

Curriculum Vitae

Personal information

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Nationality Belgian
Date of birth 10.11.1970
Gender Male

Employment / Occupational field

INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT AND RESEARCHER

Work experience

Dates Nov – Dec 2008
Occupation or position held *Independent Consultant. Brussels, Belgium*
Main activities and responsibilities The Cost Burden of Diabetes (Type II) among Immigrant Population in Belgium, Germany and Switzerland: Preparation of a Comparative Study.
Name and address of employer Cofetis/Fosovet (Ministry of Social Affairs Belgium)
Contact: Stephan Backes. stephan@cofetis.be
Type of business or sector Ethnic Minorities and Social Vulnerability
Dates Aug – Nov 2008
Occupation or position held *Head of Field Research. Iquitos, Peru.*
Main activities and responsibilities Research into the social vulnerability and access to public health services in the Peruvian Amazon: strategies to improve adherence to current radical treatment for *P. vivax* malaria.
Name and address of employer Institute of Tropical Medicine Antwerp & Ministry of Health Peru
Contact: Annette Erhart. aerhart@itm.be
Type of business or sector Social Vulnerability in International Health
Dates April – May 2008
Occupation or position held *Independent Consultant. South-Kivu, DR Congo*
Main activities and responsibilities Assessment of the socio-cultural, economic and political context of the health districts of Uvira and Ruzizi as part of the planning process of the Swiss Development Cooperation's health project in South Kivu.
Evaluation of facilitating and impeding factors for community based health care and health promotion.
Name and address of employer Solidarmed, Luzern, Switzerland.
Contact: Joel Meir. j.meir@solidarmed.ch
Type of business or sector International Health

Dates	March 2008
Occupation or position held	<i>Head of Anthropological Research. Rattanakiri, Cambodia</i>
Main activities and responsibilities	Social science and epidemiological research into Border Malaria at the borders of Vietnam and Cambodia.
Name and address of employer	Institute of Tropical Medicine ITG Antwerp. Contact: Prof. D'Alessandro Umberto. UDAlessandro@itg.be National Institute for Malariology, Parasitology and Entomology, Ha Noi, Vietnam. Contact: Nguyen Xuan Xa. ngxxa@yahoo.com
Type of business or sector	International Health
Dates	February - March 2008
Occupation or position held	<i>Independent Consultant. Lambaréné, Gabon</i>
Main activities and responsibilities	To research the acceptability and feasibility of malaria intermittent preventive treatment in infants when delivered through the Expanded Programme of Immunisation. Evaluate present and potential impediments and facilitating factors to the implementation and long-term acceptability of IPTi and make recommendations for developing and strengthening interventions. To coordinate all research activities in the field
Name and address of employer	Hospital Clinic Barcelona, Spain. Contact: Julian Gabor. Julian.gabor@gmx.de
Type of business or sector	International Health
Dates	December 2007
Occupation or position held	<i>Independent Consultant. Hanoi, Vietnam</i>
Main activities and responsibilities	Workshop on the Use of Social Sciences in Malaria Control, introducing basic concepts of medical anthropology, adapted to public health and epidemiology.
Name and address of employer	Institute of Tropical Medicine ITG Antwerp. Contact: Prof. D'Alessandro Umberto. UDAlessandro@itg.be National Institute for Malariology, Parasitology and Entomology, Ha Noi, Vietnam. Contact: Nguyen Xuan Xa. ngxxa@yahoo.com
Type of business or sector	International Health.
Dates	December 2007.
Occupation or position held	<i>Independent Consultant and Researcher. Kon Tum, Vietnam.</i>
Main activities and responsibilities	First phase of an international research project (2008-2011) aimed at improving malaria control in the border region between Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia and increasing the cooperation between the respective countries in malaria control and public health interventions.
Name and address of employer	Institute of Tropical Medicine ITG Antwerp. Contact: Prof. D'Alessandro Umberto. UDAlessandro@itg.be National Institute for Malariology, Parasitology and Entomology, Ha Noi, Vietnam. Contact: Nguyen Xuan Xa. ngxxa@yahoo.com
Type of business or sector	International Health.
Dates	August 2007– October 2007.
Occupation or position held	<i>Independent Consultant and Researcher. Iquitos Region, Peru.</i>
Main activities and responsibilities	Field research in local communities on adherence to current radical seven day malaria treatment with chloroquine and primaquine in the Amazon region of Iquitos. Risk factors for malaria infection are further researched. Coordination of all research activities.
Name and address of employer	Institute of Tropical Medicine ITG Antwerp. Contact: Prof. D'Alessandro Umberto. UDAlessandro@itg.be Instituto de Medicina Tropical von Humboldt. Universidad Cayetano Heredia, Lima. Peru. Contact: Dr. Taniú Grande. tanilu_grande@yahoo.com

