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# Activity update

December 2011

*Together delivering life-changing action*

“ Welcome to our last Activity Update of 2011. From all of us at the NNHF, we wish you all the very best for the festive season. Thank you for all your dedication and support throughout 2011, and we look forward to continuing to share our stories with you in 2012. ”

**In the spotlight:**

**Community Award update - Leadership in South Africa**

Being a young person in South Africa isn't always easy in the new found democracy. With high levels of unemployment, crime and poverty, it is not surprising that some young people become disillusioned, especially in the previously disadvantaged areas known as townships.



Growing up with haemophilia can present another challenge for these young people, due to limited financial resource, access to care and lack of haemophilia awareness.

It is with this background that Anne-Louise Cruickshank, a South African nurse, created the ROCK (Reach Out Centre for Kids) programme. Aimed at young people with haemophilia, ROCK is a support network run by people with haemophilia, for people with haemophilia.

[Find out more here...](#)

**Basic Coagulation Course - Pilot course proves successful**



September 2011 saw the first ever NNHF funded basic coagulation training. Aimed at laboratory scientists relatively new to coagulation testing and seeking further expertise, the 3-day training took place at the Royal Free Hospital in London and was led by Dr Angus McCraw.

Find out what was covered and meet the participants in our [full article](#).

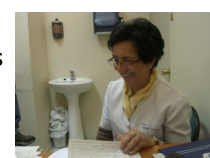
[Click here](#) to apply for our next course—application deadline 13th February 2012.

**Around the world— Programme updates from across the globe**

**Cambodia** - The NNHF was delighted to present Robyn Devenish with her 2011 Community Award during a fact-finding visit to Cambodia. The NNHF heard how Robyn and her team about their efforts to engage the government in improving haemophilia care. [Read more here](#).



**Chile** - As the NNHF project in Chile approaches completion, haematology doctors Dr de Soto and Dr Morales presented the achievements so far at a National Haematology Day. [Find out some of the results here](#).



**Dominican Republic** - In September, the CARS (Central American Association of Research and Study) conference took place in the idyllic setting of the Dominican Republic. NNHF joined delegate to find out about the haemophilia situation in their countries. [Find out about the visit here](#).



**Honduras** - At a 'Stretch Out' event in Honduras, four physiotherapists showed 20 participants how to use stretch bands to do exercises adapted to their condition. [See what they did here](#).



**Mexico** - During a 3-day workshop, 35 healthcare professionals from 6 hospitals across Mexico learned more about haemophilia, it's clinical manifestations, musculoskeletal complications and more. [Find out more here](#).



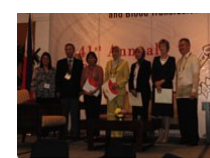
**Morocco** - A creative approach to raising awareness is being taken in Morocco. Working with a group of haemophilia patients, a professional playwright who has haemophilia himself, is devising a play to provide a stage for people with haemophilia to tell their stories. [Find out more here](#).



**Panama** - The multi-disciplinary team in Panama is busy getting activities for the second NNHF project underway. Planned activities include training for healthcare professionals and a patient camp—[read more here](#).



**Philippines** - On its first visit to the Philippines, NNHF gained an insight into the haemophilia situation and began the first steps in developing programme ideas tailored to the country's needs. [Find out what we discussed](#).



**Serbia** - Just a few months after the project started, the project team in Serbia presented their National Treatment Guidelines at the Serbian Haematology Congress in November. [Read more here](#).



**South Africa** - A fact-finding visit to the Eastern Cape was undertaken in November, to understand the local haemophilia situation and identify ideas for a potential new project in 2012. [Click here to read our findings](#).



**Ukraine** - 48 haematologists from 23 Ukraine provinces and Kiev City came together for a 5-day workshop in September. The workshop aims to enable people with haemophilia to access care closer to where they live. [Find out what they learnt here](#).



**Vietnam** - For the first time, haemophilia treating physicians from across Vietnam—from Hanoi to Ho Chi Minh City—came together for a workshop. Each presented the care approach for their respective region—[find out more here](#).



**Latest approved programmes**

The NNHF is delighted to announce that its Council has approved the following projects:

- Colombia
- Kenya
- Philippines
- Three basic coagulation courses in 2012

Approved fellowships have been granted to applicants from the following countries:

- Brazil
- Cambodia



[For more information about our completed and ongoing programmes, please click here.](#)

**Did you know...**



**... the latest news from the "Desafío del Caribe" project**

As part of the NNHF co-sponsored "Desafío del Caribe" swimming project, the swimmers who qualified for the final teams from Venezuela and Mexico will be meeting for a joint training session in January. We'll keep you updated on their progress on our website.

**... NNHF was at the LSH Congress in Lebanon**

NNHF had the opportunity to share haemeter practices at the Congress of the Lebanese Society of Haematology in October. [Read more](#) about the achievements NNHF presented to the group.

**...NNHF supports IEQAS**

NNHF has assigned its yearly donation to the WFH IEQAS (International External Quality Assessment Scheme) programme. We at NNHF are proud to support this programme, which was launched in 2010 to monitor and improve laboratory performance in haemophilia treatment centres worldwide. [Read more about IEQAS](#).

**... about the next submission deadlines?**

The upcoming deadline for project and fellowship applications and award nominations is **20th January 2012**. [Download our application and nomination forms](#).

The deadline for the Basic Coagulation Course is **13th February 2012**. Further details and how to apply can be found [here](#).

We are looking forward to receiving your applications and nominations!

**Questions or comments?** E-mail us at [info@nnhf.org](mailto:info@nnhf.org) or call +41 43 222 4376. To remove your name from our mailing list, please [click here](#).

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