Brand Guidelines
Introduction

Why branding guidelines?

The brand identity is the visual expression of a brand. It’s the face of the company, its business card to the outside world.

These guidelines aim to ensure a consistent look and feel in all of ITM’s communications, both internally and externally, whether online, in print or out in the field. We are proud of our visual identity and strive to represent it in an instantly recognisable manner.

There are a number of guidelines that are essential to follow: how to use the logo, which grid to use for publications, what colours to use, etc. Never stray from these basic principles to guarantee a consistent brand identity.

This is however not a rigid set of rules and regulations aimed at dictating every pixel, but rather serves as an inspiration to help and guide the designer, author, employee...

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Brand Values

Since 1906, the Institute of Tropical Medicine has offered a window to the world. Students from over 30 countries specialise in tropical infectious diseases and health care in its home base in Antwerp. Our scientists carry out research in laboratories and in the field, in collaboration with partners in Africa, Asia and Latin-America. Our doctors and nurses offer travel advice, vaccinations and medical care tailored to the individual patient, treating imported diseases, HIV and STDs.

Vision

ITM believes that each world citizen should be able to enjoy a healthy life, and that scientific progress is a motor of societal development.

Mission

ITM aims for the advancement and spread of the sciences that contribute to tropical medicine and to public health in developing countries, inclusive of their global dimensions.

Core tasks

ITM conducts, within a coherent academic triad, fundamental, translational and applied scientific research; delivers advanced education and training; and provides medical, scientific and societal expert services.

Values

ITM strives in the fulfilment of its mission for excellence, integrity, specificity and efficiency. It upholds human dignity and diversity, academic creativity and critical sense, solidarity and collaboration, and the well-being of its employees, students, patients and other clients.
**Logo: colour**

**Use of colour**

The official ITM logo is the full logo with text. The stand-alone symbol can only be used in a select number of cases. Please ask us before using it.

The colour of the Institute of Tropical Medicine logo is 'ITM Blue'. Use the white version of the logo on dark backgrounds. Use the grayscale version for black&white documents or in exceptional cases.

In function of the different application methods (print, screen...) the 'ITM Blue' colour has different references: these specifications are shown below.

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Logo: spacing & size

Spacing

To do justice to the logo it is recommended to leave a certain space around it free from typography and/or graphic elements. This space - also called free space or white space - has been set on 1/4th of the height of the logo.

In combination with other logos, for example in case of sponsoring, use of this free space is obligatory.

Minimum size

To guarantee an optimal legibility of the Institute of Tropical Medicine logo, the minimum acceptable height for usage in print is 10 mm as shown here.
Use a percentage of the determined colour(s) in the basic versions of the logo, nor completely or partially fill these with a pattern or image.

\[ \text{\textbf{NEVER}} \]

Inaccurately reproduce or change the size or proportion of logo elements nor mirror parts of the basic versions of the logo.

\[ \text{\textbf{NEVER}} \]

Alter the size and spacing relationships between the lettering itself or the lettering and the symbol, nor substitute the typeface used.

\[ \text{\textbf{NEVER}} \]

Add names, slogans or other graphic elements on your own initiative to the basic versions of the logo.

\[ \text{\textbf{NEVER}} \]

Partially or completely reproduce the basic versions of the logo in another colour(s) than the one(s) determined.

\[ \text{\textbf{NEVER}} \]

Partially or completely transform the basic versions of the logo into outline, nor partially or completely reproduce these with shadow effects.

\[ \text{\textbf{NEVER}} \]
Logo: incorrect use (continued)

Add any element within the determined free space of the logo nor use a busy repetitive graphic element as background.

Position the basic versions of the logo on an insufficiently contrasting background colour or image.
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Aminato Demba, ITG researcher

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Colour

Primary colours
The primary palette consists of the two core colours: ITM Blue and ITM Yellow.

Secondary colours
The four bright colours in the secondary palette were chosen to complement our primary palette. They are used to accentuate or add more colour to a publication. Only use one of these per page, in combination with one of the primary colours.

Background colours
The four background colours are only used to fill in background elements (full pages or rectangles). Use them to break white space or add depth to a document or web page with a lot of body text.

In function of the different application methods (print, screen...) the colours have different references: specifications are shown to the right and on the next page.
BACKGROUND COLOURS

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EXAMPLE

Main colour for titles
Secondary colour to highlight something. Never use more than one secondary colour per spread.
Main colour #2
Typography

A well-considered and consistent use of typography is the backbone of a visual identity. Depending on the specific applications, three typefaces were chosen: Effra as the main font for online use, titles and numbering, Tisa Pro for printed body text and subtitles and Calibri for Microsoft Office applications.

Effra

The Institute of Tropical Medicine chose to use the font Effra for all preprinted data (e.g. name, address, telephone number...) on stationery as well as for online use, and for titles, numbers and text accents in our various publications (e.g. annual reports, brochures...).

A typeface is not public property: a licence has to be bought by the user. You can order Effra online at MyFonts.

