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We are very excited about our first multi-disciplinary infant mental health conference **THE BODIES AND MINDS OF BABIES IN RELATIONSHIP: DIALOGUES IN A MULTIDISCIPLINARY CONTEXT** to be held in Johannesburg 30 - 31 October 2015 . Please see the provisional programme below for more information on confirmed key speakers and the format of the two days. Please feel free to circulate this email to colleagues who may be interested in the conference.

If you would like to become a member of GAIMH and benefit from the reduced conference fees, please reply to this email address or complete the membership enquiry form on our website www.gaimh.co.za or at this link [GAIMH membership enquiry](#) . The R100 membership fee for 2015 will support us in subsidising delegates from NPOs and government structures and help us to promote awareness of infant mental health across all sectors in South Africa. We urge you to sign-up and help us grow GAIMH-SA so that our voice can be heard by policy-makers, professionals and stakeholders who act as custodians for the infants of our country.

Online registrations can also be made via the website, by emailing Bridget Petersen at conference1@onscreenav.co.za or [by following this link](#).

We would like to encourage our colleagues from all disciplines to submit an abstract for the parallel sessions. More information and an online submission form can be found on the website or [here](#).

Please contact me for more information.

Kind Regards,
Nicola Dugmore
CHAIR



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THE BODIES AND MINDS OF BABIES IN RELATIONSHIP: DIALOGUES IN A MULTIDISCIPLINARY CONTEXT

DATE: Friday 30 - Saturday 31 October 2015

VENUE: Science Stadium, University of Witwatersrand, JHB



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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

FRIDAY 30 OCTOBER 2015

08h00 – 08h30	Late registrations	
08h30 – 09h15	Opening Address	
09h15 – 10h00	<p>Plenary 1</p> <p>LINDA RICHTER</p>	<p>Development, University of the Witwatersrand. She is a NRF A-rated scientist and a Distinguished Research Fellow at the HSRC. She has conducted basic and policy research in the fields of child, youth and family development and is the Early Child Development Advisor to the WHO in Geneva.</p>
10h00 – 10h30	Tea	
10h30 – 11h15	<p>Plenary 2</p> <p>PETER COOPER</p>	<p>Cooper is Professor and Academic Head of the Department of Paediatrics at University of the Witwatersrand. His specialisation is in neonatology and he has published widely in the field. Cooper is on the board of the International Pediatric Association.</p>
11h15 – 12h00	<p>Plenary 3</p> <p>SHEILA TLOU</p>	<p>Tlou holds a PhD in Nursing Science. She was Minister of Health, Botswana from 2004-2008 and is a Consultant to the WHO, UNAIDS, International Council of Nurses. Tlou is Past-Director of the WHO Collaborating Centre for Nursing and Midwifery Development in Primary Health Care for Anglophone Africa. Currently she is involved in leadership and political advocacy for quality sustainable AIDS response in 21 African countries.</p>
12h10 – 13h00	Parallel sessions TBC	
13h00 – 13h45	Lunch	
14h00 – 14h45	Parallel sessions TBC	
15h00 – 15h45	Parallel sessions TBC	
15h45 – 16h15	Tea	
16h15 – 17h00	<p>Plenary 4</p> <p>ALESSANDRA PIONTELLI</p>	<p>Piontelli graduated as a doctor, specialising in neurology, psychiatry, and psychoanalysis, with a long training in obstetrics. She is currently employed as a researcher in the department of maternal/fetal medicine, University of Milan, Italy. Author of books on fetal observation and twin studies.</p>

