

Invitation to the online symposium on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021:

**Planet Earth and its children**  
**Health for all children – how can that be achieved?**

Aachen, September 2021

Dear Sir or Madam,

On the occasion of the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Kindermissionswerk ,Die Sternsinger' (Missionary Childhood Germany), I would like to cordially invite you to an online symposium on the topic of child health worldwide, which we organize in cooperation with Missionsärztliches Institut Würzburg (Medical Mission Institute Würzburg). The international conference's key issue will follow the question: "Planet Earth and its children. Health for all children – how can that be achieved?"

We are pleased to welcome experts for lectures and discussions. The introductory lecture titled "From Tropical Medicine to Planetary Health – A Journey from Third to One World" will be given by Prof. Dr. med. August Stich, Head of Department for Tropical Medicine in Würzburg. Health challenges for children and young people all over the world and the question of how we can ensure a healthy life for people of all ages and promote their well-being (Sustainable Development Goal 3) will be the focus of the lecture by Elizabeth Lule, Board member of Save the Children International.

Project partners of Kindermissionswerk ,Die Sternsinger' as well as employees of Missionsärztliches Institut Würzburg will report on their work and invite you to exchange thoughts and ideas.

Find attached a detailed overview of the program or view it on the internet:  
[www.sternsinger.de/childhealth](http://www.sternsinger.de/childhealth)

We very much appreciate your participation! Please register by November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021:  
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You will receive an invitation with a link a few days before the event, which will enable you to digitally participate. The event will be translated into English and German.

If you have any questions concerning the content and topics of the symposium, please don't hesitate to direct them to our Health specialist, Dr. Barbara Breyhan:  
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We are looking forward to your participation!

Kind regards,



Fr. Dirk Bingener  
President of Kindermissionswerk ,Die Sternsinger'

Online-symposium on the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
of Kindermissionswerk ‚Die Sternsinger‘  
(Missionary Childhood Germany)

# Planet Earth and its Children

## Health for all Children - how can that be achieved?

November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 | 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. CET

3.00 – 3.15	<b>Welcome address</b>	<b>Fr. Dirk Bingener</b> President of Kindermissionswerk ‚Die Sternsinger‘, Aachen
3.15 – 4.00	<b>Introductory lecture</b>	<b>From Tropical Medicine to Planetary Health – A Journey from ‚Third‘ to ‚One World‘</b>  <b>Prof. Dr. August Stich</b> Leading Board member of Missionsärztliches Institut (Medical Mission Institute) Würzburg, Head of Department for Tropical Medicine, Clinic for Tropical Medicine, Würzburg
4.00 – 4.15	<b>Break</b>	Room change depending on registration
4.15 – 5.30	<b>Continental Panels with short presentations and discussion</b>  Child health – which challenges have to be faced? How can we effectively address child health issues? Which consequences do COVID-19 and climate crises have for children and adolescents?	

## Panel Africa

Chair:

**Dr. Christian Schmidt**, Paediatrician in Dinslaken,  
Executive Board of the Society for Tropical Paediatrics (GTP)

- **Tatjana Gerber**  
Health coordinator at diocese of Wau, South Sudan
- **Atekit Hellen Grace**  
Nurse at St. Kizito Hospital Matany, Moroto, Uganda
- **Dr. Damiano Anthony Richard**  
Paediatrician at Comboni Hospital, Diocese of Wau, South Sudan
- **Sr. Scholastica Wamalwa**  
Head of mobile health clinic, Diocese of Lodwar, North Turkana, Kenya
- **Dr. Antke Züchner**  
Paediatrician at Muhimbili National Hospital,  
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

## Panel Asia

Chair:

**Dr. Lisa Sous-Braun**, Physician and longstanding Board member  
of German Doctors e.V., Bonn

- **Dr. Divya KC**  
Paediatrician at International Friendship Childrens Hospital,  
Kathmandu, Nepal
- **Dr. Saskia Kreibich**  
Regional Team Leader of the Department of Medicine of the German  
Leprosy and Tuberculosis Relief Association, Würzburg
- **Dr. Piet Reijer**  
Specialist for Public Health, Missionsärztliches Institut Würzburg

## Panel Latin America

Chair:

**Michael Kuhnert**  
Managing Director of Missionsärztliches Institut Würzburg

- **Dr. Nelson Arns-Neumann**  
Physician and Coordinator of “Pastoral Da Criança”  
(Children’s pastoral care), Brazil
- **Padre Miguel Fritz OMI**  
Priest and ethnologist at indigenous pastoral care, Paraguay

## Panel Europe

Chair:

**Prof. Dr. August Stich**, Head of Department for Tropical Medicine,  
Clinic for Tropical Medicine, Würzburg

- **Dr. Georg Kippels**  
Member of the Bundestag (Committees of Health and for Economic  
Cooperation and Development), Bedburg/Berlin
- **Dr. Klemens Ochel**  
Specialist for Public Health, Missionsärztliches Institut Würzburg
- **Christine Wegener**  
Nurse at Mission Medical Hospital, Würzburg

5.30 – 5.45	<b>Break</b>	Room change
5.45 – 6.30	<b>Reports from the panels</b> Moderator: <b>Urte Podszuweit</b> Consultant for public relations at Kindermissionswerk ‚Die Sternsinger‘	
6.30 – 6.40	<b>Break</b>	
6.40 – 7.40	<b>Keynote Speech</b>	<b>Prioritizing Children’s Health and Development in the Face of Growing Risks</b> <b>Elizabeth Lule</b> , Board member of Save the Children International and Executive Director at Early Childhood Development Action Network (ECDAN), Washington DC, USA <b>Possibility for questions and exchange</b>
7.40 – 8.00	<b>Conclusion and closing words</b>	<b>Fr. Dirk Bingener</b> President of Kindermissionswerk ‚Die Sternsinger‘, Aachen

**Organizer:**

Kindermissionswerk ‚Die Sternsinger‘, Aachen  
in cooperation with Missionsärztliches Institut Würzburg



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**Moderator:** Urte Podszuweit

**The conference will be held in English and German, simultaneous translation will be provided**

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