

The Jeroen Ensink Memorial Prize 2018

The Jeroen Ensink Memorial Prize commemorates the life and work of former *Waterlines*' Editorial Board member Dr Jeroen H.J. Ensink who was tragically killed in 2015. Throughout his career, Dr Ensink sought to apply science and research to improve the lives of those who in the twenty-first century still live without access to safe drinking water and sanitation. He pursued this goal via different paths – as a practising public health engineer, as a young field researcher, as a doctoral student, as a senior investigator, and as a teacher and mentor – but always with the same clear and practical focus on solving the problem. Jeroen left behind him an impressive legacy of work and he also left a very personal mark on his many colleagues and friends in the water and sanitation sector.

Launched in 2016, the annual prize is awarded for an original paper submitted to and published in *Waterlines* in the previous calendar year. The winner, selected by the *Waterlines* editorial board, is awarded book vouchers to the value of £200 (redeemable at www.developmentbookshop.com), a 2 year subscription to *Waterlines* (print and online www.developmentbookshelf.com) for personal or institutional use, and a £100 cash prize.

A Panel consisting of four members of *Waterlines*' Editorial Advisory Board (Clarissa Brocklehurst, Oliver Cumming, Patrick Moriarty and Michael Templeton), together with Jeroen's brother, Robbert Ensink, has deliberated over a short-list of six eligible papers drawn from the 21 published in 2017.

The Editorial Advisory Board agreed that the award should go to the authors of the paper which (i) reflects Jeroen's values, (ii) is of high relevance to practice or policy in the water, sanitation, waste and hygiene sectors in low- and middle-income countries, and (iii) is of high quality.

We are pleased to announce that the winner of this year's prize is Jovana Dodos, Blanche Mattern, Jean Lapegue, Mathias Altmann, and Myriam Ait Aissa for their paper entitled *Relationship between water, sanitation, hygiene, and nutrition: what do Link NCA nutrition causal analyses say?* This paper is Open Access and can be found here: <https://doi.org/10.3362/1756-3488.17-00005>.

Comments from the Prize Panel include:

The selection committee noted that the paper addressed an issue of high public health importance (childhood undernutrition) from a multi-sectoral perspective that included but was not confined to water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH). The paper presents a novel mixed methods tool for assessing locally specific causes of undernutrition as a basis for practical recommendations regarding coordinated multi-sectoral interventions. Dr Jeroen Ensink's own passion was for research as a means to promote better practice rather than as an end in itself and the Panel felt that this article reflects this commitment to evidence-based practice in the WASH sector.

Warm congratulations to the authors, grateful thanks to the award panel, and good reading to you!

Richard Carter and Paul Hutchings (*Waterlines* Co-Editors)

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