Type of business or sector	International Health.
Dates	June 2007 – August 2007.
Occupation or position held	<i>Independent Consultant and Researcher. Brussels, Belgium.</i>
Main activities and responsibilities	Bibliography review on the use of social translators and interpreters in the medical sector and the cost-effectiveness of their interventions. Project funded by the European Refugee Fund, European Union.
Name and address of employer	Cofetis/Fosovet, National Coordinators of Social Interpreting Services, Belgium. Contact: Stephan Backes. Stephan@cofetis.be
Type of business or sector	Access to medical services.
Dates	November 2006 – May 2007.
Occupation or position held	<i>Independent Consultant and Researcher. Lambaréné, Gabon.</i>
Main activities and responsibilities	To research the acceptability and feasibility of malaria intermittent preventive treatment in infants when delivered through the Expanded Programme of Immunisation. Evaluate present and potential impediments and facilitating factors to the implementation and long-term acceptability of IPTi and make recommendations for developing and strengthening interventions. To coordinate all research activities in the field.
Name and address of employer	Hospital Clínic Barcelona, Spain. Contact: Julian Gabor. Julian.gabor@gmx.de
Type of business or sector	International Health.
Dates	January 2007.
Occupation or position held	<i>Independent Consultant and Researcher. Amazon Regions of Iquitos and Pastaza, Peru.</i>
Main activities and responsibilities	Preliminary research to identify social vulnerability among local communities in the Peruvian Amazon, considering community perspectives on malaria prevention, treatment and access to public health services. To evaluate possibilities for the implementation of malaria control programmes.
Name and address of employer	Institute for Tropical Medicine ITG Antwerp Contact: Prof. Umberto d'Alessandro. UDAlessandro@itg.be
Type of business or sector	International Health.
Dates	August – October 2006; June – September 2005.
Occupation or position held	<i>Independent Consultant and Researcher. Ninh Thuan Province, South-central Vietnam</i>
Main activities and responsibilities	Social science research on the acceptability and feasibility of Long Lasting Insecticidal Hammocks, access to public health care and malaria control programmes among the Raglai ethnic minority population.
Name and address of employer	Institute of Tropical Medicine ITG Antwerp. Contact: Prof. D'Alessandro Umberto. UDAlessandro@itg.be National Institute for Malariology, Parasitology and Entomology, Ha Noi, Vietnam. Contact: Nguyen Xuan Xa. ngxxa@yahoo.com
Type of business or sector	International Health.
Dates	April – July 2006
Occupation or position held	<i>Independent Consultant and Researcher. Boromo District, Burkina Faso.</i>
Main activities and responsibilities	Applied research on new approaches to improve coverage and compliance with anti-malarial treatment by pregnant women in rural Africa.
Name and address of employer	Institute of Tropical Medicine ITG Antwerp. Contact: Prof. D'Alessandro Umberto. UDAlessandro@itg.be Burkina Faso Ministry of Public Health, Ougadougou, Burkina Faso. Contact: Sheick Oumar Coulibally. sheickoumar2@yahoo.fr
Type of business or sector	International Health

