# BVGH Partnership Hub Snapshot



November 2022

Dear WIPO Re:Search Members and Friends,

<u>World Antimicrobial Awareness Week</u> is a global campaign that is celebrated annually in November to encourage prudent use of antibacterial, antiparasitic, antiviral, and antifungal agents and stimulate new research. Our Members are answering the call to action by partnering across sectors and geographies to unravel the <u>genetics</u> and <u>molecular biology</u> of antimalarial drug resistance, and develop new <u>malaria</u>, <u>tuberculosis</u>, and <u>NTD</u> treatments to circumvent or reduce risk of resistance to current medicines.

BVGH was proud to sign the Kigali Declaration in the lead-up to the Kigali Summit on Malaria and NTDs in June. We made three <u>commitments</u> to eliminating NTDs through R&D partnering and alliance management, R&D capacity building, and communications and events. I invite you to read the new <u>Outcome Report</u> from the landmark Summit.

As always, please share this Snapshot with your colleagues.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Dent, President & CEO BIO Ventures for Global Health



## WIPO Re: Search Statistics



Click <u>here</u> for a list of WIPO Re:Search Members. Click <u>here</u> for a list of WIPO Re:Search collaborations. Click <u>here</u> to view the WIPO Re:Search Collaboration Pipeline.

## Cornerstones of Collaboration

### **GSK Shares Compound Libraries to Advance Chagas Disease Drug Discovery**





Chagas disease, caused by the insect-borne parasite *Trypanosoma cruzi*, affects approximately 6 to 7 million people worldwide, mostly in Latin America. New drugs are needed to address limitations of current medications, including serious side effects and long treatment length. Dr. Artur Cordeiro at the **Laboratório Nacional de Biociências (LNBio)** in Brazil previously identified a compound in **GSK**'s <u>Chagas Box</u> that inhibits *T. cruzi* malic enzymes. He will screen 29 analogs of that compound to inform hit-to-lead optimization. Dr. Cordeiro will also screen the Chagas Box to identify compounds with activity against other key *T. cruzi* metabolic enzymes.

## Special Announcement

# Abstract, Scholarship, and Travel Award Submissions Due November 18: International Conference on Antiviral Research (ICAR)

ICAR—the main annual event of the International Society for Antiviral Research (ISAR)—is an interdisciplinary meeting that attracts the interest of chemists, biologists, and clinicians. At ICAR, scientists working throughout the world in basic, applied, and clinical research meet in a collaborative and collegial atmosphere to review recent developments in all areas of antiviral drug discovery and development. ICAR provides a variety of networking opportunities to allow members to reconnect with old friends and colleagues and establish new scientific relationships with leaders in the antiviral field. Both in-person (Lyon, France) and virtual programming options will be available. Invited and confirmed speakers—including Prof. Christian Happi, Director of the African Centre of Excellence for Genomics of Infectious Diseases (ACEGID) at Redeemer's University in Nigeria—are listed here. Submit abstracts for short oral presentations and posters, and applications for The Chu Family Foundation (TCFF) Scholarship for Women Scientists and Travel Awards before November 18.

#### **Important Upcoming Deadlines**

Abstract Submission Deadline	November 18, 2022
TCFF Scholarship Application Deadline	November 18, 2022
Travel Award Application Deadline	November 18, 2022
Second Abstract Submission Opens (Posters Only)	November 28, 2022
Registration Opens	December 1, 2022
Second Abstract Submission Deadline (Posters Only)	January 18, 2023
Early Bird Registration Rate Deadline	February 3, 2023
ICAR (Lyon, France and Virtual)	March 13-17, 2023

### **BVGH FundFinder Featured Awards**

#### **Nature Awards: Inclusive Health Research Awards**

The Inclusive Health Research awards have been established by Nature Awards in partnership with **Takeda** to celebrate those who are driving a more inclusive approach to health research and, in doing so, promoting a future of greater health equity globally. To enter, write a case study describing the inclusive approach you take to your work and how it has or might lead to better outcomes and greater health equity. The project must have occurred within ten years of the application deadline. Additional weighting will be given to applications from LMICs; i.e., countries <u>identified</u> by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) as having low-income or middle-income economies. One prize of €20,000 will be awarded in each of three categories— Understanding Needs and Context; Designing and Conducting Research; and Translating Research to Impact. Applications are due January 6, 2023. Learn more and apply here.

## **Additional Funding Opportunities**

- TWAS-TÜBİTAK Postgraduate Fellowship Programme Application Deadline: November 15, 2022.
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- NIH-NSF Ecology and Evolution of Infectious Diseases Program Next Application Deadline: November 16, 2022.
- <u>NIH Extramural Loan Repayment Program for Clinical Researchers (LRP-CR)</u> Application Deadline: November 17, 2022.
- NIAID Research Opportunities for New and "At-Risk" Investigators to Promote Workforce Diversity (R01 Clinical Trial Optional) – Next Application Deadline: December 7, 2022.
- Maintaining Immunity after Immunization (U01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed) Letter of Intent Deadline: December 14, 2022; Application Deadline: January 13, 2023.
- NIAID Investigator Initiated Program Project Applications (P01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed) Next Application
  Deadline: January 11, 2023.
- <u>DAAD Scholarship Database</u> Postgraduate scholarships for academic studies in Germany. Look <u>here</u> for important information for applicants.
- <u>Boehringer Ingelheim Fonds (BIF) Travel Grants</u> Applications must be submitted at least six weeks, but not more than six months, before anticipated travel.
- <u>Institute of International Education Scholar Rescue Fund Fellowship</u> Applications are accepted on a rolling basis; fellowships are awarded quarterly.



## **Upcoming Global Health Events**

Dates	Event	Location
November 7-11, 2022	7 <sup>th</sup> World One Health Congress	Singapore and Virtual
November 8-9, 2022	10 <sup>th</sup> International Conference on Parasitology, Microbiology, and Infection Control	Paris, France
November 8-11, 2022	21st International Leprosy Congress	Hyderabad, India and Virtual
December 7-9, 2022	Joint International Tropical Medicine Meeting	Bangkok, Thailand and Virtual
February 1-2, 2023	Antimicrobial Chemotherapy Virtual Conference	Virtual
March 13-17, 2023	International Conference on Antiviral Research	Lyon, France and Virtual















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