February 2022

Dear WIPO Re:Search Members and Friends,

Last month, BVGH joined WIPO Re:Search Members and other partners around the globe to commemorate the third annual World NTD Day. Activities included social media campaigns, virtual events, and feature articles. On January 30, 100 landmarks in 32 countries—including 16 endemic countries—lit up to draw international attention to NTDs. In the lead-up to World NTD Day, we were heartened to read that human Guinea worm cases have dropped to 14, and that Africa continues to make great strides towards control and elimination goals for multiple NTDs. January also saw the release of the Kigali Declaration on NTDs, sponsored by the Government of Rwanda, as the successor to the 2012 London Declaration on NTDs that engaged stakeholders worldwide.

Despite these significant achievements, much work remains to be done in the fight against NTDs. WIPO Re:Search was one of the first global initiatives to raise the profile of NTDs and bring partners together across sectors—including international pharmaceutical companies committed to sharing their valuable assets and resources in the battle against NTDs. We could not be more proud of the work of all of our Members and partners—on World NTD Day and every day—to end the neglect and beat NTDs.

We are pleased to welcome the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research-Water Research Institute (CSIR-WRI) to the Consortium.

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
Cornerstones of Collaboration

**WIPO Re:Search Collaborations Featured on Social Media for World NTD Day**

To commemorate World NTD Day, BVGH highlighted the efforts of WIPO Re:Search Members—including many researchers in endemic countries—to improve the diagnosis and treatment of NTDs through our social media channels:

1. **Prof. Fidelis Cho-Nguema** in repurposing high-quality compounds from [Brazil](https://www.brazil.org) to develop new [rochocorticostasis](https://www.rochocorticostasis.org) through a BVGH-coordinated #WIPOReSearch #cooperation with [BRAIT](https://www.brait.org).
2. **Prof. Stephanie Gog孤儿on** in creating [rnapotator](https://www.rnapotator.org) through a BVGH-coordinated #WIPOReSearch #cooperation with [BRAIT](https://www.brait.org) #WorldNTDay #NTD #100PercentCommitted #WIPOReSearch #cooperation with [BRAIT](https://www.brait.org)
3. **Prof. Fabrice Boyom** in [virus](https://www.virus.org) in repurposing high-quality compounds from [Cameroon](https://www.cameroon.org) to develop new [rochocorticostasis](https://www.rochocorticostasis.org) through a BVGH-coordinated #WIPOReSearch #cooperation with [BRAIT](https://www.brait.org) #WorldNTDay #NTD #100PercentCommitted #WIPOReSearch #cooperation with [BRAIT](https://www.brait.org)
4. **Prof. William Mbabazi** in [virus](https://www.virus.org) in repurposing high-quality compounds from [Uganda](https://www.uganda.org) to develop new [rochocorticostasis](https://www.rochocorticostasis.org) through a BVGH-coordinated #WIPOReSearch #cooperation with [BRAIT](https://www.brait.org) #WorldNTDay #NTD #100PercentCommitted #WIPOReSearch #cooperation with [BRAIT](https://www.brait.org)
In 2020, there were an estimated 241 million malaria cases and over 625,000 malaria deaths worldwide. Prof. Christian Agyare, Professor of Pharmacy at Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST; Ghana), is working toward the discovery and development of novel antimalarial drugs derived from Ghanaian natural products. Supported by Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany, Dr. Laurent Dembele at the University of Bamako (Mali) will screen selected natural product extracts collected by Prof. Agyare for antimalarial activity.

*The business sectors of Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany operate as EMD Serono in healthcare, MilliporeSigma in life science, and EMD Electronics in the US and Canada.*
New Member

Council for Scientific and Industrial Research-Water Research Institute (CSIR-WRI)

The Council for Scientific and Industrial Research-Water Research Institute (CSIR-WRI) was formed in 1996 from the merger of the Institute of Aquatic Biology and the Water Resources Research Institute. With a mandate to conduct research into water and related resources, CSIR-WRI generates and provides scientific information, strategies, and services toward the rational development, utilization, and management of the water resources of Ghana. The Institute supports the socioeconomic advancement of the country, especially in the agriculture, health, industry, energy, transportation, education, and tourism sectors. The main objective of CSIR-WRI’s Environmental Biology and Health Division is to enhance the public health status of Ghanaians through sound environmental management, water pollution control strategies, and preventive and control strategies for water-borne and other infectious diseases. CSIR-WRI has expertise in the areas of microbiology, parasitology, entomology, aquatic flora and fauna, molecular biology, and public health. Activities of the Division include research into water-related/borne parasitic diseases and other infectious diseases, molecular epidemiology, mechanisms and genetics of drug resistance, and development of DNA-based diagnostic tools.

Special Announcements

**ASTMH 2022 Annual Meeting Call for Symposia**

ASTMH has put out a Call for Symposia for the 2022 Annual Meeting. Submissions are due February 23, 2022; learn more [here](#).

**DNDi Webinar: Taking Novel Drugs from Lab to Clinic**

DNDi is offering a virtual workshop series on the development of novel drugs March 7-11, 2022. Learn more [here](#).

**ICEID Now Accepting Late-Breaking Submissions**

ICEID is accepting late-breaking submissions of abstracts for the 11th International Conference on Emerging Infections Diseases. Submissions are due May 15, 2022; learn more [here](#).

**NIH: Write Your Application with Two Audiences in Mind**

Gain insight into the NIH grant application review process [here](#).

**BVGH FundFinder Featured Awards**

**RSTMH Early Career Grants Programme 2022**

The Early Career Grants Programme 2022 is open for applications from early-career researchers and global health professionals, based anywhere in the world, who have not had research funding in their own name before. They can apply for a grant of up to £5,000 (GBP) to deliver a project over one year. The projects can be on any topic related to tropical
medicine and global health, from across the research spectrum of lab, translation, implementation, and policy. RSTMH’s thematic priorities in its current strategy, plus other areas of health that are less well known are encouraged. Applications are due April 29, 2022; learn more here.

**Additional Funding Opportunities**

- **Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study (STIAS) Iso Lomso Fellowship** – Application Deadline: February 15, 2022.
- **NIAID Career Transition Award** – Next Application Deadline: February 25, 2022.
- **NIH Biological and Emerging Infectious Research Resources Program (BEI-RRP)** – Application Deadline: March 18, 2022.
- **TWAS Awards** for individual scientists from developing countries in recognition of an outstanding contribution to scientific knowledge – Nomination Deadline: March 31, 2022 (self-nominations will not be considered).
- **Informa Connect Global Learning Scholarship Program** – Applications are due before your chosen course begins; the first course is April 11-13, 2022.
- **NIH Lasker Clinical Research Scholars Program** – Application Deadline: June 24, 2022.
- **DAAD Scholarship Database** – Postgraduate scholarships for academic studies in Germany. Look here for important information for applicants.
- **Boehringer Ingelheim Fonds (BIF) Travel Grants** – Applications must be submitted at least six weeks, but not more than six months, before anticipated travel.

For more information about BVGH FundFinder, please email Cathy Manner.

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**Upcoming Global Health Events**

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