



Partnership Hub

Snapshot

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Letter from Jennifer

Dear WIPO Re:Search Members and Friends,

The BVGH team is looking forward to meeting with Members and engaging potential new funding Members at the 2015 BIO International Convention in Philadelphia next week. The Convention is the largest biotechnology partnering event in the world with more than 16,000 participants. This year BVGH will host the first sub-Saharan Africa pavilion. Four of our WIPO Re:Search Members from Africa will be represented and will explore partnering opportunities at the Convention.

Three new WIPO Re:Search agreements were finalized last month, bringing the total number of partnerships to 89. Twelve agreements have been established in 2015. BVGH is well on its way to meeting its 2015 deliverable of establishing 20 new partnerships. For a full update on our WIPO Re:Search activities in 2015, please be on the lookout for our half-year report, which will be distributed next month.

If you are attending this year's BIO International Convention, please be sure to visit our sub-Saharan Africa pavilion.

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

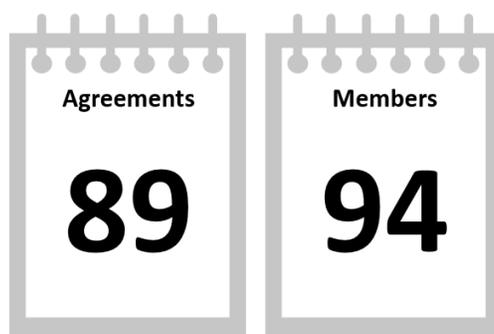
*Sincerely,
Jennifer Dent
President, BVGH*

Attending the 2015 BIO International Convention? If so, stop by BVGH's sub-Saharan Africa pavilion* (booth #1719) to speak with researchers from Ghana, Kenya, Mauritius, Nigeria, and Zimbabwe. Four WIPO Re:Search Members will be exhibiting: **African Institute of Biomedical Science & Technology** (AiBST), **Kenya Medical Research Institute** (KEMRI), **Kumasi Centre for Collaborative Research in Tropical Medicine** (KCCR), and **Noguchi Memorial Institute for Medical Research**.

Please also attend BVGH's two panel sessions: [Africa's Leading Economies Welcome Industry Partnerships](#) and [Global Emergency Case Study: Ebola](#).

* The sub-Saharan Africa pavilion is made possible through the generous sponsorship of **Pfizer**, Takeda, Johnson & Johnson, **MSD**, Celgene, BD (Becton, Dickinson and Company) and SCYNEXIS, Inc.

WIPO Re:Search Statistics



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

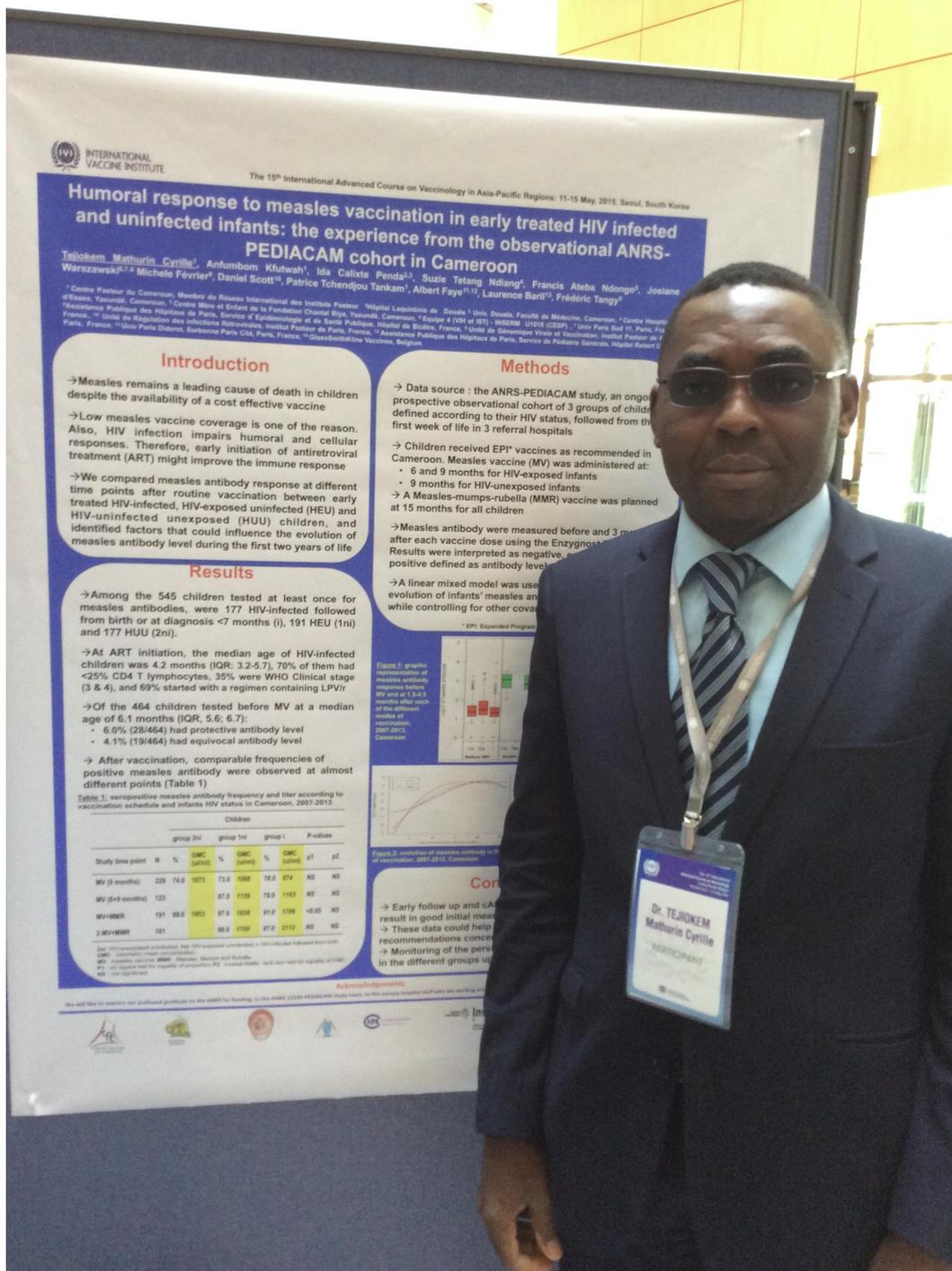
Click [here](#) to view a complete list of WIPO Re:Search Members.

