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TOP STORY

Martyn Smith to be next RHSC Director

Following an exhaustive recruitment process, the RHSC's Executive Committee has appointed Martyn Smith as its next Director. Martyn brings 25 years of leadership in the sexual and reproductive health community, most recently with FP2030 where he served as Interim Executive Director in the year leading up to the appointment of Dr. Samukeliso Dube.

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Unstoppable

No sooner was the English-language menstrual management guide announced in March this year, than women began contacting the RHSC from all over the world, offering probono translation support. In under four months, Managing Menstruation: Know Your Options has been translated and produced in Spanish, French, Portuguese, and Hindi, with other languages under discussion. It is also being used in a variety of settings, including a refugee counselling centre in Brussels. Why do women want to share this resource so badly that they volunteer their time so generously? This 3-minute read explains.

Stabilizing the market for injectables calls for increasing supply

A recently released RHSC statement has drawn attention to the need to fill the growing demand for intramuscular injectable contraceptives, widely known by the acronym MPA-IM. Drawing on data from the VAN, the RHSC, and Consensus Planning Group have published a brief that shares trend signals and insights for informed action by the manufacturing sector. Read the full statement online.

RHSC, P&G, Gartner discuss networks and control towers

This month, more than 40 representatives of the reproductive health community, information technology leader Gartner, Inc., and the multinational corporation Procter & Gamble (P&G) assembled for a three-hour interactive session on the nuances of multi-enterprise supply chain business networks and control towers. Gartner offered insights into the overarching industry perspective, while representatives of the VAN and P&G contributed real-life, practical examples of how each institution set up their own networks and control towers in the public and private sectors, respectively. During this three-hour interactive session, presentations were kept short to allow for dialogue, debate, and information sharing. The feedback has been so positive that discussions are underway for a follow-on session.



Colombian scholar SCORes

LAPTOP Scholar Sandra Pulgarín expects her training in Supply Chain Operations Reference (SCOR) to help her shatter glass ceilings and strengthen last mile supply chain functions in Latin America. **Read her story here**.

RHSC's "3M" Workplan Brief now available in Chinese

The RHSC's Workplan Brief is now available in <u>Chinese</u>. The document is designed to help Coalition members define their part in furthering the RHSC's strategic plan. It traces the journey from input to impact, revealing how the Coalition's levers of change make it possible to pursue an agenda built around three key drivers of change: money, markets, and movement. The brief was prepared as part of an ongoing effort to assess the value of

the RHSC's continued engagement with partners in China.

Register: webinar on market challenges for MNCH medicines

Later this month, the Maternal Health Caucus will host a webinar in which RHSC member R4D will discuss the market challenges limiting access to maternal and newborn health (MNCH) medicines, both globally and in Ethiopia, Tanzania, Uganda, Kenya, and Kano state, Nigeria. Register here for the webinar, which will be held on 25 August at 09:00 IET.

Congratulations to RHSC member Ferring Pharmaceuticals

Congratulations are in order for RHSC member Ferring Pharmaceuticals, which just received WHO Prequalification for its Heat Stable Cerbetocin, the only approved room temperature stable uterotonic for the prevention of uterine atony. We welcome this lifesaving medicine's entry into new markets.

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