



Newsletter Quarter 2 - 2016

There have been many happenings at HISP over the past 3 months, with staff involved in many activities

1. HISP Team meeting June

The HISP team meeting at Roodevallei and judging by the dancing on the Thursday night was a great success. But the core activity of the team meeting was to come up with a strategy for data quality and the approach of a news café concept with people moving between groups and giving input was a wonderful way of mixing up the traditional team approach.



We would like to thank Bronwyn for the great support she has given us at HISP, all the organisation and arrangements that make our team meetings and DHIS2 Academy so successful.

2. DHIS2 Academy June Pretoria

Another successful DHIS2 Academy was held in Gauteng in June for some 35 participants from 11 African countries, including SA. The Data Use Academy was extremely successful with a new format using Trainingland database. The closing ceremony and handing over of the certificates was done by Calle.



Some original HISPP members – could they be the HISP Geriatric Society or the Geriatric HISP Society ...



End of day trainers meeting



Ronelle receiving her certificate

3. DHIS2 Academy in Kampala, Uganda



Norah and Anna attended the DHIS2 Academy in Kampala where the new Academy format was formally piloted for the first time. The new format is 5 days of DHIS2 Fundamentals This has 1 day Information Use, 1 day database set up, 1 day Tracker with 2 days allocated to a DHIS2 Use case bazaar, a session of country stories and presentations and discussions with experts. 5 days are spent on Data Use which has proved to be a rather exciting course with lots of new material.

Norah celebrating her birthday far from home.

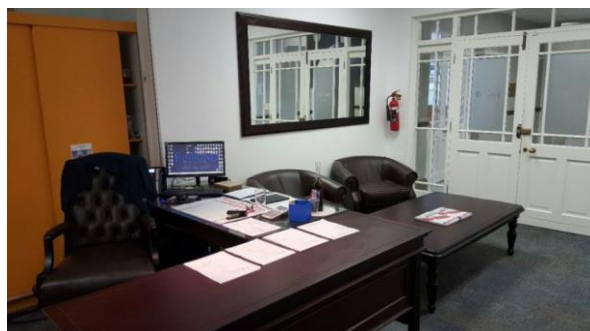
4. HISP Baby

Crizelle had a baby girl in May with mother and daughter both doing well. We have been waiting for this baby for a long time.....



5. East London Office

The HISP office will be moving. After 13 years there will be a new office in East London. The growing team needs more space. The new address will be - Pilot Mill House, Quartzite Drive – Berea.



6. HISP in The Gambia

Vincent and Lavinia went to The Gambia in April along with Aluka (Nigeria) and Jerry (HISP West Africa/Togo) to assess and establish the CDC funded Surveillance project. The 5 countries involved are The Gambia, Benin, Togo, Guinea Bissau & Mauritania.

7. Winter School: University of Western Cape

Thelma Davids and Manga Mzolo were facilitators for the Winter School DHIS2 course. There were many positive comments from the participants. Thank you ladies for keeping the HISP flag flying.

8. Staff who have left us

Crizaan has left us and moved, with her family to Mauritius. Thanks to Crizaan for her support and help with the TMS team.