Tisa Pro

Tisa Pro is the preferred font for printed body text. It can also be used for subtitles and quotes.

You can order Tisa Pro online at MyFonts.

Calibri

In Microsoft Word templates (letter, fax...) and Microsoft PowerPoint presentations, use Calibri. This typeface is the default font in Microsoft Office applications (from Microsoft Office 2007 on).

If the font is not installed through Microsoft Office, you can order Calibri online at fonts.com
Introduction

The right image can really bring a story to life. Our work centers around medical science and, more importantly, its impact on the life of people around the world. Use high quality photography to support this focus. Try to avoid the use of images that don’t contribute much to the narrative of an article.

In general, use these keywords as a guideline: airy, light, bright colours, depth, clear focus, no busy backgrounds, high quality, warm, human, inspirational.

Photo library

We’ve build up an extensive photo archive throughout the years. In the online photo library you can find pictures that can be downloaded if required. In case you are looking for specific photos which you cannot find in our photo library, you can contact Communications.

People

Our mission is to improve peoples lives through science. We want to show the human side of our work, whether in the field or at our Institute. Wherever possible, try to show the people behind the science, the patients behind the disease.

Choose pictures in close-up or medium close-up to make a story or article more personal. Photos should be light and airy, without too much distractions in the background. The focus should be clearly on the subject, the background blurred to add depth.
Images: photography (II)

Field photography

Not every project has a professional photographer on site. Always try to use the highest possible quality of images. If necessary, prep pictures digitally to make them more in line with the rest of our photo archive: add depth, increase contrast, cut off unnecessary background, etc. That said, pictures from the field are often very evocative and can add a lot of depth to an article.

Medical research

The same guidelines apply here: use airy, light pictures with bright colours, with the focus clearly on the subject, omitting unnecessary surroundings. Include people to add a human touch to a technical text, use close-ups to clearly illustrate a subject.

Make sure that no names or other personal information of patients or study participants is visible.

Image rights

If you wish to publish an image, please take the following guidelines into consideration:

Ask permission of the individual(s) that have been depicted, preferably in written form.

Ask permission of the individual(s) before publishing the photograph or video in which they are visible. You can download consent forms in NL, EN and FR on the ITM intranet.
Images: graphic elements

Icons

Icons should be on brand: solid shapes, in ITM colours, centred in a square of 1pt thickness in the same colour. Keep icons as simple and easily recognisable as possible.

Infographics

An infographic can make an article or report much easier to understand and illustrate and summarise complicated matter. Use filled shapes in our colour palette. Only in infographics, you can use our two main ITM colours in reduced transparency (75%, 50% and 25% transparency), as shown. For numbers, use the main font Effra Heavy.
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The grid that’s incorporated in the template for standard publications, is simple, airy and balanced and serves as a guide in the design process. Respect the set margins to maintain a consistent look to all printed publications.

Text, such as titles, can also cover the full length of the two columns.

Body text is mostly divided into 2 columns.

Large photos or background shapes can be used outside of the grid, reaching the edge of the page. Where possible, try to align elements.

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The cover is the face of the publication, so it’s of vital importance that it represents our brand in a consistent and visually attractive way.

Our logo
The ITM logo should feature prominently on every cover. Use a rectangle background in ITM Blue to contain the logo (in white).
Respect the spacing margins as described in chapter 1.

Text
Use a background rectangle in one of the secondary colours to contain text. Use Effra Bold for all cover titles.

Photography
Choose a striking, full page image. Don’t leave unnecessary white space.

Back cover
Graphic elements continue on the back cover. Use the back to display contact information and other text that does not belong on the front cover.
We have created a template for publications which contains a set grid. Follow the guidelines below to ensure a consistent look and feel to all ITM publications. The only exception is the magazine, which will be discussed later on in this chapter.

**Photography**
Add variation and impact by occasionally using a large or full page image.

**Grid**
The templates for publications contain a grid with set margins. Respect these when placing text and images. You can abandon the grid for graphic elements that add impact to your design, like large pictures or background elements such as rectangles.

**Titles**
The font for titles is Effra Bold. Use one of the main colours. Subtitles use the same font, in smaller size. Use the same font for titles in text boxes, as illustrated in the example below.

**Body text**
The font to use for body text in publications is Tisa Pro Regular.

**Background shapes**
Use coloured shapes to draw attention to particular information. Only use rectangles or squares.

**Colour**
Add extra colour with one of the secondary colours. Use only one per spread. Only if a page has too much whitespace, you can use one of the background colours. Be sure to keep the design light and roomy. In the example shown here, adding a background colour would make the overall design too heavy.
Layout: magazine cover

The magazine of ITM, named P3, appears 4 times a year. It has its own design guidelines. The look & feel is less corporate and aims to be that of a real magazine. Use the magazine template to ensure a consistent brand experience.

The cover photo
Choose an image that’s inviting and of high quality. It should cover the entire page.

Text
At the bottom of the cover page, there's room to display articles to peek the reader's interest. Use Effra Bold for the titles and Tisa Pro for the subtitles.