Dates	November 2005 – March 2006
Occupation or position held	<i>Foreign Expert and Consultant. Ayos and Akonolinga, Central Cameroon.</i>
Main activities and responsibilities	To calculate the cost burden of Buruli ulcer disease and to evaluate its impact on the individual and household economy. To research the social ramifications and consequences Bu in order to enhance policy awareness for improved disease control.
Name and address of employer	Aide aux Lépreux Emmaus Swiss ALES. Contact : René Staeheli. staeheli@ales.ch Médecins Sans Frontières MSF. Contact: office-zuh@geneva.msf.org
Type of business or sector	International Health.
Dates	October 2005 – November 2005
Occupation or position held	<i>Foreign Expert. Udmurt Republic, Russian Federation.</i>
Main activities and responsibilities	EU TACIS Project/Key institutions. Assessment of the socio-economic situation of ethnic minorities, immigrants and Roma/Gypsies in the Republic. Improve access to public health services and capacity building of governmental institutions.
Name and address of employer	Ministry of Foreign Policy of the Udmurt Republic. Contact: Fernando Villarreal. villarreal@yaho.es FIIAPP, Fundación Internacional y para Iberoamérica de Administración y Políticas Públicas. Madrid. Contact: Teresa Rodriguez. trodriguez@fiiapp.org
Type of business or sector	European Institutions. Public Health and Ethnic Minority Capacity Building.
Dates	November 2004 - May 2005
Occupation or position held	<i>Principal Investigator and Research Coordinator</i>
Main activities and responsibilities	EQUAL Initiative, European Social Fund. Lungo Drom Project. Implementation of training programmes for Roma social integration and access to public health services in Spain. Coordination of transnational activities centred on an observatory for Roma access to public institutions.
Name and address of employer	ASPROSOCU. Contact: José Florencio. joseflo@asprosocu.org Spanish Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs. Contact: Miriam Benterrak. mbenterrak@mtas.es
Type of business or sector	European Institutions. Public Health and Ethnic Minority Capacity Building.
Dates	November – December 2004
Occupation or position held	<i>Independent Consultant</i>
Main activities and responsibilities	Production of the EUMC Country Report Spain: 'Special Study: Roma, Sinti, Gypsies and Travellers in Public Education'.
Name and address of employer	EUMC, European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia. Vienna. Contact: Thomas Schwarz. Thomas.Schwarz@eumc.eu.int
Type of business or sector	European Institutions: Multicultural Education & Ethnic Minority Capacity Building.
Dates	June – October 2004
Occupation or position held	<i>Independent Consultant and Researcher</i>
Main activities and responsibilities	Research on the access of Romanian and Bulgarian immigrant Roma to public health services and education in Barcelona.
Name and address of employer	Fundació Jaume Bofill. Barcelona Contact: Teresa Climent. tcliment@bofill.org
Type of business or sector	Public Health and Ethnic Minority Capacity Building.

Dates July 2003- June 2004

Occupation or position held *Researcher*

Main activities and responsibilities Applied research on subcultures and the use of illegal substances to evaluate and improve health education campaigns and access to public health care of vulnerable groups.

Name and address of employer Institut Genus. Barcelona.
Contact: Aurelio Diaz. aurelio.diaz@uab.es
Barcelona Autonomous University (UAB).
Contact: Prof. Teresa San Román. teresa.sanromán@uab.es

Type of business or sector Public Health

Dates September 2001-June 2003

Occupation or position held *Researcher*

Main activities and responsibilities Anthropological field work and research among nomadic Roma and other marginalised minority groups in Ecuador and Colombia to promote access to public health institutions and to foster the implementation of ethnic minority rights.

Name and address of employer Barcelona Autonomous University (UAB) & Education Department (DURSI) of the Generalitat de Catalunya.
Contact: Prof. Teresa San Román. teresa.sanromán@uab.es
FLACSO (Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales). Ecuador.
Contact: Eduardo Kingman. <ekingmang@yahoo.com

Type of business or sector Public Health and Ethnic Minority Capacity Building

Dates September 2000-June 2001

Occupation or position held *Foreign Expert. Península Santa Elena, Ecuador.*

Main activities and responsibilities Public health research centred on the recovery and sustainable development of traditional water storage techniques among local indigenous Guancavilca communities.

Name and address of employer World Bank
Contact: Prof. Teresa San Román. teresa.sanromán@uab.es

Type of business or sector Public Health

Education and training

Dates 2001-2005

Title of qualification awarded *PhD. Qualification: Suma Cum Laude*

Principal subjects/occupational skills covered Social Anthropology. Main subject: Access to Public Institutions and Health Care, Ethnic Minority Rights and Social Vulnerability.

Name and type of organisation providing education and training Barcelona Autonomous University (UAB). Barcelona, Spain.

Dates 2000-2003

Title of qualification awarded *Master's Degree in Social and Cultural Anthropology.*

Principal subjects/occupational skills covered Ethnic Minority Rights and Capacity Building.

Name and type of organisation providing education and training Barcelona Autonomous University (UAB). Barcelona, Spain.

