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Dear WIPO Re:Search Members and Friends,

BVGH and WIPO are looking forward to celebrating WIPO Re:Search’s 10th anniversary with all of you at our virtual event on Thursday, October 28. This event will showcase how IP and innovation are driving improved health and economic development in Africa—home to 40+ WIPO Re:Search Member organizations across 20 countries, as well as 50+ WIPO Re:Search collaborations. The event will feature a distinguished line-up of African scientists participating in WIPO Re:Search collaborations, additional regional partners, and WIPO Re:Search Member companies committed to advancing research and improving global health. Please check BVGH’s social media channels in the coming days for more information and a registration link, or contact Laurie Pfalzer at lpfalzer@bvgh.org.

In the lead-up to the Africa Regional Event, we invite you to read our new publication, The First 10 Years of WIPO Re:Search: Catalyzing Global Collaboration and Innovation to Fight Neglected Tropical Diseases, Malaria, and Tuberculosis and to tour the new WIPO Re:Search virtual exhibition, IP for a Healthier World. This month, the WIPO Re:Search leadership will convene executives from our Member companies to hear their valuable input on the Consortium’s first decade and their vision for the next 10 years. We look forward to sharing updates on the WIPO Re:Search 2022-2026 Strategic Plan in the coming months.

We congratulate GSK on the historic World Health Organization approval of the RTS,S malaria vaccine. The recent confirmation of resistance to artemisinin-based treatments in Africa underscores the importance of maintaining strong momentum in the fight against malaria—including the work by WIPO Re:Search collaborators to develop new antimalarial drugs with novel mechanisms of action.

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
Special Announcements

NIH Virtual Seminar on Program Funding and Grant Administration: November 1-4
Register [here](#) for this free seminar aimed at researchers and award administrators.

NIH May Accept Late Applications Due to Hurricanes
Natural disasters, including hurricanes, may slow down grant applications or submissions of financial or progress reports. If your institution has been affected by a natural disaster, learn more [here](#).

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

Repurposing Rifamycins for *Mycobacterium abscessus* Infections
The collaboration between the [Novartis Institutes for BioMedical Research](#) and Dr. Thomas Dick, [Hackensack Meridian Health](#), recently resulted in a publication in *Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy* entitled "Blocking Bacterial Naphthohydroquinone Oxidation and ADP-Ribosylation Improves Activity of Rifamycins against Mycobacterium abscessus." The results provide proof of concept for the repurposing potential of rifamycins for *M. abscessus* disease by developing derivatives that resist both bacterial oxidation and ADP-ribosylation.

New Member Announcement

University of the Republic of Uruguay (UdelaR)
The University of the Republic of Uruguay (UdelaR) is the main institution of higher education and research in Uruguay. Founded in 1849 in Montevideo, UdelaR is the oldest public university in the country and the second largest university in South America. One of the university’s core objectives is to encourage research and the advancement of knowledge in all fields of science, technology, and society. Through initiatives such as the Sector Commission for Scientific Research, UdelaR provides its researchers with the opportunity to develop their research agendas and activities. Given its role as the leading research institution in Uruguay, UdelaR’s research programs are geared towards addressing the social, health, and economic challenges that are relevant to the people of Uruguay. With an undergraduate enrollment of nearly 140,000 students, UdelaR also places special emphasis on the incorporation and training of young researchers. In collaboration with a wide range of institutional and social actors, it also carries out multiple activities aimed at the socially valuable use of knowledge and the dissemination of culture.

IP in Focus

**WIPO Re:Search Virtual Exhibition is Live!**

To celebrate 10 years of WIPO Re:Search, the WIPO Knowledge Center is hosting a virtual exhibition, *IP for a Healthier World*, from October 4 to December 31, 2021. [Tour the exhibition](#) to learn more about the power of IP, innovation, and collaboration in advancing our common global health agenda.

**BVGH FundFinder Featured Awards**

**National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine NRC Research Associateship Programs**

The NRC Research Programs promote excellence in scientific and technological research conducted by the U.S. government by offering graduate, postdoctoral, and senior level research opportunities at sponsoring federal laboratories and affiliated institutions. Awards are for one year, with the opportunity to renew for up to three years dependent on evaluation. Senior awards may be shorter, and Summer Faculty awards are also available. Annual stipends range from $45,000 to $80,000 for recent doctoral recipients, and are proportionately higher for Senior Associates; health insurance, professional travel, and relocation are included. The next online application cycle opens December 1, 2021; applications are due February 1, 2022, 5 pm ET. Learn more [here](#).

**Additional Funding Opportunities**

- [NIH Maximizing Opportunities for Scientific and Academic Independent Careers (MOSAIC) Institutionally-Focused Research Education Award to Promote Diversity (UE5 - Clinical Trial Not Allowed)](#) – Next Application Deadline: November 18, 2021.
- [NIAID Research Education Program Advancing the Careers of a Diverse Research Workforce (R25 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)](#) – Next Application Deadline: January 25, 2022.
- [Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study (STIAS) Iso Lomso Fellowship](#) – Application Deadline: February 15, 2022.
- [NTDs Support Center Operational Research on "Endgame" Challenges](#) – Application Deadline: Rolling.
For more information about BVGH FundFinder, please email Cathy Manner.

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