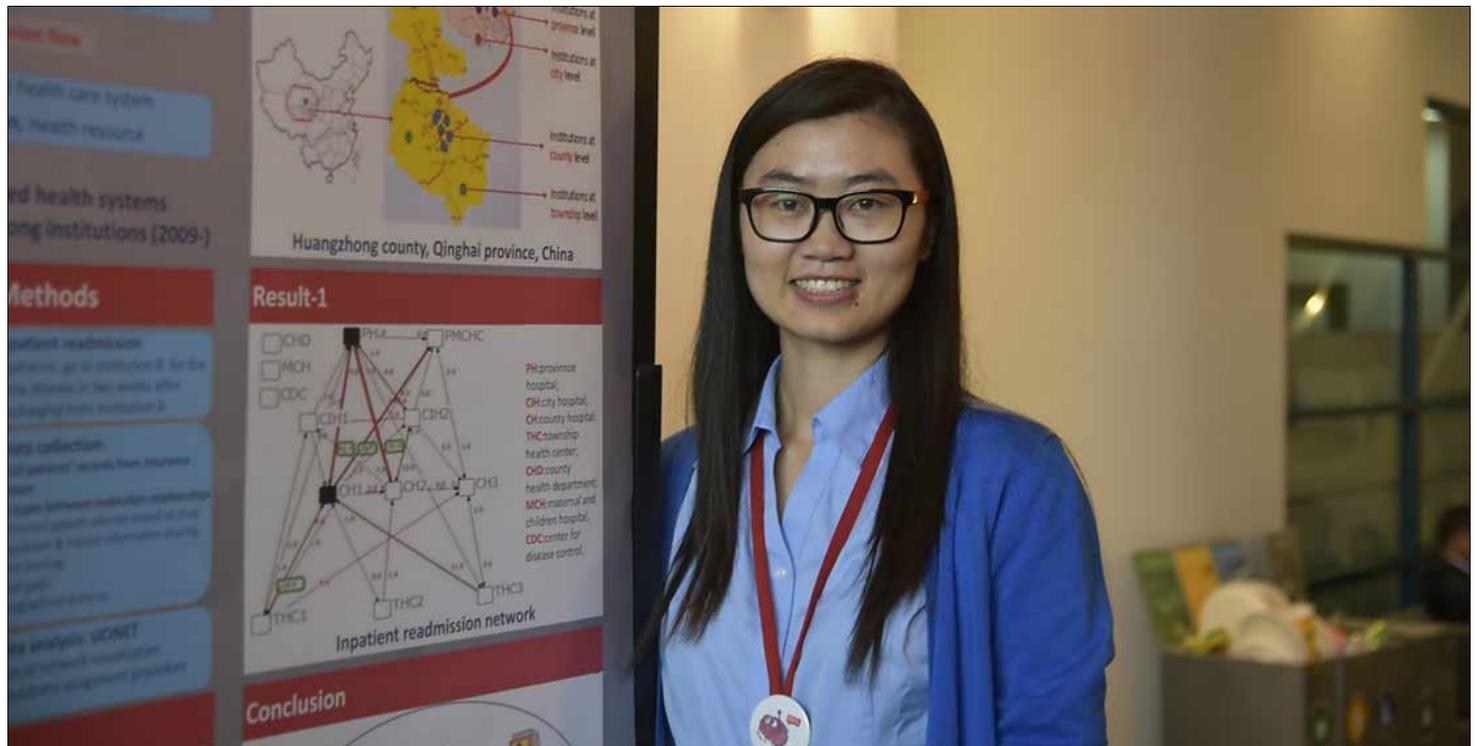


Emerging Voices impress at Global Symposium in Vancouver

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The 2016 Emerging Voices 4 Global Health (EV4GH), linked to the 4th global symposium on Health System Research in Vancouver, brought together about 40 young and promising health system researchers and professionals. EV4GH is a multi-partner blended training programme that aims to generate a new generation of global and local change makers, focussing on young health systems researchers from the South.

The programme began with a distance coaching phase on an online platform. It mainly focused on mind mapping, multimedia principles, poster presentation and thematic discussions. After distance coaching, all the Emerging Voices (EVs) met in a rainy Vancouver for the face-to-face training, featuring a mix of thematic group discussions and research communication sessions, but also so called 'big talks' with several renowned professors, visits to several health service organisations in Vancouver, and much more.

The face-to-face stage ended with a [pre-conference](#) to prepare the EVs for the real work at the Global Symposium. This pre-conference was jointly organised with Canadian global health students and young professionals ([GHSYPS](#)).

From 14 until 18 November the EVs took part in the 4th Global Symposium on Health Systems Research, this year themed 'Resilient and responsive health systems for a changing world'. The [participation of EVs](#) in the symposium was prominent as they took part in panels, presented posters and gave oral presentations in several thematic sessions.

The [EV alumni](#) were also well-represented. Lokossou Virgil (EV 2016) and Freddy Kitutu (EV 2013) won "best poster" prizes in specific thematic areas. During the symposium, sessions were organised in which former and current EVs exchanged ideas to take the EV venture forward and discussed how to take up a leader role in their field. Nana Yaa Boadu (EV 2014) kicked off the closing plenary at the symposium with a forceful speech while Kopano Matlwa Mabaso (EV 2012), skilfully moderated the closing plenary.

This year's venture was co-organised by the Institute of Public Health in Bangalore (India), the Institute of Tropical Medicine in Antwerp, the new, globally representative EV governance team and EV alumni.