Dear WIPO Re:Search Members and Friends,

As 2018 draws to a close, BVGH celebrates with you, the WIPO Re:Search community, the many exciting achievements this year has brought. Consortium membership has grown to 140 organizations representing 40 countries, and we are pleased to welcome our newest Member, Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto (UDUS). WIPO Re:Search, our collaborations, and our sponsoring Member companies continue to be featured in major international presentations, publications, and other highly visible communications channels, in addition to this newsletter and BVGH’s social media platforms.

The 2018 Access to Medicine Index highlights the importance of collaborations—which are the foundation of WIPO Re:Search—in accelerating R&D for malaria, tuberculosis, NTDs, and other priority diseases. Eighteen new WIPO Re:Search collaborations were established this year, and we look forward to facilitating more R&D partnerships in 2019. Please reach out to Cathy Manner to discuss any partnering requests or ideas.

As we look ahead to the New Year, the BVGH team thanks you for your ongoing support and participation in WIPO Re:Search. We wish you the very best over the holiday season and in 2019.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Dent
President, BVGH

WIPO Re:Search Statistics

Click here for a list of WIPO Re:Search Members.
Click here for a list of WIPO Re:Search collaborations.
Cornerstones of Collaboration

Pfizer Shares Inhibitors for Tuberculosis Screening

Tuberculosis (TB) is one of the world’s deadliest diseases, infecting almost one fourth of the global population. In an effort to improve upon available treatment methods, Prof. Tanya Parish and Dr. Alyssa Manning are working toward TB drug discovery and development at the Infectious Disease Research Institute (IDRI). Their work focuses on the discovery of new drugs that are effective at curing drug-sensitive and drug-resistant TB with the added goal of shortening the time it takes to cure disease. To help support their drug discovery efforts, Pfizer has shared a PDE inhibitor for screening as a TB drug candidate.

New Member Announcement

Usman Danfodiyo University, Sokoto (UDUS) was founded in 1975 as one of the initial twelve federal government-owned universities in Nigeria. Now an established research university, UDOS has 10 faculties—including Health Sciences and Pharmaceutical Science—and a postgraduate school to provide master’s and doctoral training in the sciences and other disciplines.

BVGH FundFinder Featured Award

Accelerating Malaria Vaccine Discovery (R01)

The purpose of this funding opportunity is to support early-phase translational research that will generate new malaria vaccine candidates suitable for further downstream development and clinical evaluation. This research opportunity encourages studies that will lead to discovery of new vaccine candidates that prevent infection, ameliorate disease, and/or interrupt transmission caused by human malaria parasites, especially *P. falciparum* and *P. vivax*. 
- **Funding Amount**: Dependent on project scope, for up to five years
- **Funder**: National Institutes of Health (NIH)
- **Deadline**: February 5, 2019
- **Eligibility**: US and non-US entities; clinical trials not allowed

**Additional Funding Opportunities**

- [GHIT Fund Product Development Platform: Request for Proposals](#) – Deadline: January 7, 2019
- [TDR Clinical Research and Development Fellowships](#) – Deadline: March 7, 2019
- [Neglected Tropical Diseases Support Center: Operational Research on "Endgame" Challenges](#) – No deadline specified

For more information about BVGH FundFinder, please email [Cathy Manner](#).

**Member Spotlight**

**Tres Cantos Open Lab Foundation: Accelerating the Discovery of Medicines for Diseases of the Developing World**

The Tres Cantos Open Lab Foundation provides selected investigators with funding and access to GSK facilities, resources, and expertise to help them advance their own malaria, tuberculosis, kinetoplastid disease, and enteric drug discovery projects. By fostering close partnerships and alliances, the Open Lab acts as an incubator and accelerant to create a critical mass of knowledge around neglected diseases and develop desperately needed new medicines. Proposals are accepted on a rolling basis. Click [here](#) for more information.

**Upcoming Global Health Events**

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