussions to transform early-stage research ideas into actionable plans for research grant proposals. Consider options to expand, scale-up, develop multi-country/multi-partner consortia, identify funding schemes, develop working/writing groups etc., to turn promising ideas into competitive proposals
11.25 - 11.45	Breakout session feedback <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GM Monsur Habib Tathagata Bhattacharjee Farzana Khan Amina Khan & Maham Zahid
11.45 - 12.00	Final Thoughts and Close Ee Ming Khoo & Harry Campbell
12.00 - 13.00	Lunch
End	Onward travel

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	Name	Bus Group	Role on RESPIRE	Affiliation
Bangladesh	Abdullah M Rafi	A	Stakeholder Engagement Champion - Bangladesh	ARK Foundation (ARK)
	Fahmidur Rahman	B	Quit4TB Trial Co-ordinator - Bangladesh	
	Rumana Huque	C	Centre PI	
	Ajay Kumar Roy	A	Stakeholder Engagement Champion - Bangladesh	Bangladesh Primary Care Respiratory Society (BPCRS)
	Monsur Habib	B	Centre PI	
	Shahidul Islam	A	Centre PI	Child Health Research Foundation (CHRF)
	Kazi Sarmad Karim	D	Stakeholder Engagement Champion - Bangladesh	Fasiuddin Khan Research Foundation (FKRF)
	Farzana Khan	B	Centre PI	
	Ahmed Ehsanur Rahman	C	Project PI	International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (icddr,b)
	Shams El Arifeen	D	Infectious Diseases Programme (P1) Co-Lead and Centre PI	
	Sabit Saad Shafiq	D	Research Team Member	
	Ahad Mahmud Khan	C	Co-Investigator	Projahnmo Research Foundation (PRF)
	Rezwana Tabassum	D	Research Team Member	
	Salahuddin Ahmed	C	Centre PI	
Bhutan	Phurb Dorji	A	Stakeholder Engagement Champion - Bhutan	Jigme Dorji Wangchuk National Referral Hospital (JWN)
	Sangay Phuntsho	B	Project Manager	
	Tshenday Wangchuk	D	Research Team Member	
	Thinley Dorji	C	Project PI	
Independent	Surinder Jaswal	C	International Steering Committee Member	Tata Institute of Social Sciences
	Christopher Bullen	B	International Steering Committee Member	The University of Auckland
	Celina Gorre	A	International Steering Committee Chair	WomenHeart
India	Biswajit Paul	A	Centre PI	Christian Medical College, Vellore (CMC)
	Paul Jebaraj	B	Research Team Member	
	Diksha Naresh Singh	B	RESPIRE PhD Student	KEM Hospital Research Centre Pune (KEM)
	Dhiraj Agarwal	A	Centre PI & RESPIRE-ISARIC Fellow	
	Girish Dayma	B	Project PI & RESPIRE-ISARIC Fellow	
	Sanjay Juvekar	D	Stakeholder Engagement & Community Engagement and Involvement Platform (I) Co-Lead	
	Rutuja Patil	C	Project PI	
	Tathagata Bhattacharjee	A	Open Science, Data & Methodologies Platform (III) Co-Lead	
	Shakal Narayan Singh	A	Centre PI	King George's Medical University (KGMU)
	Tapas Kumar Mohanty	D	RESPIRE Informatics & Data Science Liaison Officer (Platform III) & RESPIRE-UoE Fellow	
	Ashish Satav	B	Centre PI	MAHAN Trust
	Dhananjay V Raje	C	Stakeholder Engagement Champion - India	
	Shubhada Khirwadkar	D	Capacity Building Lead - India	

