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# HEHTA Newsletter

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## Professor Emma McIntosh Appointed Co-Director of HEHTA

Looking to build on almost 15 years of work with the group, Professor McIntosh will now share directorship of HEHTA with incumbent director Professor Olivia Wu.

You can read the full article on HEHTA's website:  
[www.gla.ac.uk/schools/healthwellbeing/research/hehta/aboutus/news-and-events/](http://www.gla.ac.uk/schools/healthwellbeing/research/hehta/aboutus/news-and-events/)



## Upcoming CPD Courses

We are now taking registrations for the final semester of our 2023/24 academic year.

Visit our website to book:  
[www.gla.ac.uk/schools/healthwellbeing/research/hehta/study/short-courses/](http://www.gla.ac.uk/schools/healthwellbeing/research/hehta/study/short-courses/)

### HTA in a Global Context

- 15th April to 28th June.
- Understand and critique HTA in different contexts.

### Health Economics for HTA

- 15th April to 28th June.
- Gain a critical understanding of health economics, its values and limitations.

## HEHTA x SHP

Following Professor Olivia Wu's appointment as adjunct professor at Mahidol University in Thailand last year, her recent visit at the close of 2023 looked at offering insight and recommendations towards initiatives led by the Siriraj Health Policy (SHP), the university's research unit looking to drive health policy.

Alongside SHP's Associate Professor Varalak Srinonprasert and team, Olivia was welcomed by Professor Dr. Keerati Charoencholvanich, the Head of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at the Faculty of Medicine at Siriraj Hospital. This meeting aimed to continue cooperation and synergy between the two universities and teams, and our respective fields of expertise.



## Graduate Success

Dr. Suthasinee Kumluang, known affectionately by the team as Toon, graduated in December 2023 following the completion of her PhD, titled *Cost-effectiveness of the new national stroke rehabilitation policy in Thailand*.

Toon has now returned to Thailand where she applies her learnings in her role as a project investigator and researcher.

Congratulations Toon, and all the best for the future.



## PHEHTA to Start



PHEHTA (the Planetary Health Economics and Health Technology Assessment group) was officially started in December 2023 with an inaugural meeting attended by 5 members. Led by Dr. Nicola McMeekin, PHEHTA's remit will take two main approaches: to assess practical sustainability within the Clarice Pears Building, and to examine HEHTA's research interests through the lens of sustainability and the environment.

PHEHTA's first tasks include checking the university travel policy, identifying search engines with the least impact on the environment, confirming what happens to waste in the office, and liaising with PGT leads to examine sustainability in taught courses.

# Evidence Synthesis Group Meets in Glasgow

HEHTA was delighted to host the first annual in-person meeting of the Evidence Synthesis Group (ESG) at the Complex Reviews Synthesis Unit (CRSU) on 5th and 6th February.

One of nine specialist research groups commissioned by NIHR's Evidence Synthesis Programme, the ESG at CRSU was last year awarded grant funding of £2.5 million over 5 years to conduct evidence syntheses spanning healthcare, public health, and social care. These projects may be requested directly by stakeholders, such as public health and social care providers (including NHS trusts) and patient communities, or



identified through NIHR processes.

HEHTA team members within the ESG were joined by project partners from the Universities of Leicester and York, Cochrane UK, as well as collaborators within the University of Glasgow. The group, led by Professor Olivia Wu, had a productive meeting discussing the progress of the currently allocated reviews, app development, patient and public involvement, and opportunities for future collaborations and expansion.

## Arrivals

**Price Udo Price,**  
*PhD Student.*



Price is a PhD student from the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences of Ribeirão Preto at the University of São Paulo, Brazil. He is carrying out a cost-utility analysis on Alzheimer's disease as part of his PhD project, and his visit to HEHTA is part of a 6-month knowledge transfer programme.

**Fergus Lamont,**  
*Marketing and Communications Administrator.*



Fergus arrives with a BA (Hons) in marketing and previous marketing experience in public health. Fergus is looking to drive engagement with HEHTA and increase visibility of our work.

## Departures

**Miriam Yentumi,**  
*Administrative Assistant.*



HEHTA's esteemed colleague Miriam left in January after 5 years with the group to relocate to Ghana with her family. On top of providing crucial support to the admin team, Miriam worked tirelessly to boost HEHTA's digital presence, using her passion for communications to engage with our global community.

## H-Tee-A

To see out 2023 and celebrate the team's achievements over the year, HEHTA enjoyed a festive away day of mini-golf.



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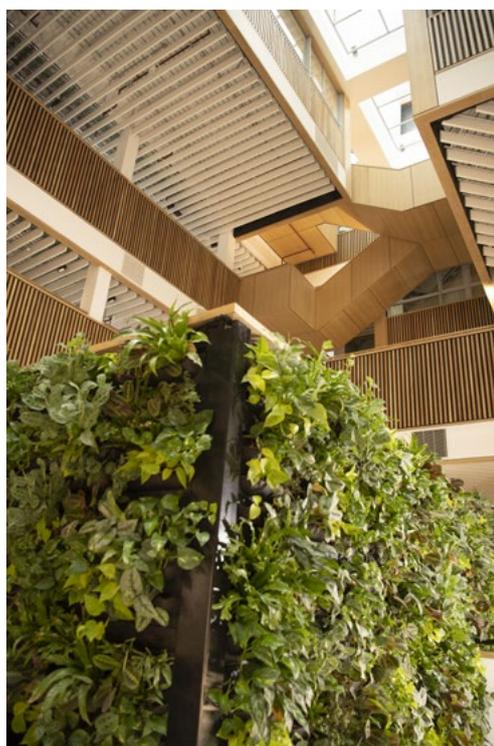
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