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Letter from Jennifer

Dear WIPO Re:Search Members and Friends,

BVGH is excited about the very busy season ahead! The BVGH team is planning on attending and representing WIPO Re:Search at several upcoming key meetings including the 2016 International Congress for Tropical Medicine and Malaria (ICTMM) in Brisbane, Australia; the Eighth European & Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP) Forum in Lusaka, Zambia; the 65th Annual ASTMH Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia; and the TTS Latin America Meeting in Medellin, Colombia. We look forward to communicating the Consortium’s achievements, discussing collaboration ideas with current Member scientists, and engaging potential new Member organizations during these events.

BVGH will also be working with WIPO to launch the second WIPO Re:Search developing country scientist sabbatical program, which is supported by Funds in Trust (FIT) from IP Australia. This program (FIT2) will focus on the placement of scientists from East Africa and the Asia Pacific Region at Australian research institutes for research training. To read about the first WIPO Re:Search developing country scientist sabbatical program, click here. If you would like to learn more about FIT2, please email Katy Graef.

I am pleased to welcome our newest Member, the University of Georgia (UGA).

Ujwal Sheth will be presenting WIPO Re:Search at the 2016 International Congress for Tropical Medicine and Malaria (ICTMM) in Brisbane, Australia this 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.
Special Announcement

BVGH and WIPO are currently preparing a WIPO Re:Search medium-term five-year strategic plan (MTSP). WIPO will host two meetings to obtain Members’ input on the plan:

**Geneva, Switzerland:** Wednesday, October 26th, 9am – 1pm CEST
**Washington, DC, USA:** Wednesday, November 30th, 8am – 12pm EST (date and time subject to change)

If you would like to attend one of these meetings, please email [Meg Sharafudeen](mailto:meg.sharafudeen@wipo.int) at WIPO and specify which meeting you are planning to attend.

WIPO Re:Search Statistics

![Agreements: 106, Members: 107]

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

Takeda will provide Prof. Conor Caffrey, Nematode and Trematode Core Director, Center for Discovery and Innovation in Parasitic Diseases (CDIPD), University of California, San Diego (UCSD) with a targeted set of compounds to screen against Schistosoma mansoni in vitro. These screens will extend Conor’s earlier screening data to include a new chemical series targeting the same S. mansoni protein.

Dr. Oluwagbemiga Aina, Senior Research Fellow, Nigerian Institute of Medical Research (NIMR), will provide Dr. Lawrence Ayong, Head, Malaria Research Group, Centre Pasteur du Cameroun (CPC), with a set of natural product extracts believed to have antimalarial activities. Lawrence will screen the extracts against P. falciparum using his in vitro assay.

New Member Announcement

We are pleased to announce that the University of Georgia (UGA) has joined WIPO Re:Search.

Located in Athens, Georgia, the University of Georgia (UGA) is the state’s oldest, most comprehensive, and most diversified institution of higher education. Its Center for Tropical & Emerging Global Diseases (CTEGD) is built on a strong foundation in parasitology, immunology, cellular and molecular biology, biochemistry, and genetics. CTEGD maintains close connection with the Division of Parasitic Diseases at the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Emory Vaccine Center.
Researchers at CTEGD study the immunology of schistosomiasis and lymphatic filariasis, metabolic pathways of trypanosomatids and malaria parasites, and mechanisms of action of and modes of resistance to anthelmintics, among many other topics.

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**BVGH FundFinder Featured Funding Announcement**

**Africa London Nagasaki Scholarship Fund**

The Africa London Nagasaki Scholarship Fund has been set up to support African scientists building a career in infectious disease research. The scholarship will allow African researchers to undertake an MSc in a subject relevant to the control of infectious disease in the developing world at either the Institute of Tropical Medicine, Nagasaki University (NEKKEN), Japan, or at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM), UK. The fund will support up to four scholarships per year.

**Funding amount:** Maximum of $50,000 USD to cover tuition fees, travel, and living expenses.

**Funder:** Africa London Nagasaki Scholarship Fund

**Deadline:** September 30, 2016

**Eligibility:** Applicants must be of African nationality and normally be resident in sub-Saharan Africa. They must have a first or upper second class BSc degree (or equivalent) in a relevant area and will usually have at least two years prior research experience. Candidates who apply to study in Japan must have a medical qualification and at least two years of clinical experience.

To learn more about BVGH FundFinder and to subscribe, click [here](#) or contact [Lisel Koepl](#).

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**Highlighted Contributions**

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

**Structure Based Drug Design and Medicinal Chemistry (ID: 1881)**

The CWHM has an accomplished medicinal chemistry group with significant expertise in the design of compounds with the appropriate safety, pharmacokinetic, and pharmaceutical properties required for human development. The CWHM, in partnership with the University of Missouri, has state of the art chemistry facilities. The CWHM and University of Missouri chemists also have considerable expertise in structure-based drug design (SBDD) and have collaborations in place with molecular modelers to further enhance their capabilities. The CWHM will consider collaborative proposals to consult or collaborate on neglected disease targets using its medicinal chemistry design and synthetic skill sets.

**Pharmacokinetic/ADME evaluation of small molecule compounds (ID: 1902)**

The CWHM will consider collaborative proposals to evaluate the pharmacokinetic properties of tool or candidate compounds. The CWHM possesses the necessary equipment and expertise to conduct *in vivo* studies in rodents and complete bioanalytical analyses of samples using LC/MS/MS. *In vitro* metabolism and protein binding and stability studies can also be performed.

For more information or to discuss potential collaborations regarding this technology, please contact [Ujwal Sheth](#).
**Upcoming Global Health Events**

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