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Professor Boulvain has collaborated with the WHO Department of Reproductive Health Research, including being the Chairman of its Research Projects Review Panel (RP2) from 2010 to 2014 and has participated in several technical consultations to develop WHO guidelines. He participated in a large project, funded by Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, with the aim of reducing maternal mortality in Morocco. His main research focus is perinatal clinical epidemiology. Together with his colleagues, he has conducted several randomised trials to evaluate interventions in obstetrics. He has also performed observational studies to evaluate diagnostic tests or risk factors, both in obstetrics and gynaecology. He is an author on several systematic reviews for the Cochrane Collaboration.

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She played a pivotal role in conceptualizing and implementing Center for Catalyzing Change's widely known scaled up programs on inclusion of SRH education for young people in schools, currently being implemented in two states in India, covering more than a million young people in the last 5 years.

She holds a PhD (International Politics), Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi and a Postgraduate diploma in Journalism. She has been accorded recognition for her work in various forums- on 8th March 2011, Guardian, UK, marked International Women’s Day by selecting 100 of world's most inspiring women, and Aparajita Gogoi was named as one of these 100 women. In 2010, at the "Women: Inspiration and Enterprise" Symposium hosted in New York City by Sarah Brown, Donna Karen and Arian Huffington, Dr. Aparajita Gogoi was given the WIE Humanitarian Award for her good work on behalf of humanity that help make our world a better place.

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E-mail: Silke.Mader@efcni.org | Silke Mader is the Chairwoman of the Executive Board and co-founder of EFCNI. In 1997, her twins were born in the 25th week of pregnancy, and were not given the appropriate care. Unfortunately, one of them died a few days after birth, leaving the parents and the sibling behind. During her time in hospital and afterwards, she was faced with the non-existence of support of any kind, the absence of public awareness and the lack of information and education for parents during pregnancy. She felt that no parents should ever undergo such an awful experience again.  
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Professor Olayemi has been involved in reproductive health activities including writing summary for the WHO Reproductive Health Library. He is the coordinator of the Reproductive Health Program of the Pan-African University Life and Earth Science Institute, and was Acting Deputy Director of the Institute at inception. He is the current Head of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology of the College of Medicine, University of Ibadan, Nigeria. He is also a facilitator for the Consortium for Advanced Research Training in Africa (CARTA) and participates actively in JAS 3 and 4.

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Dr. Wahabi has done considerable work on diabetes in pregnancy among Middle-Eastern women. She has published more than 26 papers in high impact journals including systematic reviews, which influenced policy and practice in maternity services in the Gulf States as well as other parts of the world.

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Debra's current research programme includes support for women who wish to breastfeed following caesarean birth, a co-design project to support breastfeeding as an early intervention to prevent childhood obesity, a feasibility trial of an intervention to support postnatal weight management, improving postnatal pathways for women with medically complex pregnancies, and the role of multi-disciplinary teams in management of women with medically complex pregnancies. In addition to her own work, she is collaborating with teams on several NIHR programme grants, which include interventions to address the effectiveness of perinatal mental health services and interventions to reduce maternal urinary and faecal incontinence following birth.  
Recently completed work includes a large multi-centre trial of birth outcomes of upright or supine positions in the second stage of labour among primiparous women who have epidural analgesia (the BUMPES trial), a cluster randomised trial of evidence-based management of perineal trauma sustained at birth (PEARLS), and use of NHS services by adults and children trafficked in the UK (PROTECT study). She is lead and/or co-author of several systematic reviews for the Cochrane Library, the Joanna Briggs Institute and WHO. Her current policy contribution includes work for NHS London, NICE and Department of Health for England. https://kclpure.kcl.ac.uk/portal/debra.bick.html |
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