Letter from Jennifer

Dear WIPO Re:Search Members and Friends,

BVGH and WIPO are busy planning for the next five years of WIPO Re:Search! We look forward to your input and feedback on our strategic plan and vision of the direction of WIPO Re:Search.

I am pleased to report that we have selected dates and locations for upcoming WIPO Re:Search Member meetings. Mark your calendar for a WIPO Re:Search meeting at the World Health Assembly, May 22-26th in Geneva next year. If you are planning to attend the 2016 WHO-WIPO-WTO Trilateral Symposium, the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (ASTMH) 65th Annual Meeting, or the 2016 International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers & Associations (IFPMA) General Assembly, please join WIPO and colleagues to learn about WIPO Re:Search’s plans over the next five years. Dates and locations are captured below.

In 2013, the Government of Australia provided WIPO Re:Search with funds in trust (FIT) to support sabbaticals for African WIPO Re:Search Member scientists. Australia has committed additional funds (FIT2), which will be used to support additional hosting arrangements for scientists from East Africa and the Asia Pacific. Tom Bombelles and I are in Australia this week to meet with the Government of Australia and begin preparations for FIT2. If you would like to learn more about FIT2, please email Katy Graef.

Ujwal Sheth will be presenting WIPO Re:Search at the 2016 International Congress for Tropical Medicine and Malaria (ICTMM) in Brisbane, Australia next month. Contact Ujwal if you are attending and would like to meet.

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

Sincerely,

Jennifer Dent
Special Announcement

BVGH and WIPO are currently preparing a WIPO Re:Search medium-term five-year strategic plan (MTSP). We will share a draft of this plan before the end of the year for Member feedback.

Instead of a single WIPO Re:Search Annual meeting in 2016, WIPO is planning Member meetings concurrent to the following events. If you would like to attend one of these satellite WIPO Re:Search meetings, please email Meg Sharaudeen at WIPO and specify which meetings you would like to attend.


2. Week of November 13th-18th, 2016, Atlanta – American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (ASTMH) 65th Annual Meeting


The WIPO Re:Search Member Meeting will be held alongside the World Health Assembly in Geneva, during the week of May 22nd-26th, 2017. For more information about the meeting, contact Tom Bombelles.

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**

*Pfizer* will provide Dr. Jennifer Keiser, Head, Helminth Drug Development Unit, *Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute* (Swiss TPH) with a set of small molecule receptor agonists to screen against hookworms *in vitro*.

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**Partnership Hub Central**

In 2013, the Government of Australia provided funds in trust (FIT) to WIPO, which were used to support sabbaticals for African researchers. Six researchers from Cameroon, Egypt, Ghana, Nigeria, and South Africa were placed at biopharmaceutical companies and leading universities for periods of three months to one year. WIPO's recent *Global Challenges Report: “Sharing Innovation and Building Capacity to Fight Neglected Tropical Diseases: A Selection of WIPO Re:Search Fellowship Stories,”* describes the experiences of these six researchers and their hosts. Click [here](#) to download the report.

WIPO convened the first meeting of the WIPO Re:Search Advisory Committee. The Committee, which is chaired by Dr. Peter Hotez, President and Director, *Sabin Vaccine Institute*, is responsible for providing strategic advice relevant to the activities and long-term development of WIPO Re:Search.

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**BVGH FundFinder Featured Funding Announcement**

*Going Global Innovation*

Going Global Innovation (GGI) is specifically designed to promote and enhance Canada's international innovation efforts. The program supports Canadian researchers who aim to commercialize technologies by pursuing collaborative international research and development (R&D) opportunities through partnerships with key players in foreign markets.

**Funding amount:** $58,000 USD  
**Funder:** Canadian International Development Agency  
**Deadline:** Applications are accepted on an on-going basis  
**Eligibility:** Eligible beneficiaries are Canadian researchers from small or medium size enterprises, universities, and non-government research centers.
For more information about BVGH FundFinder, click [here](#) or email [Lisel Koepfl](#).

## Highlighted Contributions

Do you have an asset that you are willing to contribute to another WIPO Re:Search Member to further neglected tropical disease, malaria, or tuberculosis research and development? Email [Ujjwal Sheth](#) to learn how you can have your asset summarized in the WIPO Re:Search Database and featured in this section of an upcoming *Snapshot* newsletter.

## Upcoming Global Health Events

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