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## Neglected diseases in the spotlight

**Buruli ulcer, leishmaniosis, sleeping sickness, schistosomiasis** – Much of what we know about so-called ‘neglected tropical diseases’ is thanks to ITM scientists, who prefer not to ignore even one tropical disease.

Neglected tropical diseases are a group of illnesses that are often overlooked for the simple reason that they affect primarily the poorest of the world’s countries and more attention is paid in those countries to ‘the big three’: HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis. But ITM takes these disease seriously. We conduct biological, clinical, epidemiological and disease-fighting research activities on ‘neglected diseases’, which we try to coordinate with each other. Prof. Marleen Boelaert and Prof. Jean Claude Dujardin are important advocates and researchers in this area.