



Partnership Hub

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A Note from Jennifer

Dear WIPO Re:Search Members and Friends,

I hope everyone is enjoying time with family and friends during this beautiful summer. Our team at BVGH are busy identifying new partnership opportunities for our WIPO Re:Search Members and many of these are developing into promising collaborations for neglected diseases. Last month, three new partnerships were finalized, bringing our 2014 total to 25 new WIPO Re:Search agreements. To learn more about BVGH's activities and achievements from the first half of this year, download our [2014 Partnership Hub Mid-Year Report](#).

I am pleased to welcome our two newest Members, the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research and Washington University in St. Louis.

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

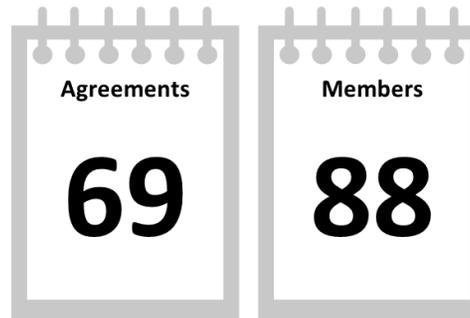
Sincerely,
Jennifer Dent
President, BVGH



Special Announcement - Save the Date

The 2014 WIPO Re:Search Annual Meeting will be held in New York City on November 6th. The Meeting is scheduled to coincide with the 27th **International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers & Associations (IFPMA)** Assembly. Prior to the Annual Meeting (Nov. 4-5th), WIPO will hold a two-day IP Workshop open to all Members.

WIPO Re:Search Statistics



Cornerstones of Collaboration

Four researchers from WIPO Re:Search Member institutions participated in sabbatical opportunities - supported by the Australian government - at three WIPO Re:Search Members' locations last year. Fidelis Cho-Ngwa, Associate Professor of Biochemistry, **University of Buea**, participated in a three-month sabbatical at **Novartis'** headquarters in Basel, Switzerland. With a grant from the Japanese government, WIPO has prepared a video that presents Fidelis' onchocerciasis research and how he hopes to apply the skills that he learned at Novartis to his search for new drugs to treat the parasitic infection.



New Members Announcement

We are pleased to announce that the **Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research** and **Washington University in St. Louis** have joined WIPO Re:Search.



Walter+Eliza Hall
Institute of Medical Research

The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research (WEHI) is the oldest medical research institute in Australia. WEHI focuses on translating cancer, chronic inflammatory diseases, and infectious diseases research into improved health outcomes for patients. Malaria, leishmania, HIV, and tuberculosis are some of the infectious diseases of interest to WEHI's

scientists.

Washington University in St. Louis faculty members study numerous topics of importance to global health, including the genetics of *Leishmania major*, host-pathogen interactions of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, erythrocyte invasion by *Plasmodium*, and pathogenesis of



dengue viruses.

Partnership Hub Central

Jennifer Dent presented WIPO Re:Search as an example of industry's participation in public sector global health initiatives during the *EDCTP and CAAST-Net Plus: Building Bridges* panel at the Seventh European & Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP) Forum in Berlin, Germany early last month. A report on the panel can be found [here](#).



From left to right: Katharina Kuss (FCSAI), Jude Aidam (West African Health Organisation), Jennifer Dent (BVGH), Ole Olesen (EDCTP), Claudia Schacht (Fit for Health 2.0), Mmboneni Muofhe (Dept. of Science and Technology, South Africa), Philippe Leissner (bioMérieux), Gift Mphefu (Med-Tech Engineers), Ana Lúcia Cardoso (EDCTP), Gatama Gichini (Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology, Kenya), John Mugabe (University of Pretoria)

Highlighted Contribution

Featured this month is a contribution submitted by the **University of Edinburgh** to the [WIPO Re:Search Database](#).

[New antigens for malaria vaccine development and drug discovery \(ID: 2941\)](#)

PfEMP1 is a key *Plasmodium falciparum* surface molecule implicated in the development of severe malaria. Antibodies to unique antigenic domains of PfEMP1 stimulate cross-strain immunity to both lab strains and clinical isolates of *P. falciparum*. These antigens could be effective targets for new therapeutic strategies to treat or prevent severe malaria. This technology is available from the University of Edinburgh for license and/or research collaboration with a commercial partner able to support development of a treatment for severe malaria.



For more information or to discuss potential collaborations regarding this technology, please contact [Roopa Ramamoorthi](#).

WIPO Re:Search in the News

BVGH published an [Op-Ed article](#) in the *Seattle Times* that describes WIPO Re:Search and its unconventional approach to developing products for diseases of poverty.

Upcoming Global Health Events

Dates	Event Title	Location	Web Link
Aug. 10-15	13th International Congress of Parasitology (ICOPA)	Mexico City, Mexico	Website
Aug. 31 - Sept. 5	International Conference on NanoMaterials (ICNM2014)	Flic en Flac, Mauritius	Website
Sept. 14-18	25th Annual Molecular Parasitology Meeting (MPM)	Woods Hole, Massachusetts	Website

*Are you attending a global health event?
Do you have a Research Request to highlight in the Snapshot?*

We want to hear from you! Please send feedback and suggestions via [email](#).

WIPO Re:Search Pharmaceutical Members



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