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#### **I. SVRI Forum 2015 notice**

##### **Oral and poster presentations:**

The SVRI Forum has received a record number of abstracts this year. We have sent abstract outcome notifications and would like to remind accepted all **oral and poster presenters** to confirm, register and pay for the conference. We must finalise the oral programme by 20th July. Oral presenters who have not registered and paid by this time may be removed from the programme. Please communicate with us if payment will be made at a later time. Similarly, we have limited poster space and can only accommodate another 4 posters. For any registration queries, please contact: [Merlin.Osborne@mrc.ac.za](mailto:Merlin.Osborne@mrc.ac.za). Please register online.

**[Pre-conference workshops](#):** The SVRI Forum is proud to announce nine exciting and informative pre-conference workshops to be held on Monday 14 September 2015. Please note that the workshops are not included in your registration and will need to be paid for separately. Workshops are charged at R500 per workshop and can be registered for at: <http://www.svri.org/forum2015/workshop.htm>

## II. Journal articles

*Write to the author given as the contact person by the respective publishing house to request a full copy of a journal article.*

[Do drinking episodes contribute to sexual aggression perpetration in college men? Testa M, Parks KA, Hoffman JH, Crane CA, Leonard KE, Shyhalla K. J. Stud. Alcohol Drugs; 76\(4\): 507-515. 2015:](#) This daily report study was designed to examine whether alcohol consumption increases the odds of aggressive sexual activity within the next 4 hours. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Prevalence and correlates of sexual abuse among female out-of-school adolescents in Iwaya Community, Lagos State, Nigeria. Kunnuji MO, Esiet A. Afr. J. Reprod. Health; 19\(1\): 82-90. 2015:](#) This study set out to document the prevalence and predictors of sexual intercourse with persons below the age of consent (statutory rape) and outright sex without consent (rape) among out-of-school adolescents in an urban slum in Lagos, Nigeria. [Source SafetyLit].

[Psychometrics properties of Psychological Dating Violence Questionnaire: a study with young couples. Ureña J, Romera EM, Casas JA, Viejo C, Ortega-Ruiz R. Int. J. Clin. Health Psychol.; 15\(1\): 52-60. 2015:](#) The PDV-Q joins dating and intimate violence instruments potentialities and tries to overcome their limitations. It includes a wide range of violent behaviours and it is adapted to specific characteristics from young couples. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Avoidance symptoms and delayed verbal memory are associated with post-traumatic stress symptoms in female victims of sexual violence. Shin KM, Chang HY, Cho SM, Kim NH, Kim KA, Chung YK. J. Affect. Disord.; 184: 145-148. 2015:](#) This study examined factors affecting the severity of PTSD symptoms in early stage of traumatic experience of sexual violence, including initial post-traumatic symptoms and cognitive characteristics. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Sexual Revictimization: The Impact of Attachment Anxiety, Accumulated Trauma, and Response to Childhood Sexual Abuse Disclosure. Brenner, Inbal.; Ben-Amitay, Galit. Violence and Victims. v. 30, 1, 2015, p. 49-65, 2015:](#) This study investigated the relations between attachment dimensions, exposure to accumulated childhood traumas, reaction to childhood sexual abuse disclosure, and adult sexual revictimization. [Source: PUBMED]

[Protecting children in research: safer ways to research with children who may be experiencing violence or abuse. Randall D, Anderson A, Taylor J. J. Child Health Care 2015:](#) To make research safer teams should consider training, safety protocols and support for child protection, which includes support to report safeguarding concerns to social care. [Source: PUBMED].

[Child sexual abuse: report of 311 cases with review of literature. Essabar L, Khalqallah A, Dakhama BS. Pan. Afr. Med. J.; 20: 47. 2015:](#) A study of 311 cases of CSA to highlight the

epidemiological features and negative impact on victims' well-being and to emphasize the need for a multidisciplinary approach to the primary prevention and management of CSA. [Source: SafetyLit].

**[The painful legacy of childhood violence: migraine headaches among adult survivors of adverse childhood experiences. Brennenstuhl S, Fuller-Thomson E. Headache](#)**

**[2015](#)**: Number and type of early adversities are associated with migraine among Canadian men and women. [Source: SafetyLit].

