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Dear WIPO Re:Search Members and Friends,

While researchers—including many WIPO Re:Search Members—work to find effective treatments and develop an urgently needed vaccine for COVID-19, it is critical to remember that the battle still wages on against malaria. The global community made substantial advances in controlling malaria between 2000 and 2014 (including a 40% decrease in malaria-related deaths), but progress has ground to a standstill in recent years. Through WIPO Re:Search, BVGH facilitates R&D collaborations to develop new malaria treatments, especially for sub-Saharan Africa, where more than 90% of malaria cases and deaths occur.

Professor Fabrice Boyom, an analytical biochemist and drug discovery researcher at the University of Yaoundé I in Cameroon, is engaged in multiple BVGH-brokered WIPO Re:Search collaborations on malaria and neglected tropical diseases. Tapping into his early work studying essential oils from Cameroonian aromatic plants, Professor Boyom focuses on developing novel antimalarial drugs from natural products and small molecule libraries to combat drug resistance “and help more people in Africa and beyond.” Professor Boyom established the Antimicrobial and Biocontrol Agents Unit (AmBcAU), where he trains Cameroonian scientists to continue his work. Learn more about Professor Boyom in this interview with WIPO published for World Malaria Day.

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

Sincerely,

Jennifer Dent, President & CEO

BIO Ventures for Global Health

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WIPO Re:Search Statistics

Click here for a list of WIPO Re:Search Members.
Click here for a list of WIPO Re:Search collaborations.
Click here to view the WIPO Re:Search Collaboration Pipeline.
Cornerstones of Collaboration

Johnson & Johnson, Seattle Children’s Research Institute, and University of Washington Collaborate on Leishmaniasis Drug Discovery

Johnson & Johnson is sharing its Jump-stARter library with Dr. Peter Myler at Seattle Children’s Research Institute for screening for leishmaniasis drug discovery. Under the umbrella of the Seattle Structural Genomics Center for Infectious Disease, SCRI will partner with University of Washington’s Dr. Wes Van Voorhis to carry out screening of the library.

IP in Focus

WIPO Launches New Search Facility For PATENTSCOPE Database to Support COVID-19 Innovation Efforts

WIPO launched a new search functionality for its global patent database, PATENTSCOPE, to facilitate the location and retrieval of information contained in published patent documents that may be useful for innovators developing new technologies to fight the COVID-19 pandemic.

BVGH FundFinder Featured Awards

PAHO/TDR Operational Research to Support the Elimination of Communicable Diseases in the Latin American and Caribbean Region

The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), in collaboration with the Special Program for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (TDR), is pleased to announce the 2020-2021 call for applications for the Joint PAHO/TDR Small Grant Scheme for operational research. The objective of the call is to facilitate and strengthen elimination-oriented operational research in selected communicable diseases that are potential candidates for elimination through an integrated approach. To apply, please click here. Deadline for applications is July 31, 2020.

Additional Funding Opportunities

- Joint EMRO/TDR Small Grants Scheme for Implementation Research on Infectious Diseases of Poverty – Deadline: June 1, 2020
- NIH Technology Accelerator Challenge: Non-invasive Diagnostics for Global Health – Deadline: June 2, 2020
- EDCTP Career Development Fellowships in Poverty-Related Diseases and Child and Adolescent Health – Deadline: August 5, 2020
Upcoming Virtual Global Health Events

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