

**THE POWER OF DATA:
WEBINAR LAUNCH OF SPECIAL ISSUE OF GLOBAL HEALTH ACTION IN HONOUR OF
PROFESSOR PETER BYASS**

SAVE THE DATE: TUESDAY APRIL 5TH 2022; 0930-1230 CET

“Peter Byass was a leader and a giant in the field of recording births and death, but to him what mattered the most were the people behind the data.”

Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
Director-General, World Health Organization.



On August 16th, 2020, the world suddenly lost one of the great advocates and practitioners of data science for global health – Professor Peter Byass. As a tribute to his work, a special issue of *Global Health Action* will be launched on April 5th, 2022 – the very journal that Peter helped to create. The 8 articles in the SI focus on key issues for the capture and use of data in low-and-middle-income countries which occupied Peter in his

thirty-year career: from health and demographic surveillance systems, to verbal and social autopsy of deaths, to emerging issues of climate change and of the Zika virus, right through to current data challenges in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The launch will be delivered through an online webinar, hosted by Umeå University – one of Peter’s academic homes. The opening tribute will be given by Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus and Professor Stig Wall, followed by an overview of the Special Issue. The lead authors of the 8 articles will present summaries, with facilitated Q&A sessions, including opportunities for students of global health from around the world to pose questions.

To attend, please register at:

https://umu.zoom.us/webinar/register/6316473380719/WN_rvfHfPfsTA6bR-ZgR67fCg

More information on the programme and short biographies of the speakers and chairs will be posted on the registration site shortly.

We look forward to your participation on April 5th. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please send to the organizing committee members:

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