



## **PhD Scholarship Opportunity**

To: Members of the IUC-JU Child Health and Nutrition Project

The IUC-JU programme launches a PhD scholarship in the Child Health and Nutrition Project entitled

“Child Development and Nutrition”

with as promotor of this PhD Prof. Marita Granitzer (PHL-Uhasselt) and Prof. Patrick Kolsteren (UGent).

A detailed description of the PhD proposal can be found in the attachment. The selection procedure is described in the IUC-JU management manual in the attachment.

Interested candidates have to subscribe with the IUC-JU programme manager, Jemal Abafita, before 15 April 2010. The deadline for submission of a detailed research proposal according to guidelines given in the IUC-JU management manual is 15 June 2010, and should be done electronically to Jemal.Abafita ([Jemal.Abafita@ju.edu.et](mailto:Jemal.Abafita@ju.edu.et)).

The detailed research proposal should be developed according to guidelines given in the IUC-JU management manual (pp. 4-5), using the same topic as the PhD proposal.

## ***CALL FOR RESEARCH PROPOSAL***

**Title:** Child development and health.

Within the institutional collaboration under the VLIR-UOS, the child health and nutrition project is conducting a research on the effect of psychomotor/psychosocial stimulation on the recovery of under-five children with Severe Acute malnutrition during and after dietary rehabilitation in the Jimma University hospital. A longitudinal study will take place where malnourished and hospitalized children will receive a psychomotor/psychosocial stimulation package with the objective to help them recover their development deficit. Parents will be trained in the stimulation exercises and will be asked to continue the therapy at home. Home visits are planned in the follow up phase.

For this particular study we are looking for a scientist who would be the overall responsible, with the Belgian partners, for the implementation of the intervention. The candidate will also receive a PhD scholarship and be enrolled in a Belgian University. Candidates should have a Master university degree in a relevant field such as psychology, special education, medicine, or related. Experience in rehabilitation of patients with special needs might be an advantage. Candidates should be a member of the Child Health and Nutrition Project of the Institutional inter-university Cooperation.