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BVGH Presents WIPO Re:Search at Partnering For Cures Annual Conference

SEATTLE, WA, November 4, 2013 - BIO Ventures for Global Health (BVGH), a nonprofit organization founded by the Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO), announced today that President, Jennifer Dent is presenting BVGH programs at the annual Partnering for Cures meeting today, November 4th in New York City. The WIPO Re:Search Consortium aims to accelerate the development of new products to address the significant unmet medical needs of populations living in poverty and suffering from neglected diseases.

"The need for new, safe and more effective diagnostics, vaccines and drugs to address neglected diseases like malaria, tuberculosis and dengue in developing world nations is of growing and critical importance," Dent stated. "With the rise of resistant strains of tuberculosis, the increasing incidence of dengue and the growing impact of globalization and climate change, it is more important than ever to tackle these devastating diseases. Through our partnership with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and the commitment of our Founding Pharmaceutical company members, WIPO Re:Search is advancing research and development for diseases of poverty."

The Partnering for Cures fifth annual conference is convened by Faster Cures, a Washington DC based center of the Milken Institute. Faster Cures and BVGH share the goal of improving the process and efficiency of translating medical research into new patient therapies through collaboration. The conference convenes a broad array of stake-holders in drug development to exchange ideas, encourage collaboration and foster investment.

Since BVGH's restructuring and move to Seattle in late 2012, the organization has focused on streamlining its business model and building new programs that will have a measurable impact on global health. New programs include the BVGH Funders Database, a database with over 300 open funding opportunities relevant for researchers working on neglected diseases. The Funders Database captures, categorizes and summarizes key information such as eligibility criteria and geographical and collaboration requirements for each program to allow easy identification of relevant funding for researchers.

About BIO Ventures for Global Health

BIO Ventures for Global Health is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to accelerate the development of new drugs, vaccines, and diagnostics to address the unmet medical needs of the developing world. The organization catalyzes biotech and pharmaceutical industry involvement in global health product development by facilitating partnerships, designing and executing innovative programs and compelling market-based incentives, and synthesizing and disseminating critical information and quantitative analysis. For more information, please visit www.bvgh.org.

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