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Letter from Jennifer

Dear WIPO Re:Search Members and Friends,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a chance to read through the many WIPO Re:Search collaborations featured in BVGH’s recent publication, Accelerating R&D for Neglected Diseases through Global Collaborations: WIPO Re:Search Partnership Stories 2013-2015. Feedback on the storybook has been extremely positive. BVGH is now busy preparing the 2015 Partnership Hub Annual Report, which will be shared with you over the coming weeks.

The next couple of months are already shaping up to be full of new and exciting partnering opportunities for our WIPO Re:Search Members. In order to manage the growing number of WIPO Re:Search collaborations effectively, BVGH is implementing some new processes and documentation. Our intent is to set collaboration expectations across our Members and streamline our partnering and project management. We look forward to your feedback as we share the documentation and implement our new processes.

I am pleased to welcome our newest Member, the Institut Pasteur.

Ujwal Sheth will be representing BVGH and featuring WIPO Re:Search in her presentation at the Anthelmintics: From Discovery to Resistance II conference in San Diego next month. Please plan to meet with Ujwal if you will be attending.

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

Ujwal Sheth will be representing BVGH and presenting WIPO Re:Search at the Anthelmintics: From Discovery to Resistance II conference in San Diego this February. If you will be attending this meeting and would like to schedule a time to speak, please send Ujwal an email.

WIPO Re:Search Statistics

![Agreements: 99, Members: 101]

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

Eisai has agreed to provide the University of California, San Diego (UCSD), with phosphodiesterase V (PDEV) inhibitors to screen against Leishmania, T. cruzi, S. mansoni, and Brugia.
Elsai has agreed to expand its collaboration with Prof. Alister Craig, Dean of Biological Sciences, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine (LSTM), by sharing additional compounds — including PAR1 inhibitors that are active in animal coagulation models — that Alister will use to further study the role of PAR1 in the pathology of cerebral malaria.

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**New Member Announcement**

We are pleased to announce that Institut Pasteur has joined WIPO Re:Search.

Founded by the renowned Louis Pasteur in 1888, the Institut Pasteur is recognized as the birthplace of microbiology. Researchers at the Institut Pasteur focus on the molecular basis of Leishmania virulence, host-Plasmodium interactions, pathogenicity of mycobacteria, and translational rabies research, among many others.

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**BVGH FundFinder Featured Funding Announcement**

**Tropical Medicine Research Centers**

The purpose of this opportunity is to solicit applications from institutions/organizations that propose to conduct research on the causes, diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of tropical diseases in endemic areas. The scope of the research to be supported is limited to select neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) and their corresponding vectors. Research may be focused on a single pathogen or more than one pathogen causing NTDs. Multi-disciplinary research and/or study of multiple pathogens is encouraged. This program is not intended to support research that can be conducted primarily in US institutions.

**Funding amount:** $500,000 maximum/year for up to five years  
**Funder:** US National Institutes of Health (NIH)  
**Deadline:** Letter of intent due May 3, 2016  
**Eligibility:** Applicant organizations must be headquartered in foreign (non-US) resource-constrained countries.

For more information about BVGH FundFinder, please email [Roopa Sriram](mailto:roopa.sriram@bvgh.org).

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**Member Spotlight**

**McGill University** is currently accepting applications for its McGill Summer Institute in Infectious Diseases and Global Health. This year the McGill Summer Institute is offering five, one-week courses: Tuberculosis Research Methods, Global Health Diagnostics, Tropical and Parasitic Diseases, Molecular and Genetic Epidemiology, and Advanced Tuberculosis Diagnostics Research. These courses are taught by internationally-recognized faculty and offer participants the opportunity to learn while networking with fellow global health professionals and policy-makers from disease endemic countries. Click [here](http://mcgill-idgh.ca/) to download the course brochure. **Applications are due February 7, 2016**. Apply now at [http://mcgill-idgh.ca/](http://mcgill-idgh.ca/).
Highlighted Contributions
Featuring this month is one contribution submitted by Northeastern University to the WIPO Re:Search Database.

Drug discovery capabilities for neglected tropical diseases (ID: 2043)
Northeastern University scientists are willing to provide their collaborative research capabilities in hit-to-lead and lead optimization medicinal chemistry for protozoan diseases and other neglected tropical diseases. The researchers have established internal programs and are looking for collaborators who wish to share early chemistry data to initiate optimization programs.

For more information or to discuss potential collaborations regarding this technology, please contact Ujwal Sheth.

WIPO Re:Search Members In the News
Last December, the Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany Executive Board traveled to Africa where they met with Ministers of Health, University professors, and patient groups. Click here to watch a video about the Board’s visit and Merck KGaA’s Africa plans.

Upcoming Global Health Events

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