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DTM&H 2025



“The DTMH at the BNITM is exceptional. Why? Because the candidates have a high level of medical understanding, and **the course is well organised and structured.**” (W.P. Voskuil, Lecturer)

“In todays global village, learning tropical diseases with experts and colleagues from around the world takes us beyond the four walls and corners, endowing us with multicultural collaboration, sharing of ideas and sharpening of skills to address tropical illnesses. **I recommend this course in the historical institute BNITM that brings you one step closer to your humanitarian dreams!**” (Aayush Adhikari, Alumni 2025)



“The DTM&H course at BNITM offers a remarkable blend of theoretical and practical activities like microscopy and discussions about real clinical cases. We have had the opportunity to learn about tropical diseases from **highly qualified lecturers**, while sharing experiences, ideas, and knowledge with talented colleagues from all over the world. This environment allowed us to foster collaboration with the common goal of addressing major health issues. It has been a unique opportunity to sharpen technical skills and build bonds that transcend borders. The course is well organized and provides a **comprehensive curriculum** covering key topics in tropical medicine. It was truly a life-changing experience in the beautiful city of Hamburg. **The BNITM DTM&H course is an example of how collaboration over competition can provide the tools to find solutions for Neglected Tropical Diseases.** It is also a reminder that diseases that were once restricted to the tropics now are spreading across the Northern Hemisphere.” (Tomas Moutinho, Alumni 2025)

“The course deepened my knowledge of tropical diseases and connected me with passionate experts and colleagues worldwide. The supportive environment gave me the confidence to pursue a career in this field, making it pivotal to my professional growth. **The Diploma Course at the BNITM is unique as Hamburg is the birthplace of tropical medicine in Germany.** With its rich history and international reputation, it attracts global experts, **offering participants access to world-class knowledge and a diverse network of international peers.**” (Sarah Walker, Alumni 2024)



“The DTM&H at BNITM is a comprehensive, hands-on course offered in an institution with great amenities that provides an outstanding learning environment.

The course challenges you to be more culturally sensitive, pay more attention to history, and to know your stuff to the dot (with of course some humor).

Having course participants from many different countries and stages of their careers created a unique opportunity to learn from one another's experiences and build meaningful friendships.

Above all, I deeply appreciated the generous scholarship support that made it possible for some of us to attend the course.” (Jonathan Kajjimu, Alumni 2026)



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"The three-month course in tropical medicine and global health was a great experience that really helped me develop my medical knowledge and understanding of issues in the Global South. The intensive course gives you a deep understanding of infectious diseases and insights into lots of different public health topics, as well as the growing importance of non-communicable diseases in countries with limited medical resources. I also enjoyed the lectures on intercultural communication and the practical exercises in safety training. **I was really impressed by the lecturers, who were so committed and experienced**, and by the stimulating discussions. I got to explore relevant topics in more detail in the group work, which included some practical questions. I feel well prepared for work assignments in the Global South, but also for migration or travel medicine. Finally, I am really excited about Hamburg. It's one of my favourite cities with an amazing cultural, culinary and sporting scene. **The view over the harbour during the coffee break was truly exhilarating and refreshing.**" (Patrick Hilti, Alumni 2024)



"The DTM&H course gave me the chance to gain new perspectives on Tropical Medicine and connect with colleagues from around the globe. I deepened my understanding of diseases that are rarely discussed in Latin America broadening my view of global health challenges. And... I got to practice microscopy! I am very grateful for everything I've learned and I am more motivated to keep contributing to Global Health." (Carolina Soledad Coombes Perez, Alumni 2025)



"The BNITM is unique in that it brings together experienced medical professionals for a joint exchange designed for mutual learning. In today's increasingly globalised world, it is crucial to discuss and implement joint solutions to the various crises. **Participants can expect a broad spectrum of insights into tropical medicine as well as first-hand practical experience from experts and humanitarian projects.** The aim is not to outline a possible ideal scenario, but to share realistic and practical experiences and to proactively discuss possible solutions together." (Tankred Stöbe, Lecturer)



"It was a great experience to participate in this course. I gained a lot of knowledge in an area I previously had limited knowledge of. All speakers were experts in their respective fields and shared valuable insights. Hamburg is a great city to live in and explore. I couldn't recommend this course more highly." (Maria Rothensteiner, Alumni 2024)



"**Participating in the DTM&H program at BNITM was a pivotal moment in my career.** It not only expanded my knowledge but also refined my approach to complex tropical health issues. I highly recommend it to anyone serious about making a difference in this field." (Tah Rene Mih, Alumni 2025)

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“Joining the DTMH course at BNITM was one of the best decisions I’ve ever made – minus the 14-hour flight to get there!

The course was intense but thoughtfully structured, especially for someone new to tropical medicine. Each week tackled a specific theme – from bacteriology to public health – with lectures delivered by top-tier experts like Dr. Camilla Rothe (HIV) and Dr. Timo Wolf (viral hemorrhagic fevers). We weren’t just absorbing theory; we were engaging with real, current research in the field.

Hands-on learning was a huge highlight. We took part in clinical ward rounds at UKE Eppendorf, travel medicine consultations, HIV/TB seminars, and remote case discussions from Africa. The microscopy training was especially invaluable – a rare opportunity to develop essential skills you can’t learn anywhere else.

As the course was delivered in English for the first time, we had a wonderfully diverse cohort from Africa, Central Asia and South America. Their insights enriched the learning experience – and I’m lucky to now call some of them lifelong friends.

A special thanks to Levke Haring, our ever-attentive administrator, and Benno Kreuels, who ensured everything ran like clockwork.

Outside of class, Hamburg was fantastic – affordable, vibrant, and full of character. From the Night of Museums to watching the port anniversary fireworks from BNITM’s rooftop, it was unforgettable.

If you’re considering this course: go for it. Tropical medicine is serious business – but learning it at BNITM makes it seriously fun. “ (Mohammad Fitri Hakim Bin Mohamad Nasir, Alumni 2025)

“I highly recommend the DTM&H programme because it has provided me a comprehensive approach to tropical medicine, with theoretical knowledge, practical clinical and public health perspectives. **The diversity of topics covered, the expertise of the lecturers, and the opportunity to learn from participants and professionals from different backgrounds made this programme a truly enriching experience.**

The kindness, support, and availability of Levke and Benno contributed greatly to making the programme a very welcoming experience.

This programme also has really helped me in a better understanding of global health challenges and provided me with new perspectives on the specific health needs and priorities of my country. It has encouraged me to reflect on how I can contribute to addressing these challenges and has reinforced my motivation to participate in humanitarian and global health projects in the future.

Beyond the learning experience, discovering Hamburg has also been wonderful, living in such beautiful city has made this journey more memorable.

I am very grateful for this experience and for the inspiring people I met along the way, so I would warmly encourage anyone interested in tropical medicine and global health to join the programme.” (Onja Arovanjanahary, Alumni 2026)