Cornerstones of Collaboration



Mathurin Tejiokem, Senior Scientist, Epidemiology and Public Health, **Centre Pasteur du Cameroun**, was awarded a fellowship to attend the **International Vaccine Institute's (IVI)** 15th Annual IVI International Advanced Course on Vaccinology, which took place last month in Seoul, South Korea. The course, which was a comprehensive review of vaccines, aimed to mold its attendees into vaccinology leaders in their respective communities.

"The 15th Annual IVI International Advanced Course on Vaccinology held in Seoul was really interesting to me as it helped me with different vaccinology aspects, particularly vaccine development. It was also an opportunity to initiate some connections with other public health specialists and researchers." - Mathurin Tejiokem





Dr. David Griggs, Director of Cellular and Molecular Biology, **Center for World Health & Medicine (CWHM)**, presented a poster at [Digestive Disease Week 2015](#). David's poster, entitled, "Pharmacologic Evaluation of Clinical Neutral Endopeptidase Inhibitors in a Rat Model of Acute Secretory Diarrhea," described the results of CWHM's screens of **Pfizer** and **Sanofi's** compounds.

Partnership Hub Central

WIPO has organized a roundtable event during the United Nations' Global Compact +15: Business as a Force for Good conference, which will be held later this month in New York. The roundtable session will convene representatives from several WIPO Re:Search Members to discuss public-private partnerships. The recommendations formed during this roundtable will be submitted to the UN for inclusion in its conference report.

Funding Announcement

Development of Assays for High-Throughput Screening for Use in Probe and Pre-therapeutic Discovery (R01)

The purpose of this call is to stimulate the development of assays for high throughput screening (HTS) relevant to processes and diseases specific to the mission of the NIH divisions with the intent of using the assays to screen for small molecule compounds that show desired properties as probes for use in advancing knowledge about the relevant target, identifying new targets, or serving as pre-therapeutic leads.

Funding amount: Application budgets are not limited, but reflect the actual needs of the proposed project

Funder: US National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Deadline: October 5th, 2015

Eligibility: Any individual(s) with the skills, knowledge, and resources necessary to carry out the proposed research

Highlighted Contributions

Featured this month are two contributions submitted by the **University of Ibadan** to the [WIPO Re:Search](#)

[Database.](#)

Medicinal plants in treatment of parasitic diseases (ID: 2763)

Researchers at the University of Ibadan have expertise working with natural products and medicinal plant extracts to identify novel compounds to treat parasitic diseases.



Parasitology Expertise (ID: 2781)

The University has strong research experience with parasitic diseases such as human African trypanosomiasis (HAT) and schistosomiasis.

WIPO Re:Search In the News

BVGH published an [article](#) entitled, “Repurposing pharma assets: an accelerated mechanism for strengthening the schistosomiasis drug development pipeline,” in a special issue of *Future Medicinal Chemistry* dedicated to schistosomiasis. The issue, which includes articles by WIPO Re:Search Members, **FioCruz**, **Walter & Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research (WEHI)**, **University of California, San Francisco (UCSF)**, and **Swiss Tropical & Public Health Institute (Swiss TPH)**, also includes a special “Ask the Experts” section that features interviews with Tom Bombelles, WIPO; Jennifer Dent, BVGH; Matthew Todd, The University of Sydney; and Jackie Fine, David Olsen, and Ken Gustavsen, **MSD***. Click [here](#) to view the special issue’s table of contents.

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Upcoming Global Health Events

Dates	Event Name	Location	Web Link
July 26-31	Gordon Research Conference: Translating Malaria Research to the Field	Girona, Spain	Website
Sept. 6-10	9 th European Congress on Tropical Medicine and International Health	Basel, Switzerland	Website

Oct. 25- American Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene 64th Annual
29 Meeting

Philadelphia, PA [Website](#)



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