The side of the magazine
The side should feature the name of the magazine, issued number and date of publication. Don’t alter the order or position of the text. The coloured bar can be either of the main ITM colours, depending on the main image.

The logo set-up
The P3 logo, issue number and ITM logo should always appear in this set-up, transparency and colours. The place where the logo combination is placed can vary according to the chosen background picture.
Layout: magazine

The magazine template contains a grid. Keep all body text inside of this grid. Any other graphic elements, like titles, images, infographics, quotes, etc. can abandon this grid.

Titles
You can use both Effra Bold and Tisa Pro Bold for titles or in quotes. Article titles should be in ITM Blue.

Authors
We value our authors greatly, so wherever possible, you can highlight the person behind the article with an image, name and position.

Images
Use high quality images that tell a captivating story. Be creative with your lay-out. Alternate between full page, cut-outs and smaller images.

Colours
Aside from the main colours, you can use one secondary colour per page spread to add variation.

Graphic elements
Use rectangular coloured shapes to draw attention to particular information or to add depth. Add bold infographics (following the guidelines) to visualise complex data. Highlight striking, interesting quotes.

Body text
The font to use for body text in publications is Tisa Pro Regular.

Page numbering
Don’t alter the style of the page numbers that is embedded in the template.
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The right name

To create a consistent brand look & feel it is very important that all the visual elements are used in a correct way. A consistent use of the name though is often neglected...

‘Prince Leopold Institute of Tropical Medicine’ is the old name only used in statutory administrative texts. Institute of Tropical Medicine Antwerp is our current name.

In other languages:

Instituut voor Tropische Geneeskunde Antwerpen
Institut de Médecine Tropicale Anvers

The abbreviation in the three languages is written without full stop:

English: ITM
Dutch: ITG
French: IMT

While we refer to the Institute as “het ITG” in Dutch, we use “ITM” (without “the”) in English.
Example: “ITM is a centre of excellence”, rather than “The ITM is a centre of excellence”.

Departments

These are the correctly spelled names in English, Dutch and French for the three departments of the Institute of Tropical Medicine:

Department of Biomedical Sciences (DBS)
Departement Biomedische Wetenschappen (DBW)
Département des Sciences Biomédicales (DSB)

Department of Clinical Sciences (DCS)
Departement Klinische Wetenschappen (DKW)
Département des Sciences Cliniques (DSC)

Department of Public Health (DPH)
Departement Volksgezondheid (DVG)
Département de Santé Publique (DSP)
Social media: general

In general

There are a few differences between Facebook and Twitter when it comes to designing social media posts, but these are the general rules:

When we place graphics on images for social media, we use a two colored overlapping system that uses one primary and one secondary color. The graphic can be descending or non descending.

We use the font Effra for short messages. When you want to put a lot of text on your visual, you can use Tisa Pro for the secondary details. Only use caps for buzzwords or tags.

Exception: When you have a very short message, it’s OK to use just one rectangle. This text box has to appear in one of the primary colours.
Social media: non-descending graphic

The lower rectangle & placement
The lower rectangle of the graphic is always the descending one. You can place the graphic in every corner of the visual.

Placement
The non-descending graphic can be placed anywhere on the visual, as long as it doesn’t touch any of the edges.

Proportions
The ratio of the lower rectangle is 2:1. The margin from the text block is the same on every side of the corner the graphic is descending to.

Proportions & cut outs
The overlap from the two blocks should be at least 1/7th of the lower block. You may use cut-outs in white text blocks, as long as the readability is assured.
Social media: Facebook

Size

On Facebook your entire visual will be visible on all devices, no matter what size it has. **Square sized posts** are a good standard.

Text on visuals

Facebook punishes visuals with too much text in it. When your image contains more than 20% of text, it will appear less often in people's timelines than other posts.

It's easy to check your visuals with this tool:

https://www.facebook.com/ads/tools/text_overlay

This guideline comes with an extensive template for this kind of posts.

Social media: Twitter

Size

It's important to know that around 70% of the Twitter users use their phone to consult this social network. While on desktop the website shows all visuals in their original proportions, Twitter crops images on mobile devices. It's essential to work with the right image size if you want to be sure that twitter won't cut any important information from your visual.

The best resolution to work with is: **1200px x 675px**.

Text on visuals

Twitter does not punish you based on the amount of text on your image.

This guideline comes with an extensive template for this kind of posts.
Social media: Linked pages

Size

On Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn you can share a hyperlink that directs you to another website. You can add an image to this posts, but those have one fixed proportion. This proportion is the same for all three social media websites.

The best resolution to work with is: **1200px x 675px**. This guideline comes with an extensive template for this kind of posts.

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Social media: Headers

Size

Both Twitter and Facebook headers appear different depending on the device you’re opening them on. That’s why you have to place important content in the center of your visual and to never work with descending graphics. Only put graphics on the visual when you really need to.

This guideline comes with an extensive template for banners.