



## Partnership Hub

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#### ***A Note from Jennifer***

#### **Dear WIPO Re:Search Members and Friends,**

As 2014 draws to a close, I would like to thank our WIPO Re:Search Members for their commitment to neglected disease R&D and to the partnerships they have established through WIPO Re:Search.

We have over 80 collaborations in place, including several that are advancing to new stages of development. BVGH will not only be establishing new collaborations between Members in 2015, but will be investing its time in identifying additional partners that can further support the currently advancing collaborations.

Our team has identified several meetings and events that provide an ideal platform to present WIPO Re:Search to potential new Members, engage new researchers from current Members, and reconnect with scientists actively involved in WIPO Re:Search partnerships.

The BVGH team is looking forward to 2015 and the potential it holds for advancing current agreements and establishing promising new ones. With the recent addition of **Merck KGaA**, our Members will have access to additional industry compounds, data, and expertise to support their programs. The year ahead is shaping up to be an exciting and impactful year - thanks to the work and dedication of our Members.

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

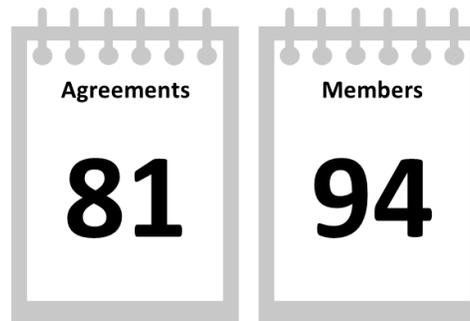
*Sincerely,  
Jennifer Dent  
President, BVGH*



## Special Announcement

WIPO has launched the renovated WIPO Re:Search website. Please click [here](#) to check it out.

## WIPO Re:Search Statistics



To view a current summary of the WIPO Re:Search agreements by disease and stage of development, click [here](#).

Click [here](#) to view a complete list of WIPO Re:Search Members.

## Cornerstones of Collaboration

Francis Gurry, Director General, WIPO, hosted a lunch in Geneva to welcome our newest pharmaceutical company Member, **Merck KGaA**, to the Consortium. Stefan Oschmann, CEO Pharma, Merck KGaA, was the guest of honor and spoke of the company's commitment to supporting WIPO Re:Search collaborations. The lunch was attended by WIPO Re:Search members, Bernard Pécoul, Executive Director, **DNDi**, Frédérique Santerre, Global Head, Access to Health, Merck KGaA, Eduardo Pisani, Director General, **International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers & Associations**, Tom Bombelles, Head, Global Health, WIPO, and Jennifer Dent, President, BVGH.

## Partnership Hub Central

For two months this autumn, Benjamin Pinsky, Assistant Professor of Pathology and Medicine, and Jesse Waggoner, Instructor of Medicine, at the **Stanford University** School of Medicine, hosted Chika Celen Okangba, a doctoral student from the **University of Lagos**. Roopa Ramamoorthi met with Chika before her return to Nigeria. The two discussed the collaboration and Chika's experience at Stanford developing a PCR-based diagnostic customized to pathogens found predominantly in Lagos.



From left to right: Malaya Kumar Sahoo (Stanford University), Chika Celen Okangba (University of Lagos), Roopa Ramamoorthi (BVGH), and Alisha Hadley (Stanford University)

Ujwal Sheth presented WIPO Re:Search at the 2014 Joint International Tropical Medicine Meeting (JITMM) in Bangkok, Thailand. The meeting's theme focused on "3D perspectives on Tropical Medicine: Drivers, Diversity and Determination". During the conference, Ujwal spoke with scientists from the **Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research (WEHI)**, **Mahidol**

University, and the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB) New Delhi.

## Highlighted Contributions

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

### [Access to Parasite Repository \(ID: 2982\)](#)

The Donald Price Center for Parasite Repository and Education is directed by Prof. Ricardo Izurieta. The center provides access to special educational materials on parasites including fecal specimens positive for a variety of parasites and whole parasite specimens. The Center also has microscope slides including (i) wet preparations from preserved specimens (ii) stained fecal smears (iii) stained blood films (iv) stained tissue sections showing pathology and (v) whole-mounts of parasites or stages of parasites.



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

## WIPO Re:Search in the News

Merck KGaA's nascent membership in WIPO Re:Search was highlighted in an article in the *Pharmaceutical Journal*. Click [here](#) to read the story.

## Upcoming Global Health Events

Dates	Event Title	Location	Web Link
Jan. 9	7th Annual Center for Emerging & Neglected Diseases (CEND) Symposium	Berkeley, CA	<a href="#">Website</a>
Jan. 15-20	International Conference on Infectious and Tropical Diseases	Phnom Penh, Cambodia	<a href="#">Website</a>
Jan. 22-27	Keystone Symposium: Host Response in Tuberculosis	Santa Fe, NM	<a href="#">Website</a>

*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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