**[Effects of home visitation on maternal competencies, family environment, and child development: a randomized controlled trial. Sierau S, Dähne V, Brand T, Kurtz V, von Klitzing K, Jungmann T. Prev. Sci. 2015](#)**

: Based on the US Nurse-Family Partnership program, the German home visiting program "Pro Kind" offered support for socially and financially disadvantaged first-time mothers from pregnancy until the children's second birthday. A multi-centered, longitudinal randomized controlled trial was conducted to assess its effectiveness on mothers and children. [Source: SafetyLit].

**[Breastfeeding Duration after Childhood Sexual Abuse: An Australian Cohort Study. Jan Coles, Amy Anderson, Deborah Loxton Journal of Human Lactation 06/2015](#)**

: Women who experienced CSA were successfully able to maintain breastfeeding at a level similar to those who had not experienced CSA after controlling for sociodemographic factors. [Source: PUBMED].

**[Clouding the Judgment of Domestic Violence Law: Victim Blaming by Institutional Stakeholders in Cambodia. Brickell, K. Journal of Interpersonal Violence. 2015](#)**

: This study found that Domestic Violence Law has the potential to entrench, rather than diminish, an environment of victim blaming. [Source: Author]

**[Participatory Politics of Participation: Video Workshops on Domestic Violence in Cambodia. Garrett, B. & Brickell, K. Area. 2015](#)**

: Highlighting discrepancies between 'gold standard' participatory ideals and practice, the authors argue through three vignettes that greater acknowledgement is needed of intermediaries whose statuses and behaviours, like those of researchers, heavily mediate community engagement in participatory action research. [Source: Author].

**[Free Access: Human Trafficking Article Collection](#)**: The scholarly study of human trafficking is growing. Defined as the illegal movement of people, typically for the purposes of forced labor or commercial sexual exploitation, human trafficking is a worldwide issue that can affect people of all ages, races, and economic backgrounds. Routledge Journals presents a collection of articles on the topic of human trafficking. You can now view and download each of these articles for FREE until 31st December 2015.

**[Free online access to first 2015 issue of Asian Journal of Women's Studies \(AJWS\)](#)**: AJWS aims to share and disseminate information and scholarly ideas about women's issues in Asia and all over the world, with the view to develop women's studies in Asia and expand the horizon of western-centred women's studies. The journal offers research articles with a

theoretical focus, voices from Asian feminist activism, country reports providing valuable information on specific subjects, and book reviews containing information on recent publications on women in Asia and elsewhere.

### **III. Online publications and resources**

**[Building More Effective Partnerships between Public Sector and Faith Groups, Joint Learning Initiative on Faith & Local Communities, McKinsey, 2015](#)**: Survey of policymakers' attitudes and experience regarding partnership with faith groups. [Source: JLI].

**[The Ethics of Health Systems Research: Selected Guidelines and Studies. Molyneux S; Pratt B; Wassenaar D; Rogers W: Research In Gender And Ethics \(RinGs\) Building Stronger Health Systems, 2015](#)**: There is a growing interest in the ethics of health systems research, and some debate about whether a specific ethical framework or set of guidance is needed. The authors provide a framework to begin to think about this, organised around eight considerations: (1) the nature of intervention; (2) types of research subjects; (3) units of intervention and observation; (4) informed consent; (5) controls and comparisons; (6) risk assessment; (7) inclusion of vulnerable groups within different contexts, and; (8) benefits of research. This is a starting place for researchers interested in health systems research ethics. [Source: Equinet-news].

**[To Protect Her Honour: Child Marriage in emergencies – the fatal confusion between protecting girls and sexual violence. Danielle Spencer, CARE International UK, 2015](#)**: The paper examines the issue of child marriage in the Syrian context, and what we can learn from CARE's experiences there. [Source: Author].

**[UN Special Rapporteur Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, Report to the Human Rights Council, 2015](#)**. The present report outlines the activities of the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children and contains a thematic analysis of the Special Rapporteur's vision of her mandate. [Source: WUNRN].

**[The Due Diligence Project](#)**: The Due Diligence Project is a research advocacy project. The DDP aims to enhance and add content to the understanding of a State's 'due diligence' obligation to prevent, protect, prosecute, punish and provide redress for VAW; to assess the status of compliance with the principle through State action and inaction and to develop a Due Diligence Framework with a set of guidelines for compliance. [Source: WUNRN]

**[I See That It Is Possible - Disability Capacity Inclusion in Gender-Based Violence Programming in Humanitarian Settings, Women's Refugee Commission, 2015](#)**: An examination of the barriers that prevent persons with disabilities from accessing gender-based violence programs, and practices to increase their access. [Source: WUNRN]

**[Beyond The Bruises](#)** is the Society for Women's Health Research new public education campaign to raise awareness on the link between domestic violence and chronic diseases. Learn more and access their Media Kit at [http://swhr.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/BeyondTheBruises-Social-Media-Kit\\_05\\_2015.pdf](http://swhr.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/BeyondTheBruises-Social-Media-Kit_05_2015.pdf). [SWHR June Newsletter].