Dates	1999 – 2000
Title of qualification awarded	<i>Graduate Degree in Applied Social Sciences</i>
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Applied Research and Project Development. Research Techniques and Methodology
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	Barcelona Autonomous University UAB. Barcelona, Spain.
Dates	1998 – 1999
Title of qualification awarded	<i>Undergraduate Degree in Social and Cultural Anthropology</i>
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Bridge programme centred on Basic Social and Cultural Anthropology equivalent to undergraduate education.
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	Barcelona Autonomous University (UAB). Barcelona, Spain.
Dates	1992 – 1994
Title of qualification awarded	<i>Postgraduate Degree in Chinese Language and Culture</i>
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Postgraduate programme focusing on Chinese language and the social and cultural background of China.
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	Xian Foreign Language Institute (Xian Wai Yu Xue Yuan), Xian, People's Republic of China.
Dates	1988-1992
Title of qualification awarded	<i>Graduate Degree in Translation and Interpretation</i>
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Specialisation in Dutch, English, Spanish, Chinese.
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	HIVT/RUCA. University of Antwerp.

Personal skills and competences

Mother tongue(s) **Dutch / Flemish**

Other language(s)

Self-assessment

European level ()*

English

French

Spanish

Romani

Chinese

Catalan

Understanding				Speaking				Writing	
Listening		Reading		Spoken interaction		Spoken production			
C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user
C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user
C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user
B1	Independent user	B1	Independent user	B1	Independent user	B1	Independent user	B1	Independent user
B1	Independent user	B1	Independent user	B1	Independent user	B1	Independent user	B1	Independent user
C1	Proficient user	C1	Proficient user	B1	Independent user	B1	Independent user	B1	Independent user

Social skills and competences

Social sciences have increasingly been recognised as an intricate component of medical and epidemiological research. Bridging medical innovation and culturally sensitive intervention in international and public health has, therefore, been my research priority for the last seven years as an independent consultant and, previously, as a member of one of Spain's most prestigious research groups in social sciences and humanities.

Organisational skills and competences

Founding member of *Partners for Applied Social Sciences* (PASS International).
Coordinator of (DIGICIT) interdepartmental research projects at University of Barcelona (UAB).

Computer skills and competences

N/Vivo: Qualitative Data Analysis Software.
Epi Info: Statistical Analysis Software common in Epidemiology.
Microsoft Office

Artistic skills and competences

Degree in Modern Music and Flamenco Guitar from the Barcelona Music Academy for Modern and Jazz Music "Taller de Musics" [<http://www.tallerdemusics.com>]
Photography training with art photographer Leon Heylen [http://users.skynet.be/leon_heylen/Leon_Heylen.html]

Additional information

Editor of Peer Reviewed Journals

PLoS Public Library of Science. Academic Editor of PLoS ONE. www.plosone.org.

Membership of Professional Bodies

*Partners for Applied Social Sciences. PASS International. www.pass-international.org
Applied Research and Consultancy in International Health and Capacity Building. Belgium.
GRAFO. Applied Anthropology Research Group. Autonomous University of Barcelona. Spain.
GRIM. Research Group on Public Health, Social Marginalisation and Inter-ethnic Relations.
Autonomous University of Barcelona. Spain.*

Most Relevant Publications

Peeters Grietens, K. et al. (2008) "It Is Me who Endures but my Family that Suffers": Social Isolation as a Consequence of the Household Cost Burden Of Buruli Ulcer Free of Charge of Hospital Treatment. *PLoS Neglected Tropical Disease*.

Muela, J., Hausmann, S., Toomer, E. & Peeters, K. (forthcoming). Stigma Research in Neglected Tropical Diseases. *PLoS NTD*.

Muela, J., Hausmann, S., d'Alessandro & Peeters, K. (2007) Malaria in Pregnancy: What can Social Sciences Contribute? *Public Library of Science*.

Peeters, K. (2005). *Access to Public Health and Education among Immigrant Roma in Barcelona*. Barcelona: Fundació Jaume Bofill.

Peeters, K. & Salinas, J. (2005) *EUMC Spain Country Report: Roma, Sinti, Gypsies and Travelers in Public Education*. Vienna: European Union, EUMC.

Peeters Grietens, K.; Xa N.X.; Erhart, A.; D'Alessandro, U. (in progress) Reasons for Sleeping Unprotected despite Free of Charge Bed Net Distribution: the Low Risk Perception of Contracting Malaria among the Raglay Ethnic Minority In South-Central Vietnam. Implications for Forest Malaria Control.

Peeters Grietens, K.; Xa N.X.; Erhart, A.; D'Alessandro, U. (in progress) Sleeping habits and forest activity Among the Raglai ethnic minority population in vietnam and their importance for malaria control strategies.

Peeters Grietens, K., Gies, S., D'Alessandro, U. (in progress) Access to IPTp & Social Vulnerability to Malaria Infection in Boromo, Burkina Faso.

Annexes