

BVGH Partnership Hub Snapshot



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Dear WIPO Re:Search Members and Friends,

While researchers—including many WIPO Re:Search Members—work to find effective treatments and develop an urgently needed vaccine for COVID-19, it is critical to remember that [the battle still wages on against malaria](#). The global community made substantial advances in controlling malaria between 2000 and 2014 (including a 40% decrease in malaria-related deaths), but [progress has ground to a standstill in recent years](#). Through WIPO Re:Search, BVGH facilitates R&D collaborations to develop new malaria treatments, especially [for sub-Saharan Africa](#), where more than 90% of malaria cases and deaths occur.

Professor Fabrice Boyom, an analytical biochemist and drug discovery researcher at the **University of Yaoundé I** in Cameroon, is engaged in multiple BVGH-brokered WIPO Re:Search [collaborations](#) on malaria and neglected tropical diseases. Tapping into his early work studying essential oils from Cameroonian aromatic plants, Professor Boyom focuses on developing novel antimalarial drugs from [natural products](#) and [small molecule libraries](#) to combat drug resistance “and help more people in Africa and beyond.” Professor Boyom established the Antimicrobial and Biocontrol Agents Unit (AmBcAU), where he trains Cameroonian scientists to continue his work. Learn more about Professor Boyom [in this interview with WIPO](#) published for World Malaria Day.

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



WIPO Re:Search Statistics



Click [here](#) for a list of WIPO Re:Search Members.

Click [here](#) for a list of WIPO Re:Search collaborations.

Click [here](#) to view the WIPO Re:Search Collaboration Pipeline.

Cornerstones of Collaboration

Johnson & Johnson, Seattle Children's Research Institute, and University of Washington Collaborate on Leishmaniasis Drug Discovery



Johnson & Johnson is sharing its Jump-stARter library with Dr. Peter Myler at **Seattle Children's Research Institute** for screening for leishmaniasis drug discovery. Under the umbrella of the Seattle Structural Genomics Center for Infectious Disease, SCRI will partner with **University of Washington's** Dr. Wes Van Voorhis to carry out screening of the library.

IP in Focus

WIPO Launches New Search Facility For PATENTSCOPE Database to Support COVID-19 Innovation Efforts

WIPO [launched](#) a [new search functionality](#) for its global patent database, [PATENTSCOPE](#), to facilitate the location and retrieval of information contained in published patent documents that may be useful for innovators developing new technologies to fight the COVID-19 pandemic.

BVGH FundFinder Featured Awards

PAHO/TDR Operational Research to Support the Elimination of Communicable Diseases in the Latin American and Caribbean Region

The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), in collaboration with the Special Program for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (TDR), is pleased to announce the 2020-2021 call for applications for the Joint PAHO/TDR Small Grant Scheme for operational research. The objective of the call is to facilitate and strengthen elimination-oriented operational research in selected communicable diseases that are potential candidates for elimination through an integrated approach. To apply, please click [here](#). Deadline for applications is July 31, 2020.

Additional Funding Opportunities

- [Future Leaders - African Independent Research \(FLAIR\) Fellowships](#) – Deadline: May 27, 2020
- [Joint EMRO/TDR Small Grants Scheme for Implementation Research on Infectious Diseases of Poverty](#) – Deadline: June 1, 2020
- [NIH Technology Accelerator Challenge: Non-invasive Diagnostics for Global Health](#) – Deadline: June 2, 2020
- [EDCTP Capacity Development for Disease Outbreak and Epidemic Response in Sub-Saharan Africa, in Collaboration with Africa CDC](#) – Deadline: July 30, 2020
- [EDCTP Career Development Fellowships in Poverty-Related Diseases and Child and Adolescent Health](#) – Deadline: August 5, 2020

- [EDCTP Innovative Approaches to Enhance Poverty-Related Diseases Research](#) – Deadline: August 13, 2020

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



Upcoming Virtual Global Health Events

Dates	Event Name
May 16-17, 2020	Walk the Talk: The Health for All Challenge
May 18-19, 2020	World Health Assembly
May 20-29, 2020	Development and Application of Vaccines in Global Health
May 26, 2020	RSTMH Mid-term Strategy Review and Presidential Address: "How Many Neglected Tropical Diseases Can We Eliminate by 2030?"
June 8-12, 2020	BIO Digital



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