

The GREAT research network has had a profound impact on my academic career, confirms Jasper Boeddinghaus. Jasper won the best presentation award in the past and gave an outstanding presentation in the state of the art session as a senior researcher this year (see image). Jasper was also promoted to member of the award committee. 'On the day preceding the GREAT meeting, I was invited by Nick Mills for interviews here at the University Hospital for a possible Fellowship in interventional cardiology next year. During previous GREAT meetings as well as the ESC meeting I had the chance to get to know Nick and his research team. We have had very nice and fruitful collaborations over the last years culminating in our joined paper in the *New England Journal of Medicine* today. It would be great to be able to join them now for the next step of my career'.

The GREAT research network is well aligned and closely connected with the Acute Cardiovascular Care Association of the ESC as well as with the Heart Failure Association of the ESC. If you are interested in joining the GREAT research network, simply register free-of-charge ([www.greatnetwork.org](http://www.greatnetwork.org)) or contact Paola Vietti at [paola.vietti@greatnetwork.org](mailto:paola.vietti@greatnetwork.org).



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## Announcing *Global Heart's* activities for 2019



*Global Heart* is the official journal of the World Heart Federation and is uniquely positioned to serve as the primary journal for innovation in global and local prevention and management of cardiovascular disease (CVD) with a focus on low- and middle-income countries. This can take the form of cutting-edge applied and translational research, topical summaries of evidence and guidelines, health economics, policy strategies, and how to articles, to support local training, and capacity building.

Material in *Global Heart* can be addressed to scientists, policy makers, administrators, and all who have a role in reducing the burden of CVD for individual persons and the population at large. Furthermore, the journal published by Elsevier addresses community-based activities, CVD surveillance, health policies, education, ethical considerations, and technological innovations.

In December 2018, Prof. Diederick E. Grobbee, MD, PhD, FESC, was appointed as the new Editor-In-Chief of *Global Heart*. Rick Grobbee previously led the *ESC Journal of Preventive Cardiology* for 8 years. This feature will present his plans for *Global Heart* for 2019.



Succeeding Dr Jagat Narula, who assured *Global Heart* is now in a position to grow, the new Editor-in-Chief is positive about the journal's advancement and is dedicated to raising the journal's visibility, impact, and reach.

Consisting of Editorial Manager Rosemary Allpress, Elsevier staff, 4 Deputy Editors and 14 newly appointed Editors, the team reflects a sufficient range of competencies and academic backgrounds. Furthermore,

Dr Narula will remain on board as Senior Consulting Editor, providing support and advice. Together with the Board of Editors, Dr Grobbee

has developed various strategies and tools to promote *Global Heart*. One of their focal points has been working towards an impact factor for the Journal, which was allocated in June 2019 and currently stands at 3.238.

Dr Grobbee has come up with a plan of action for increasing both the number of high quality submissions and of citations of *Global Heart's* articles, including strategies for publishing and improving the journal's visibility on social media. To ensure the latter, Dr Grobbee has appointed young colleagues as junior editors to develop a plan. By representing *Global Heart* on social media through e.g. Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn, the team aims to reach those interested in CVD and, in particular, young researchers. Moreover, *Global Heart's* website will be updated, to fit its renewed and promising character.

Dr Grobbee aspires to continue improving the quality of the journal. For this purpose, the team has developed a system for a more critical and rapid assessment of submitted articles. This includes stricter methods for triaging manuscripts, resulting in an increased acceptance and rejection rate and subsequently in the promotion of quality content. Moreover, a renewed peer-reviewing strategy will assist in ensuring a prompt reviewing process. Dr Grobbee is enthusiastic about *Global Heart's* potential for growth and notability: 'I am sure readers of the ESC, AHA, and ACC families of Journals welcome the platform *Global Heart* provides for papers that help to reduce the inequities in cardiovascular health around the globe'. The recent *Global Heart* issue with the atlas of CVD serves well to show these inequities (<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/global-heart/vol/13/issue/3>).



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