



## **Editorial**

The editors of the South Eastern European Journal of Public Health (SEEJPH) proudly present a collection of papers authored by young African scientists in honor of Dr. Hideyo Noguchi (1876–1928), the famous Japanese bacteriologist (see the introductory editorial information). Although the publication is in English, it also collects contributions from several francophone countries in Sub-Saharan Africa.

As the authors may go for the Hideyo Noguchi competition, we did not modify the submitted papers' content to not interfere with the selection process. However, we invite minor corrections e.g. of misspellings etc. if later detected. We are, nevertheless, highly impressed by the quality, engagement, and originality of the contributions examining the status of Universal Health Coverage in one of the most disadvantaged regions of the world, with insufficient health infrastructure and investment, aggravated by the permanent outmigration of qualified personnel and the current COVID19 pandemic.

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