

BVGH Partnership Hub Snapshot



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Dear WIPO Re:Search Members and Friends,

This month WIPO Re:Search celebrates a major milestone – the establishment of our 150th collaboration! We are proud of the growth of the WIPO Re:Search portfolio and global network over the last seven years, and of the dedicated investigators who work each day to combat antimicrobial resistance and address other unmet medical needs for neglected diseases. We look forward to seeing their efforts translate into better drugs, diagnostics, and vaccines that will save lives and drive progress toward the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Cathy Manner and I enjoyed seeing many of our partners in Geneva last month at WIPO's [Global Challenges Seminar](#) on Urgent Innovation: Policies and Practices for Effective Response to Global Health Crises. Speakers included representatives from WIPO Re:Search Members **Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative (DNDi)** and **MSD**, as well as the **World Health Organization** (a special technical advisor to WIPO Re:Search).

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

*Sincerely,
Jennifer Dent
President, BVGH*



WIPO Re:Search Statistics



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Cornerstones of Collaboration

Pfizer Provides Compounds to Support the Development of Novel Antimalarials



Dr. Hoseah Akala and Reagan Mogire at the **Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI)** are working towards the discovery and development of novel drugs against malaria. Using a target-similarity approach, their study identified several essential *Plasmodium falciparum* proteins that could potentially be targeted by commercially available drugs created for other diseases. In order to continue these studies and validate the predicted targets, they requested additional compounds to test their activity against these predicted targets. To support their efforts, **Pfizer, Inc.**, has shared several compounds from various chemical classes that could potentially be repurposed for malaria drug discovery.

Takeda Shares Compounds to Aid in Leishmaniasis Drug Discovery



Takeda will be sharing MAP kinase inhibitors with Dr. Tanya Parish and Dr. Samuel Njikan at the **Infectious Disease Research Institute (IDRI)** to support their leishmaniasis drug discovery efforts.

Advancing Collaboration: Eisai and University of California, San Diego



In follow-up to a prior agreement, **Eisai Co., Ltd.** will provide Prof. Conor Caffrey, Nematode and Trematode Core Director at the Center for Discovery and Innovation in Parasitic Diseases at the **University of California, San Diego (UCSD)**, with an additional set of targeted inhibitors to screen against *Schistosoma mansoni*.

Call for Proposals on Intervention Effectiveness



NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASES SUPPORT CENTER

The Neglected Tropical Diseases Support Center (NTD-SC) at The Task Force for Global Health is [soliciting proposals](#) for operational and implementation research to improve the effectiveness of interventions used in the elimination of neglected tropical diseases (NTDs). Research proposed for this call will investigate and solve persistent challenges associated with the implementation of NTD programs, focusing on different elements of either mass drug administration (MDA) or morbidity management and disability prevention (MMDP).

Amount: Not specified

Organization: Neglected Tropical Diseases Support Center

Deadline: Priority – June 3, 2019; Regular – July 31, 2019

Eligibility: Proposals must be nested within national programs and target lymphatic filariasis, onchocerciasis, schistosomiasis, or trachoma

Additional Funding Opportunities

- [Atomwise Artificial Intelligence Molecular Screen \(AIMS\) Awards Program](#) – Deadline: May 31, 2019
- [NIH Global Infectious Disease Research Training Program](#) – Deadline: Letter of Intent due June 25, 2019; application due July 25, 2019

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



Upcoming Global Health Events

Dates	Event Name	Location
June 3-6, 2019	BIO International Convention	Philadelphia, PA, USA
Sept. 2-6, 2019	19th International Vaccinology Course	Seoul, South Korea
Sept. 10-13, 2019	20th International Leprosy Congress	Manila, Philippines
Sept. 26-28, 2019	East African Research in Progress 2019	Moshi, Tanzania



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