#### **IV. Research opportunities, grants and funding**

**[Call for Proposals - Evaluating Efficacy of Group Triple P in Africa](#)**: PAN is embarking on an evaluation on the efficacy of Group Triple P methodology, as a parenting training approach, in the African context. Previously, the Triple P approach was applied in the western well-to-do contexts. Most recently, in 2013, Triple P program was piloted in Kenya engaging parents from the peri-urban areas of Nairobi. There is now, therefore, a need for conducting a keen, detailed evaluation of the pilot in Kenya, to build a strong case for its adaptation or applicability for the African context; more so in resource poor backgrounds. Closing date: 14th July, 2015. [Source: PAN]

**[Call for Applications: PhD Applications at HEARD / UKZN, South Africa](#)**: HEARD is calling for applications for up to four full-time PhD Research Scholarships in any of the following key areas of strategic focus Sexual and Reproductive Health; Health Systems Strengthening and Economics of Critical Enablers in HIV Programming. Closing date: 1 August 2015 [Source: Equinet-news]

**[Conference Travel Grant - Canon Foundation](#)**: The Canon Foundation for Scientific Research is seeking applications to provide support for scientists and academics from developing countries in the scientific and engineering fields who would like to attend local or international conferences, symposia and workshops or undertake other postgraduate study. The Foundation welcomes applications from researchers who would like to attend local or international conferences, symposia and workshops or undertake other postgraduate study. In most cases, they will meet all or part of travel, accommodation and registration costs. They also consider offering financial assistance to qualified researchers wishing to further their expertise at an internationally recognised overseas institution. [Source: Equinet-news]

**[Funding Leadership and Opportunities for Women \(FLOW 2016-2020\)](#)**: The Ministry of Foreign Affairs in The Netherlands aims to improve the position of women and girls in the World, and has made available another round of funding. Deadline 31 August 2015.

**[Red Umbrella Fund: 2015 Call for Applications is now open](#)**: Red Umbrella Fund is a unique global fund guided by and for sex workers is now open to accepting new applications. The Fund's strategic priorities focus on promoting sex workers' human rights, building sex workers' capacities, and strengthening and sustaining the sex workers' rights movement. Deadline for applications: 3 August 2015 [Source: Gain]

#### **V. News**

**[UN envoy welcomes Bosnia-Herzegovina court ruling on sexual violence in conflict, UN News Centre, 29 June 2015](#)**: "The court's ruling shows that no matter the time that has elapsed, perpetrators of humanity's gravest crimes will ultimately be held to account for their actions."

**[Data shows more family violence, fewer arrests, Radio New Zealand News, 30 June](#)**

**2015:** New data shows police are dealing with more family violence, but where an offence is reported, fewer cases are being resolved.

**[DRC to Offer Training for Former Child Soldiers, Sex Abuse Victims, Voice of America, 29](#)**

**June 2015:** The Democratic Republic of Congo's government has launched a training program for former child combatants and victims of sexual violence.

## VI. Events

**[International Conference on Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence and Engaging Men and Boys. Washington DC, March 22-24, 2016.](#)** #EVAWI2016. [Source: EVAWI]

*For more events visit: <http://www.svri.org/calendar.htm>*

## VII. Vacancies

**[Gender Equality Adviser](#)** / Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) / Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia / Deadline: 19 July 2015 [Source: AWID]

**[Gender Statistics Specialist](#)** / UN Women / Mexico City, Mexico / Deadline: 26 July 2015 [Source: AWID]

**[Associate Director of Programs](#)** / Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice / New York, USA / Deadline: 31 July 2015 [Source: AWID]

**[Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Manager](#)** / International Rescue Committee / South Sudan / Deadline: Open until filled [Source: AWID]

**[Women Protection & Empowerment Coordinator](#)** / International Rescue Committee / Ethiopia / Deadline: Open until filled [Source: AWID]

**[Sexual Assault and Prevention Specialist](#)** / The University of Mary Washington / USA / Deadline: 7 August 2015 [Source: Prevent-Connect]

Sexual violence is a global issue that requires coordinated evidence-based responses.

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