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WORKSHOP

INOSS ANNUAL MEETING
September 30th – October 1st 2026

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RATIONALE

The International Network of Obstetric Survey Systems (INOSS) brings together 29 countries worldwide with the shared aim of improving care for women, their babies, and their families by advancing knowledge and strengthening the evidence base on maternal mortality and severe, rare disorders occurring during pregnancy, including near-miss events. Through international cooperation and collaborative research, INOSS facilitates the generation of high-quality evidence to inform prevention strategies, clinical management, and improvements in maternal and perinatal outcomes.

INOSS conducts population-based research on maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity, enabling robust cross-national comparisons of incidence, aetiology, prevention, management strategies, and outcomes. This work builds on the expertise of clinicians, researchers, and epidemiologists from all continents, fostering a unique global platform for collaboration and knowledge exchange.

The annual INOSS meeting will bring together representatives from 25 countries within the network to foster international collaboration, share progress on research addressing maternal and perinatal health, promote educational initiatives aimed at healthcare professionals, and to address current challenges and opportunities to improve maternal outcomes, reduce inequalities, and strengthen the translation of scientific evidence into clinical practice.

RECIPIENTS

The workshop is a closed meeting exclusively dedicated to professionals participating in the activities of the International Network of Obstetric Survey Systems (INOSS) (Scientific Coordinator: Serena Donati). Attendance is limited to INOSS representatives, researchers, and invited collaborators involved in the network's scientific activities. The names of invited participants will be communicated to the reception desk at Via del Castro Laurenziano 10.

AGENDA

September 30th

12:00 Registration and light lunch

12:45 Welcome and introduction – *Serena Donati*

MATERNAL MORTALITY SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS AMONG NEW INOSS COUNTRIES

Chairs: *Kitty Bloemenkamp, Pauline de Vries*

13:00 The Japanese maternal mortality surveillance system

Tomoaki Ikeda

13:10 Maternal death in Berlin 2017–2025: a death certificate analysis

Julia Callaghan

13:20 Open discussion

Updates from OSS members

Chairs: *Hilde Marie Engjom, Karthikeyan Parimelalagapillai*

13:30 B.OSS–BAMM – *Griet Vandenbergh*

13:40 NOSS – *Teresia Svanvik*

13:50 France – *Catherine Deneux-Tharaux*

14:00 ItOSS – *Serena Donati*

14:10 NamOSS – *Justine Mufenda*

14:20 NethOSS – *Kitty Bloemenkamp*

14:30 Slovenia – *Miha Lučovnik*

14:40 SOSS – *Adam Adamec*

14:50 UKOSS – *Nicola Vousden*

15:00 Latvia – *Anna Miskova*

15:10 Open discussion

Updates from other INOSS members

Chairs: *Mika Gissler, Griet Vandenbergh*

15:30 CanOSS – *Isabelle Malhamé*

15:40 EthOSS – *Abera Kenay*

15:50 MaatHRI – *Manisha Nair*

16:00 Romania – *Lucian Puscasu*

16:10 South Africa – *Anke Heitkamp*

16:20 MDSRS – *Karthikeyan Parimelalagapillai*

16:30 Suriname – *Lachmi Kodan*

16:40 Switzerland – *Chiara Santarelli*

16:50 Open discussion

17:20 Closing remarks

17:30 Workshop close

October 1st

Early Career Researchers' Session

Chairs: *Catherine Deneux-Tharaux, Abera Kenay*

09:00 From confidential enquiry to action: addressing maternal mortality from sepsis in Canada

Jocelynn Cook

09:10 Visibility of severe maternal morbidity in Germany

Josefine Königbauer

09:20 Reducing mortality and severe morbidity from haemorrhage in Ontario

Ahmad Mauluddin

09:30 Peripartum hysterectomy in the Netherlands

Emma Veenstra

09:40 Hysterectomy in Sweden: a national population-based register study (2014–2024)

Maria Andersson

09:50 Re-laparotomy as a lived experience: a phenomenological study of women and partners

Margherita Tommasella

10:00 Predictors of peripartum hysterectomy in Ethiopia: findings from the Ethiopian Obstetric Surveillance System

Tamirat Getachew Woldemariam

10:10 Peripartum hysterectomy not done or too late? Comparison of haemorrhage and infection related maternal deaths and near misses in Namibia

Steffie Heemelaar, Justine Mufenda

10:20 A Standardised Framework Integrating Indigenously Skilled Traditional Birth Attendants into the Formal health System to Enhance Reproductive Health Outcomes in Selected Regions in northern Namibia

Hertha Haikera

10:30 Open discussion

10:50 Coffee break

11:20 Election of the new INOSS Chair and Steering Committee members

11:40 Update on the INOSS website – *Paola D'Aloja*

Proposal and discussion for new INOSS studies and initiatives

Chairs: *Marian Knight, Thomas van den Akker*

11:50 Abruptio placentae: limitations and challenges of retrospective studies – a call for a prospective study

Anne Pinton

12:00 Re-laparotomy after caesarean section – a call for a multinational INOSS study

Joost Zwart

12:10 The Lancet Commission on the maternal and newborn health: the INOSS role

Kitty Bloemenkamp

12:20 Proposal for Ethiopian maternal mortality enquiry

Abera Kenay

12:30 Open discussion

13:00 Light lunch

INOSS distance learning

Chairs: *Isabelle Malhamé, Serena Donati*

14:00 Updates and next steps on PPH – *Libera Troia*

14:10 Updates and next steps on CVD – *Steffie Heemelaar*

14:20 B.OSS maternal sepsis e-learning – *Griet Vandenbergh*

14:30 Open discussion

14:50 Closing remarks

15:00 Workshop close