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	Cissy Kartasasmitha	B	Centre PI	Universitas Padjadjaran (UnPad)
	Qorin Adnani	D	Stakeholder Engagement Champion - Indonesia	
	Nova Sylviana	C	Capacity Building Lead - Indonesia	
Malaysia	Lee Wai Khew	A	Centre PI	Luyang Health Clinic, Ministry of Health Malaysia (LHC)
	Scholastica Lee Mui Yung	B	Researcher	
	Suhashini Sivasegaran	C	Site Investigator	Sandakan Health Clinic (SHC)
	Adina Abdullah	B	Project PI	Universiti Malaya (UM)
	Jayakayatri Jeevajothi Nathan	D	Research Manager - Malaysia & RESPIRE-ISARIC Fellow	
	Chee Kuan	A	Research Team Member	
	Ee Ming Khoo	A	Co-Director	
	Nik Sherina Hanafi	D	Non-Communicable Diseases Programme (P2) Co-Lead	
	Nursyuhada Binti Sukri	C	Stakeholder Engagement Champion - Malaysia	
	Rizawati Ramli	D	RESPIRE-UoE Fellow	
	Norita Binti Hussein	B	Research Team Member	
	Siti Nurkamilla Ramdzan	C	Project PI & RESPIRE-UoE Fellow	Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM)
	Siti Nur Husna Muhamad	B	Education and Capacity Building Coordinator (Platform II)	
	Ai Theng Cheong	A	Centre PI	
	Hani Syahida Binti Salim	B	Project PI & RESPIRE-UoE Fellow	
Pakistan	Zulfi Bhutta	—	International Steering Committee Member	Aga Khan University (AKU)
	Sajid Soofi	C	Centre PI	
	Shabina Ariff	B	Co-PI	
	Ahmad	A	Research Team Member	Allergy and Asthma Institute, Pakistan (AAIP)
	Ramsha Tariq Baig	C	Stakeholder Engagement Champion - Pakistan	
	Rubina Aman	D	Project PI	
	Hana Mahmood	A	Education and Capacity Building Platform (II) Co-Lead and Centre PI	Neoventive Solutions (NS)
	Syed Yahya Sheraz	B	Research Team Member	
	Zaki Ahmed	D	Digital Health Platform (IV) Co-Lead	Riphah International University (RIU)
	Amina Khan	B	Centre PI	The Initiative (TI)
	Maham Zahid	D	Stakeholder Engagement Champion - Pakistan & Quit4TB Trial Coordinator	

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Sri Lanka	Dushantha Madegedara	–	Co-PI	National Hospital Kandy (NHK)
	Gayan Bowatte	C	Co-Investigator/Research Team Member	University of Peradeniya (UP)
	Duminda Yasaratne	–	Co-PI	
	Anoja Wimalasekera	A	Stakeholder Engagement Champion - Sri Lanka	University of Sri Jayewardenepura (USJ)
	Sampatha Gunawardena	D	Capacity Building Lead - Sri Lanka	
	Savithri Wimalasekera	B	Preventable Risk Factors Programme (P3) Co-Lead and Centre PI	
	Thamara Amarasekara	D	Co-Investigator/Research Team Member	
UK	Laura Evans	D	Digital Health Platform (IV) Support and Operations	Interactive Health Ltd. (IHL)
	Siân Williams	A	Stakeholder Engagement & Community Engagement and Involvement Platform (I) Co-Lead	International Primary Care Respiratory Group (IPCRG)
	Nina Jamieson	C	ISARIC Co-Lead	ISARIC, Pandemic Sciences Institute, The University of Oxford
	Helen Stagg	B	TB Theme Lead	London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine
	Ahmar Shah	B	Digital Health Platform (IV) Co-Lead	University of Edinburgh
	Ai Keow Lim	A	Programmes and Trials Manager	
	David Weller	D	Adult Health Theme Lead	
	Dominique Balharry	D	RESPIRE Research and Operations Manager	
	Chris Weir	C	Open Science, Data & Methodologies Platform (III) Co-Lead	
	Harry Campbell	D	Co-Director	
	Chun Lin	C	RESPIRE Air Quality Programme Coordinator	
	Hilary Pinnock	D	Non-Communicable Diseases Programme (P2) Co-Lead	
	Harish Nair	C	Infectious Diseases Programme (P1) Co-Lead	
	Kitty Flynn	C	RESPIRE Communications, Marketing and Engagement Officer	
	Mavis Frempong	C	Learning Designer	
	Jürgen Schwarze	A	Paediatric Health Theme Lead	
	Laura Gonzalez Rienda	B	Research and Operations Assistant	
	Liz Grant	B	Knowledge Mobilisation Hub Co-Chair	
	Morag Edwards	B	RESPIRE Unit Operations Coordinator	
	Luke Gallagher	A	RESPIRE Unit Administrator	
	Ruth McQuillan	C	Education and Capacity Building Platform (II) Co-Lead	
	Linda Bauld	–	Preventable Risk Factors Programme (P3) Co-Lead	
	Aziz Sheikh	C	Co-Deputy Director	University of Oxford
	Kamran Siddiqi	A	Tobacco Theme Lead	University of York