

# BVGH Partnership Hub Snapshot



January 2020

Dear WIPO Re:Search Members and Friends,

A special day is coming later this month. January 30<sup>th</sup> marks the first-ever [World Neglected Tropical Diseases \(NTD\) Day](#). At the time I write this, over 175 global organizations — including countless WIPO Re:Search Members — have become official World NTD Day [partners](#).

January 30<sup>th</sup> also marks the eighth anniversary of the 2012 [London Declaration on Neglected Tropical Diseases](#), which focused global attention and brought partners together to fight NTDs. Since 2012, 31 countries have eliminated at least one NTD. Progress is possible with coordinated efforts and support!

Follow BVGH and our WIPO Re:Search Members and friends on January 30<sup>th</sup> so that together we can raise awareness and engage more partners in the fight against these devastating diseases that afflict more than one billion people, predominantly the poor.

Our newest WIPO Re:Search Members are [Foundation for Neglected Disease Research](#) in India, [London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine](#) in the United Kingdom, and [University of Cape Coast](#) in Ghana. We welcome these institutions and their researchers who are dedicated to beating NTDs, malaria, and tuberculosis.

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

Sincerely,

Jennifer Dent, President & CEO

BIO Ventures for Global Health



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## WIPO Re:Search Statistics



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Click [here](#) for a list of WIPO Re:Search collaborations.  
Click [here](#) to view the WIPO Re:Search Collaboration Pipeline.

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## New Member Announcement

### Foundation for Neglected Disease Research



The [Foundation for Neglected Disease Research](#) (FNDR) is a non-profit research organization that strives to offer candidate drugs and diagnostics for diseases of the developing world. With expertise in malaria, tuberculosis, and other neglected infectious diseases, FNDR uses its 10,000 sq. ft. facility to conduct preclinical drug discovery and diagnostic work. With over 100 years of collective experience across the entire drug development pathway FNDR aims to build on the work that has already produced multiple patented molecules to help fight diseases of poverty.

### London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine



The [London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine](#) (LSHTM) is a public research university that was founded in 1899. Since its founding, it has become one of the most highly placed institutions in the fields of public health and infectious diseases. LSHTM's mission is to contribute to the improvement of health worldwide through the pursuit of excellence in research, postgraduate teaching, and advanced training in national and international public health and tropical medicine. Demonstrating excellency in scientific research, LSHTM is ranked 3rd in the world for social sciences and public health, as well as 6th overall in the world for impact, based on the top 1% of published papers in all fields.

## University of Cape Coast



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## Partnership Hub Central

### Unleashing Africa's Innovation Potential: Lessons from Cameroon



Two WIPO Re:Search scientists from Cameroon, Professor Fabrice F. Boyom (pictured far left) from the **University of Yaoundé I**, and Professor Fidelis Cho-Ngwa (pictured second from left), from the **University of Buea** spoke on the power of public-private partnerships during an event organized by **IFPMA** (a WIPO Re:Search Supporter Member) in Geneva. Also pictured, from left to right: Charles Randolph, WIPO; Greg Perry, IFPMA; Guilherme Cintra, IFPMA.

[Read the article from WIPO](#)

## WIPO Re:Search Fellow Receives ASTMH Honor



WIPO Re:Search Fellow, Dr. Deus Ishengoma (pictured center), received the prestigious Alan J. Magill Fellowship at the 2019 Annual Meeting of the American Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene (ASTMH). Dr. Ishengoma is Principal Research Scientist and Head, Laboratory Sciences Department, at the **National Institute for Medical Research** in Tanzania. The Magill Fellowship will assist his efforts to synthesize research findings to support evidence-based policies in malaria elimination/eradication. He conducted his WIPO Re:Search Fellowship at **Monash University** in Australia, working on metabolite and protein signatures of drug-resistant malaria parasites. Also pictured: Outgoing ASTMH President Chandy John and ASTMH CEO Karen A. Goraleski.

## Eisai Breaks Ground for Global Drug Discovery Center

**Eisai Co., Ltd.** has embarked on a major renovation of its Tsukuba Research Laboratories. The renovation will strengthen drug discovery activities with the aim of contributing to global health including neglected tropical diseases.

[Read the article from \*BioSpectrum Asia Edition\*](#)

# Special Announcement

## First-Ever World Neglected Tropical Diseases Day is January 30



[World Neglected Tropical Diseases Day](#) is January 30, 2020. More than 175 global partners including BVGH and WIPO Re:Search Members **Eisai Co., Ltd**; **Johnson & Johnson**; **Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany**; **MSD\***; **Novartis**; **Pfizer**; and **Takeda** have signed on to celebrate the first-ever World NTD Day. The World Health Organization is expected to launch new goals this year to guide NTD progress through 2030. World NTD Day will help rally the NTD community to drive attention and action to beat NTDs.

Join us in drawing attention to this important day. Below you will find communication materials you may adapt and share through your social media channels and newsletters on World NTD Day, January 30, 2020.

Image (Click to download)



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Did you know that neglected tropical diseases affect over one billion people? On World NTD Day, we stand with the innovative #WIPOReSearch scientists who are working to #BeatNTDs with @WIPO and @BIOVentures. <https://bvgh.org/wipo-research/>

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## BVGH FundFinder Featured Awards

### 2020 EDCTP Prizes



EDCTP intends to award [four prestigious international prizes](#) dedicated to the promotion of scientific research, improved health, and Africa-European collaboration. These prizes are presented to outstanding individuals and research teams, especially from sub-Saharan Africa and Europe, and will be announced at the tenth EDCTP Forum in Mozambique in 2020. The nomination deadline is April 16, 2020.

### Additional Funding Opportunities

- [Leprosy Research Initiative](#) – Call for letters of intent for budget round 2021 is now open
- [NIAID Investigator-Initiated Program Project Applications \(P01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed\)](#) – Next Deadlines: January 24, 2020; June 11, 2020
- [EDCTP Senior Fellowships Plus 2019](#) – Deadline: February 18, 2020
- [EDCTP Clinical Research and Product Development Fellowships \(CRDF\) – Joint call with WHO/TDR 2019](#) – Deadline: February 28, 2020
- [Scholarships: MSc Genomics & Precision Medicine for Students from Africa](#) – Deadline: February 29, 2020
- [JSPS Research Fellowships in Japan \(Extramural\)](#) – Deadline: March 31, 2020
- [NIH Planning Grant for Global Infectious Disease Research Training Program \(D71 – Clinical Trials Not Allowed\)](#) – Next Letter of Intent Deadline: September 28, 2020

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



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## Upcoming Global Health Events

Dates	Event Name	Location
Feb. 20-23, 2020	<a href="#">19th International Congress on Infectious Diseases</a>	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Feb. 23-27, 2020	<a href="#">Molecular Approaches to Malaria (MAM) 2020</a>	Lorne, Victoria, Australia
June 1-12, 2020	<a href="#">6<sup>th</sup> McGill Summer Institute in Infectious Diseases and Global Health (Now accepting applications)</a>	Montreal, QC, Canada



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