Letter from Jennifer

Dear WIPO Re:Search Members and Friends,

It is hard to believe we are now halfway through 2017! With the BIO International Convention and World Health Assembly behind us, BVGH and WIPO are making plans to expand our WIPO Re:Search capacity building activities and intellectual property (IP) support services.

IP is a core component of WIPO Re:Search and will now be featured in the Partnership Hub Snapshot. Please check out the new Snapshot section, IP in Focus, to learn more about the intersection of IP, research and development, and global health. Penned by WIPO, this section will also feature IP resources available to innovators through WIPO’s many programs.

I am pleased to welcome our newest Members, Seattle Children’s Research Institute and the University of Melbourne.

As always, please forward this Snapshot to your colleagues and reach out to us with any partnering requests or ideas.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Dent
President, BVGH
**WIPO Re:Search Statistics**

![Agreements and Members](image)

To view a current summary of the WIPO Re:Search agreements by disease and stage of development, click [here](#).

Click [here](#) to view a complete list of WIPO Re:Search Members.

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**Cornerstones of Collaboration**

BVGH coordinated the 3rd annual Africa Pavilion at the 2017 BIO International Convention in San Diego. Scientists from WIPO Re:Search Members, Addis Ababa University, the Kumasi Centre for Collaborative Research in Tropical Medicine (KCCR), the Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI), the Noguchi Memorial Institute for Medical Research (NMIMR), and the University of Buea, discussed their research interests and opportunities for partnership with other Convention attendees. Additional WIPO Re:Search Members, including the University of California, San Diego (UCSD), stopped by the Pavilion to discuss collaboration ideas with the exhibitors.
The Africa Pavilion was made possible through the generous sponsorship of Pfizer, Takeda Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd., Gilead Sciences, Inc., Genentech, Celgene, and MSD.

New Member Announcement

We are pleased to announce that Seattle Children’s Research Institute and the University of Melbourne have joined WIPO Re:Search.

Seattle Children’s Research Institute is driven by its mission to “provide hope, care, and cures to help every child live the healthiest and most fulfilling life possible.” Seattle Children’s conducts internationally-recognized research in genetics, infectious disease, immunology, and pathology, among others. The Center for Global Infectious Disease Research (CGIDR) and Center for Immunity and Immunotherapies (CIIT) at Seattle Children’s are home to scientists exploring a variety of research topics including host-mycobacteria interactions, a point mutation assay to detect drug-resistant HIV, and the study of immunogenicity vs. tolerance in the lungs.

Established in 1853, the University of Melbourne is Australia’s leading research-intensive university. University staff conduct numerous research projects relevant to WIPO Re:Search including snake venom proteomics; snake anti-venom research; lipopeptide-based adjuvants research; modular approaches to vaccine development using synthetic, semi-synthetic, and natural products; dengue diagnostic and prognostic tools development; malaria and leishmaniasis drug target identification; and Plasmodium gene regulation studies.
IP in Focus

The recently launched Strategic Plan 2017-2021 lays out WIPO Re:Search’s vision moving forward: improved global health through innovation that mobilizes intellectual property (IP) and the power of private and public sector collaborations. This vision grounds our work and is a recognition of the five years of achievements by Members. It is manifested in and guides the implementation of the four strategic goals that provide the framework through which WIPO Re:Search will continue to contribute to the evolving landscape of global health R&D in the coming five years.

The goals, in reflection of WIPO’s core mission, also re-emphasize the role of IP as a facilitator of innovation. In order to effectively bring them to life, WIPO plans to expand its IP-related activities, subject to funding. This will include developing services to provide WIPO Re:Search Members with input on IP management strategies (upon request), and working with BVGH to craft IP management frameworks around collaborations as they move further downstream.

Through this new section of the Snapshot, we will be taking the opportunity to regularly inform readers of the resources available to any researchers and innovators through other programs at WIPO, and to share relevant highlights of global developments around critical issues at the intersection of health, intellectual property, and access.

Please feel free to reach out to us with any ideas or requests for information and/or assistance. We look forward to hearing from you.

Anatole Krattiger
Director, Global Challenges Division, WIPO

Partnership Hub Central

The Chinese Pharmaceutical Innovation and Research Development Association (PhIRDA), which became the latest member of the International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers & Associations (IFPMA), visited WIPO last month. PhIRDA’s interests related to WIPO Re:Search, access to medicines, how China can contribute to Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Number 3, and other relevant matters were discussed.

PhIRDA and WIPO representatives at WIPO’s offices in Geneva, Switzerland
**BVGH FundFinder Featured Funding Announcement**

**EDCTP-GSK Senior Fellowships for Co-Morbidities between Poverty-Related Diseases and Non-Communicable Diseases**

The purpose of this call is to provide funding to actions that aim to support capacity development of potential African research leaders using the train-the-trainer model and to mentor junior researchers with an emphasis on hands-on research training linked to clinical trials activities in sub-Saharan Africa in the area of prevention, therapeutic management, and prognosis of poverty-related diseases (PRDs) and non-communicable diseases (NCDs) co-morbidities.

The objectives of the scheme are two-fold:

- To support senior researchers to advance themselves as recognized research leaders in clinical trial research and related activities
- To equip senior researchers with the necessary skills and experience to train and mentor junior researchers at host institutions in sub-Saharan Africa.

**Funding amount:** €500,000 maximum over up to five years

**Funder:** European & Developing Country Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP) and GlaxoSmithKline (GSK)

**Deadline:** February 2, 2018

**Eligibility:** Open to established legal entities in sub-Saharan Africa. Fellow must have a minimum of five years’ relevant research experience after doctoral studies.

The EDCTP has announced 11 calls for proposals to support clinical research and capacity building in sub-Saharan Africa. These calls represent a total investment of more than €156.5M to tackle poverty-related diseases. Click [here](#) to view the full list of calls for proposals.

For more information about BVGH FundFinder, please email [Cathy Manner](mailto:). 

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**Highlighted Contributions**

Do you have an asset that you are willing to contribute to another WIPO Re:Search Member to further neglected tropical disease, malaria, or tuberculosis research and development? Email [Ujwal Sheth](mailto:) to learn how you can have your asset summarized in the [WIPO Re:Search Database](http://www.wipo.int/research/en/) and featured in an upcoming [Snapshot](http://www.wipo.int/research/en/) newsletter.

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**WIPO Re:Search in the News**

Johnson & Johnson (J&J) highlighted its commitment to sharing compound libraries to fight neglected infectious diseases in a recent [press release](http://www.wipo.int/research/en/). The release featured J&J’s WIPO Re:Search collaborations with the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Washington University in St. Louis (WUSTL), and the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research (WEHI).

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**Upcoming Global Health Meetings**

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