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### **PORTFOLIO**

Michaëla A.M. Huson

PhD period: January 2011 – January 2015

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PhD training Workload			
General courses	Year	(Hours/ECTS	
Advanced aDCD	2014	0.6	
Advanced qPCR			
Clinical Data Management	2013	0.3	
Basic Course in Legislation and Organization for Clinical Researchers	2011	0.9	
Clinical Epidemiology	2011	0.6	
BASIC Laboratory Safety	2011	0.4	
Specific courses			
"Short course on abdominal ultrasound in infectious diseases and tropical medicine", Pavia, Italy, organized by Prof. Dr. E. Brunetti.	2014	2.8	
Seminars, workshops and master classes	-		
How to turn ideas into publications by Professor Ali Zumla	2011	0.2	
Immunology by Professor Stefan Kaufmann	2014	0.2	
Oral presentations			
The immune response during sepsis in a tropical setting ISIT; The impact of co-infection with HIV or malaria. Scientific meeting Lambaréné, Gabon.	2012	0.5	
HIV tangles with coagulation activation during sepsis: results from a prospective observational study in Gabon. 24 <sup>th</sup> European Congress of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious diseases (ECCMID), Barcelona, Spain.	2014	0.5	
Poster presentations			
Characteristics of AIDS patients in intensive care units: a retrospective study in the Netherlands (1999-2013). 24 <sup>th</sup> European Congress of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious diseases (ECCMID), Barcelona, Spain.	2014	0.5	
The influence of HIV infection on coagulation activation during sepsis. 16 <sup>th</sup> International Congress on Infectious Diseases (ICID), Cape Town, South Africa.	2014	0.5	
Characteristics of AIDS patients in Dutch intensive care units. Netherlands Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Prevention and Treatment, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.	2013	0.5	

(Inter)national conferences		
Internationale Aids Conferentie Symposium, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.	2014	0.3
16 <sup>th</sup> International Congress on Infectious Diseases (ICID), Cape Town, South Africa.	2014	1.0
24 <sup>th</sup> European Congress of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious diseases (ECCMID), Barcelona, Spain.	2014	1.0
15 <sup>th</sup> International congress of Immunology (ICI), Milan, Italy	2013	0.75
7 <sup>th</sup> International Federation of Shock Societies, Miami, US	2012	0.75
Toll 2011, decoding innatie immunity, Riva del Garda, Italy	2011	0.75
2. Teaching		
Tutoring, Mentoring		
Research project of Rachel Kalkman; "When to draw a blood culture in feverish patien admitted to a hospital in tropical settings".	ts 2013	2.0
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### **WORDS OF THANKS**

During the fourteen months of data collection in Gabon I once stumbled upon a small shop selling electronic devices, situated in Lopé. The shop was erected from wooden planks with a corrugated iron roof, as most of its likes in the country. The handwritten signposts advertising the shops merchandise read 'mieux que rien', better than nothing, and at the bottom the owner had added 'Homme a tout faire sauf...!', a handyman who can do anything but....

To me, this beautifully reflects the past five years of PhD research. As a PhD student I was often a handyman; designing, organizing, negotiating, pipetting, caring for patients, writing... it was all part of it. With the result in hand I am proud, yet the modesty of this man in a remote corner of Gabon greatly appeals to me, because whatever we do, there will always be more questions to answer, and new mountains to climb.

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