

BVGH Partnership Hub Snapshot



January 2021

Dear WIPO Re:Search Members and Friends,

As we kick off 2021, we are gearing up to celebrate the second annual [World NTD Day](#) on January 30. This event could not come at a better time, as the COVID-19 pandemic [threatens decades of progress in global health](#). World NTD Day coincides with the anniversary of the 2012 [London Declaration on Neglected Tropical Diseases](#), which focused global attention and brought partners together to fight NTDs. Since 2012, 31 countries have eliminated at least one NTD. Progress is possible with coordinated efforts and support!

Join us to raise awareness of World NTD Day and engage more partners in the battle against NTDs. Below you will find communications materials to adapt and share through your social media channels and newsletters on January 30 and the days leading up to the event. Be sure to follow BVGH and our [WIPO Re:Search Members](#) and friends on social media throughout the month. We also invite you to join the **World Health Organization (WHO)** for the [formal launch](#) of "Ending the Neglect to Attain the Sustainable Development Goals: a Road Map for Neglected Tropical Diseases 2021-2030" on January 28. Click [here](#) to register.

Are you interested in launching new NTD research projects in the new year? Reach out to us to discuss accessing high-quality WIPO Re:Search Member resources—such as **Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany's** [Open Global Health Library](#) and [Johnson & Johnson's Jump-stARter library](#)—to kickstart your R&D programs.

We are pleased to welcome [University of Antioquia](#) to WIPO Re:Search as our [150th Member](#), and our first Member in Colombia. As WIPO Re:Search drives NTD, malaria, and tuberculosis R&D forward, it is critical that we engage researchers in all endemic countries. Colombia has established a culture and reputation of research excellence in infectious diseases, and we are confident the university will be a strong contributor and partner in the global WIPO Re:Search network.

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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Tweets

- #WorldNTDDay is January 30. Proud to be a #WIPOReSearch Member partnering with innovative researchers worldwide, @BIOVentures, and @WIPO to #EndTheNeglect. #BeatNTDs #NTDs <https://bvgh.org/wipo-research/>
- Did you know that neglected tropical diseases (#NTDs) affect over one billion people? On #WorldNTDDay, we stand with the innovative #WIPOReSearch scientists who are working to #EndTheNeglect with @BIOVentures and @WIPO. #BeatNTDs <https://bvgh.org/wipo-research/>

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.

New Member Announcement

University of Antioquia



[University of Antioquia](#) is a public university founded in 1803. Its main campus is located in the city of Medellín, Colombia, with other campuses and facilities in the nine regions of the Department of Antioquia. The purpose of the university is to pursue, develop, and spread knowledge in the fields of humanities, science, arts, philosophy, and technology through research, teaching, and outreach activities. The university consists of 25 academic units divided into 14 faculties, four schools, four institutes, and three corporations that together offer around 130 undergraduate programs. The university offers 58 specializations, 46 medical specialties, 57 master's programs, and 23 Ph.D. programs, for a total of 184 graduate programs. University of Antioquia was the first public university in Colombia to be granted the high-quality institutional accreditation for nine years by the Ministry of National Education. In 1986, the university established the Program for the Study and Control of Tropical Diseases (PECET). PECET is a constantly growing, multidisciplinary research group that brings together professionals from all fields and disciplines –including biological, natural, social, engineering, and health sciences – to develop solutions aimed at serving the country's poorest communities suffering from tropical diseases. The group has extensive experience conducting science and technology projects at the national and international level in collaboration with partners from academia, private industry, and government. PECET is recognized by the World Health Organization (WHO) as a collaborating center for the teaching and training of researchers and for the evaluation of medicines and vaccines.

IP in Focus

WIPO Pearl Adds COVID-19 Terminology to Stimulate Innovation

The [WIPO Pearl terminology database](#) has [added](#) 1,500 new COVID-19-related terms in 10 languages, helping innovators targeting new coronavirus treatments and diagnostics with a baseline set of terms and their multilingual equivalents. This advancement will foster international collaboration and promote easier access to information in patent documents and other public resources produced around the world. Since the COVID-19 terms are of particular relevance currently, WIPO has made them available for free download.

Partnership Hub Central

WIPO Re:Search Fellow Featured at National Malaria Control Meeting



Following his [2019 WIPO Re:Search fellowship](#) at **PATH**, Dr. Livingstone Tavul of the **Papua New Guinea (PNG) Institute of Medical Research** presented his work on glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase (G6PD) deficiency diagnostics at the PNG National Malaria Control Program Annual Meeting.

BVGH FundFinder Featured Awards

Africa Young Innovators for Health Award 2021

The Africa Young Innovators for Health Award is launching its first competition designed to highlight and support the work of pioneering young entrepreneurs developing health innovations. The award, created to encourage business entrepreneurship and help advance promising health care solutions, is looking for solutions aimed at supporting, equipping, protecting, and training healthcare workers who are on the frontline of delivering healthcare to communities. The award brings together the need for innovative solutions with the power of the young entrepreneurial spirit in Africa. Winners will be awarded financial support, as well as a 3-month business mentorship program. Deadline: March 31, 2021. For more information, click [here](#).

Additional Funding Opportunities

- [Leprosy Research Initiative: Budget Round 2022](#) – Letter of Intent Deadline: January 29, 2021.
- [NTD Support Center: Optimizing NTD Diagnostics and Sampling Strategies for Low-Prevalence Settings](#) – Deadline: January 31, 2021.
- [Sasakawa Health Foundation: Hansen's Disease \(Leprosy\) Grants FY2021](#) – Application Deadline: May 5, 2021.

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



Member News

WIPO Re:Search Investigator Contributes to the Fight Against COVID-19



Dr. Horacio Bach at the **University of British Columbia (UBC)** is actively [engaged](#) in multiple WIPO Re:Search collaborations. In the face of the pandemic, he has transitioned to utilize his antibody engineering expertise to [contribute](#) to COVID-19 therapeutic development.

Upcoming Virtual Global Health Events

Dates	Event Name
January 30, 2021	World NTD Day
February 11, 2021	Webinar: Noma – A Disease that Shouldn't Exist Anymore
February 24-25, 2021	ISNTD d3 2021: Drug Discovery & Development, Diagnostics and Vaccines for Tropical Diseases
February 25, 2021	Global Health Day on Capitol Hill



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