

## **MAYS Annual note 2015**

Currently the Medical Anthropology Young Scholars (MAYS) have 506 members.

The annual conference in 2015 was held at the University of Amsterdam. The topic was Emotions in/and Medical Anthropology. We received more abstracts than expected and decided to enlarge the number of parallel groups from 2 to 4. In total 30 participants from 15 different countries presented their work.

The topics addressed both theoretical and methodological issues within the field of medical anthropology. Prof. Ria Reis (University of Amsterdam) opened the conference with a key note titled 'The heart of the art: Emotions in (medical) anthropology'. A workshop was given by Prof. Niko Besnier (University of Amsterdam) on publishing. On the second day Dr. Thomas Stodulka, Samia Dinkelaker and Ferdi Thajib provided a workshop on the researcher's affect. The conference was organized by Natashe Lemos Dekker (University of Amsterdam) and Judith Schuehle (Freie Universitat Berlin). See here for a conference report of the [MAYS 2015](#).

Further activity in 2015 worth mentioning is that the MAYS website: [www.mays-ease.org](http://www.mays-ease.org) was renewed, with a new lay-out. We started a new blog series titled 'Field notes and thoughts'. We have created this space to make the website more interactive, but also to provide young scholars with the opportunity and a platform to share experiences and communicate their research in a more informal way.

After the conference in Amsterdam Judith Schuehle stepped down as coordinator. Elections were held upon which all members could vote by e-mail. Possible candidates could put themselves forward by sending a biography and statement how they envision MAYS and what they would do to bring MAYS forward.

Marico Lo Bosco (University of Lisbon) was elected as a new coordinator. Natashe Lemos Dekker will stay as coordinator until 2016. The aim is to alternate each year between having one coordinator who has already organized a MAYS conference and a new coordinator, so that former experiences can be passed on.

The MAYS 2016 will be held on 23<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of June in Lisbon!