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Women in Global Health Slack Weekly Update

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Women in Global Health Slack Network Updates

Welcome to the Weekly Update!

We are so glad you are part of the Women in Global Health Slack Network! With over 500 members, we believe this network can be a source of real support to emerging women leaders in the field of global health. We are committed to growing and investing in this community, and we hope you will continue to engage with us. Each **Tuesday** we will send an email update like this to help you remember to check Slack, share tips for successfully

engaging in the community, and direct you to important news. Friendly reminder: try to keep the Slack app open on your computer and turn on notifications to help you stay engaged!

Slack Member Spotlight

Sloka Iyengar, PhD, is based in New York, and grew up in Ahmedabad, India. Her passions lie in the power of science to change the world for its most vulnerable populations, and the importance of communication to affect that change. Sloka has always been fascinated by the brain as the organ that controls all that we sense, feel, and do. It was during her work at a spay-and-neuter shelter in India that this fascination led her to pursue graduate studies in neuroscience. For her PhD and postdoctoral work, Sloka examined neuronal circuits that lead to the generation and propagation of epileptic seizures. Wanting to use her scientific training for more direct public impact, she worked with adults and children with refractory epilepsy to develop better therapeutic strategies. This work led to the approval of cannabidiol (CBD) for certain epilepsy syndromes.



In the recent past, Sloka realized the impact that science and effective science communication can have, and the critical need for science geared towards public good. She feels an obligation to use her scientific training for direct public impact. To do this, Sloka works with collaborators in India and the US in the areas of patient advocacy and communication, dementia, palliative care, harm reduction in substance abuse disorders, and post-traumatic epilepsies. Her areas of focus are: mental health and substance abuse (including the use of arts and dance to promote positive mental health), aging and palliative care, and neurological disorders.

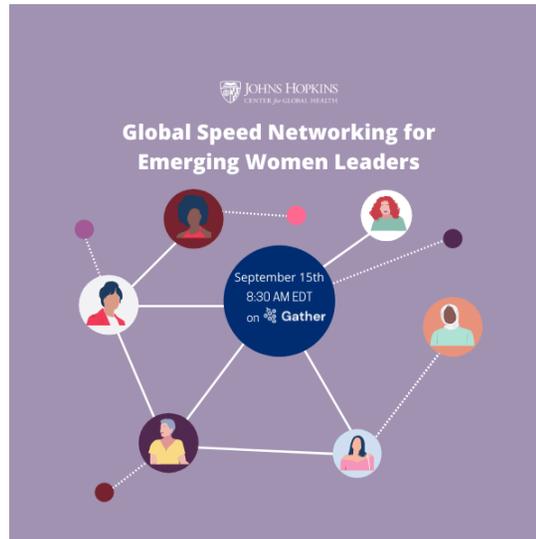
Sloka is also a performer and practitioner of Bharatanatyam (a traditional Indian dance form), and believes that the arts have an important role to play in society. As a practitioner of both dance and science, Sloka has created productions that explore the many points of convergence between dance and neuroscience. Sloka joined the Slack group because she was curious about if and how her scientific background would be applicable to public health without a public health degree. Thus far, it's been a pleasure for her to talk to and learn from the amazing women in this group.

If you'd like to get in touch with Sloka, reach out via [email](#) or find her on Slack!

Do you want to be featured in our Slack Member Spotlight? Each week, we will introduce a member of our Slack community to the entire group. This is a great opportunity to get to know each other and to showcase yourself to all of our members. [Fill out your Slack Member Spotlight form here!](#)

Highlights from the Slack Workspace

Speed Networking Event Tomorrow, September 15, 2021



Join the Center for Global Health for the Global Speed Networking for Emerging Women Leaders event on September 15th at 8:30am EDT. We can't wait to see you there!

[Learn more and register here.](#)

Slack #Channels

Discussion of the Week

We know some of you may just be learning how to use Slack, so we want to introduce

you to our many #channels. On the sidebar, you will see a variety of topics listed to help organize our conversations and help you engage meaningfully.

For example, [#general](#) is where the majority of our conversations happen. It's a great place to find polls, discussion questions, and introduce yourself to the group!

You can also create your own channels!

Have you seen organizations and people within them leverage their power to discount others' successes? If so, how?

Visit the [#general channel](#) to see how people are responding and contribute to the discussion.

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