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Letter from Jennifer

Dear WIPO Re:Search Members and Friends,

WIPO and BVGH will be featuring WIPO Re:Search at several key events over the coming weeks. A WIPO Re:Search symposium will be held at the World Health Assembly in Geneva on May 26th, featuring panelists from Sanofi, MSD, and the University of Buea, and the Minister of Health of Ethiopia. If you will be in Geneva for the World Health Assembly please plan to join us for this important program.

Several WIPO Re:Search Members from Africa, including the African Institute of Biomedical Science and Technology (AiBST), Kumasi Centre for Collaborative Research in Tropical Medicine (KCCRC), Noguchi Memorial Institute for Medical Research (NMIMR), and the University of Buea, will be representing their institutes and countries at the 2016 BIO International Convention and Africa pavilion.

I encourage all WIPO Re:Search Members attending the Convention to take advantage of this opportunity to learn about these Members’ research and partnering interests and discuss collaboration ideas.

I am pleased to welcome our newest Members, Case Western Reserve University and Armauer Hansen Research Institute (AHRI), to WIPO Re:Search.

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

Sincerely,

Jennifer Dent
Special Announcements

With the sponsorship of the Permanent Mission of Ethiopia in Geneva, WIPO has organized a WIPO Re:Search event, which will be held concurrent to the World Health Assembly on May 26, 2016. BVGH and WIPO encourage all WIPO Re:Search Members participating in the World Health Assembly to attend this event. Click here for more information.

Will you be attending the 2016 BIO International Convention? If so, stop by the BVGH Africa pavilion (booth #7409) to say hello to our exhibitors representing several African countries. WIPO Re:Search Members will be exhibiting at the pavilion. For more information, please email Katy Graef.

The sub-Saharan Africa pavilion is made possible through the generous sponsorship of Celgene Corporation; Genentech, Inc.; Gilead Sciences; Global Good, Intellectual Ventures; Janssen, the Pharmaceutical Companies of Johnson & Johnson; Just Biotherapeutics, Inc; MSD*; Pfizer; Sanofi; SCYNEXIS, Inc.; Takeda; US Pharmacopeial Convention; and Viamet.

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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

Professor Alan Cowman of Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research (WEHI) and Infection and Immunity Division Head, gave a seminar on the biology of malaria drug discovery targets at MSD’s West Point, Pennsylvania, site. During his visit, Alan and MSD* discussed recent collaboration results and next steps of their malaria drug discovery efforts.
Left to right: Prof. Alan Cowman (WEHI) & Drs. David Olsen, Tanweer Khan, Charles Garlisi, and Jackie Fine (MSD)

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**New Members Announcement**

We are pleased to announce that Case Western Reserve University and Armauer Hansen Research Institute (AHRI) have joined WIPO Re:Search.

Based in Cleveland, Ohio, Case Western Reserve University is home to researchers performing malaria and schistosomiasis vaccine development and malaria drug discovery. Case Western Reserve University researchers are also studying the epidemiology of lymphatic filariasis and schistosomiasis, immunology of malaria, and dengue virus pathogenesis.

The Armauer Hansen Research Institute (AHRI) was founded in 1970 by the Ministry of Health of Ethiopia and the Norwegian and Swedish Save the Children organizations. Activities at AHRI span basic, epidemiological, and translational research on tuberculosis, leprosy, malaria, and leishmaniasis.
**Partnership Hub Central**

Jennifer Dent presented WIPO Re:Search as an example of the biopharmaceutical industry’s involvement in global health during her guest lecture for the Wharton Health Care Management Department’s “Private Sector Participation in Global Health Development” course.


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**BVGH FundFinder Featured Funding Announcement**

**CaringCrowd**

Powered by **Johnson & Johnson**, CaringCrowd is a crowdfunding source dedicated to funding public health projects. Project owners can find donors, and donors who want to support global public health can find projects that need funding. Project owners set a fundraising goal and deadline, and donors interested in a project make a funding pledge. A project must reach its funding goal within its specified fundraising period – 15 to 90 days – in order to receive donations.

**Funding amount:** Open – project owner sets funding goal  
**Funder:** Crowdfunding – open to all  
**Deadline:** 15 – 90 days after posting project  
**Eligibility:** Project owner must be affiliated or partnered with a U.S.-based 501(c)(3) organization.

For more information about BVGH FundFinder, please email Roopa Sriram.

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**Highlighted Contribution**

Featured this month is a contribution submitted by **Alnylam Pharmaceuticals** to the [WIPO Re:Search Database](http://www.wipo.int/research_database/en/).

**RNA interference platform technology IP and know-how (ID: 1362)**

Alnylam is the world leader in the research and development of drugs designed to take advantage of the body’s natural mechanism of RNA interference (RNAi). Provided here is a collection of granted patents and pending patent applications, which cover small interfering RNA compositions and methods of using such compositions in a variety of applications including as human therapeutics. In addition, pharmaceutical formulations, chemical modifications, and delivery modalities are covered.

For more information or to discuss potential collaborations regarding this technology, please contact [Ujwal Sheth](mailto:ujwal.sheth@alnylam.com).
WIPO Re:Search In the News

WIPO Re:Search was cited as a good example of tech transfer initiatives during a WIPO Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP) meeting. Click here to read about the CDIP meeting.

Upcoming Global Health Events

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