



R4HA Team



The R4HA Team **Teresa Cullen**

Administrative Assistant UK After

working with COHRED for four years, Teresa moved to join the Research for Health Africa (R4HA) team in October 2011. Her role provides administrative support to the Director of Programmes, Sylvia de Haan, and the R4HA team. With a background in communications, Teresa is using her experience to provide communications support to the R4HA programme (please change project to programme on main Our Team page too) to facilitate communication, learning and sharing between the project partners. Teresa is also involved in staff



communications for The COHRED Group. **Sylvia de Haan, MSc, MPH**

Director of Programmes Netherlands Sylvia is a health scientist. After graduating from Nijmegen University she worked for several years in the field of environmental and occupational health in the Netherlands and in Tanzania. She has been working for COHRED since 1998. Her areas of responsibility within COHRED mostly focused on working with partners in developing countries to develop projects to improve and strengthen national health research. **Kathy**



Douglas, PhD

Senior Project Officer, Research for Health Africa USA

Kathy is a health scientist. After graduating from Florida State University, she worked in private industry as an evaluation specialist. She then joined the US Centers for Disease Prevention and Control (CDC), where she worked in the field of chronic disease prevention and control to implement national behavioural risk factor surveillance systems targeted to adolescent, college student and adult populations. For five years, Kathy was seconded by CDC to the World Health Organization, where she managed a Monitoring and Evaluation Unit within the Chronic Disease and Health Promotion Department. At COHRED, Kathy is a Senior Project Officer working on the Research for Health Africa programme to provide technical assistance to the participating



African countries in the creation of practical tools and methods to strengthen country research governance and innovation as a key development strategy. **Estherine Fotabong** Head of Programme Implementation and Co-ordination Directorate, NEPAD/Cameroon **Prof Carel IJsselmuiden, MD, MPH,**



FFCH (SA) *Director of COHRED South Africa* Carel is a public health physician and epidemiologist. He has worked in rural medicine, peri-urban and urban health care and environmental health services, as well as in academic public health education and research ethics training. He has also published in various areas in applied research and public health. Carel was the founding Director of the University of Pretoria's School of Health Systems and Public Health until his appointment as COHRED Director in January 2004. Prof. IJsselmuiden, as COHRED Director, is ex-officio member of the Board. **Bruno Kubata, PhD**



Co-ordinator of Research for Health & Pharmaceutical Innovation, AU-NEPAD

Democratic Republic of Congo Bruno was trained in Biotechnology from Gifu University (Japan), where he worked on Bacterial Enzymes. Thereafter, he underwent a postdoctoral training for five years at Osaka Bioscience Institute before working as senior research scientist. Back to Africa, he spent three years with the US Army Medical Research Unit Kenya/Walter Reed Army Institute of Research in Nairobi as a senior fellow of the American National Research Council (NRC)/Ellison Medical Foundation USA (2003-2005). In 2006, he joined the NEPAD Agency as the Network Director of the NEPAD/BecANet (Biosciences eastern and central Africa Network), where he established regional capacity building and scientific research programmes. Currently based in Nairobi, he is the coordinator of Research for Health & Pharmaceutical Innovation. He is also a Professor of Molecular Biology and Molecular Parasitology at Kinshasa University, DRC.