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A Note from Jennifer

Dear WIPO Re:Search Members and Friends,

It is hard to believe that the year is halfway over. Since January, 22 new partnerships have been established and eight new Members have joined the Consortium. Visit [here](#) for a glimpse at the geographical distribution of the WIPO Re:Search partnerships and Members. BVGH is in the process of updating the WIPO Re:Search Collaboration Pipeline, so if you have a WIPO Re:Search partnership in place, be on the lookout for an email from Roopa Ramamoorthi or Katy Graef, who are compiling the updates.

WIPO Director General, Francis Gurry, attended the 2014 Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO) International Convention in San Diego. During the event, Francis participated on the Scientific American Worldview Super Session panel, as well as at a private session organized by BIO and BVGH. He discussed his next term and his support and appreciation for WIPO Re:Search at this private event. BVGH also organized a panel session to discuss the biopharmaceutical industry’s participation in global health initiatives. The panel featured representatives from three Consortium Members.

I am pleased to welcome our newest Member, the Centre Pasteur du Cameroun.

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

Three new partnerships were finalized this month, including:

The University of Lagos will provide Novartis with dry blood spots from malaria patients. Novartis will assess the feasibility of using dried blood spot sampling (DBSS) and next generation sequencing of Plasmodium falciparum in malaria patients in Nigeria.
Dr. Ravi Selvaganapathy, Associate Professor, McMaster University, will develop a filtration device capable of concentrating particulates from environmental samples. Once completed, Dr. Ricardo Izurieta, Associate Professor, University of South Florida, will assess the device's ability to concentrate Ascaris eggs from soil and sewage samples.

New Member Announcement

We are pleased to announce that the Centre Pasteur du Cameroun has joined WIPO Re:Search.

Located in Yaoundé, Cameroon, the Centre Pasteur du Cameroun, is composed of seven sections, including the Laboratory of Virology, and the Laboratory of Mycobacteria. Research within the Centre includes the examination of the geographical distribution of filariasis in Cameroon and the molecular characterization of multi-drug resistant M. tuberculosis strains.

Partnership Hub Central

Jennifer Dent, Roopa Ramamoorthi, and Katy Graef attended the 2014 BIO International Convention in San Diego. Jennifer moderated a panel, The Changing Landscape of Industry's Engagement in Global Health, which featured panelists from Sanofi, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Kineta, Inc., MSD*, and Johnson & Johnson's Janssen R&D. The panelists described their organization's global health initiatives and shared their experiences participating in various programs including, WIPO Re:Search. The necessity of collaborations to advance global health R&D was a core focus of the discussion.

While at the Convention, Jennifer, Roopa, and Katy discussed collaboration opportunities with current Members, including 60 Degrees Pharmaceuticals (60P) and the University of Edinburgh.
The Changing Landscape of Industry’s Engagement in Global Health panel. From left to right: Robert DeBerardine (Sanofi), Fred Tonelli (Johnson & Johnson’s Janssen R&D), Charlotte Hubbert (Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation), David Olsen (MSD), Chuck Magness (Kineta, Inc.), and Jennifer Dent (BVGH)

*Known as Merck in the US and Canada

**Member Spotlight**

**Stanford University** SPARK program co-directors, Daria Mochly-Rosen and Kevin Grimes, published, "A Practical Guide to Drug Development in Academia", which is designed for academics interested in learning about the drug development process and how they can translate their findings into medical products. Topics range from repurposing drugs and developing high-throughput screens to pre-clinical safety studies and clinical trial design.
Highlighted Contributions

Featured this month are two contributions submitted by the Center for World Health & Medicine (CWHM) to the WIPO Re:Search Database.

Malaria parasite growth assays (ID: 1921)
The CWHM will consider requests to evaluate tool compounds and drug candidates for effects on Plasmodium parasite growth in human erythrocytes in vitro. Potential for drug resistance and synergy with standard treatment agents can also be explored.

High-throughput assay development and screening (ID: 1882)
The CWHM will consider collaborative proposals to develop and optimize target-based or phenotypic assays to identify compounds as useful probes for neglected disease programs. Partners may request screening of available compound collections or provide their own. Lead optimization resources are also available.

For more information or to discuss potential collaborations regarding this technology, please contact Roopa Ramamoorthi.

WIPO Re:Search in the News

SciDev.Net published an article discussing the impact that WIPO Re:Search has had on neglected disease research to date.

Upcoming Global Health Events

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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.

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