

BVGH Partnership Hub Snapshot



October 2021

Dear WIPO Re:Search Members and Friends,

BVGH and WIPO are looking forward to celebrating WIPO Re:Search's 10th anniversary with all of you at our virtual event on **Thursday, October 28**. This event will showcase how IP and innovation are driving improved health and economic development in Africa—home to 40+ WIPO Re:Search Member organizations across 20 countries, as well as 50+ WIPO Re:Search collaborations. The event will feature a distinguished line-up of African scientists participating in WIPO Re:Search collaborations, additional regional partners, and WIPO Re:Search Member companies committed to advancing research and improving global health. Please check BVGH's social media channels in the coming days for more information and a registration link, or contact Laurie Pfalzer at lpfalzer@bvgh.org.

In the lead-up to the Africa Regional Event, we invite you to read our new publication, [The First 10 Years of WIPO Re:Search: Catalyzing Global Collaboration and Innovation to Fight Neglected Tropical Diseases, Malaria, and Tuberculosis](#) and to tour the new WIPO Re:Search virtual exhibition, [IP for a Healthier World](#). This month, the WIPO Re:Search leadership will convene executives from our Member companies to hear their valuable input on the Consortium's first decade and their vision for the next 10 years. We look forward to sharing updates on the WIPO Re:Search 2022-2026 Strategic Plan in the coming months.

We congratulate **GSK** on the historic World Health Organization [approval](#) of the RTS,S malaria vaccine. The recent confirmation of [resistance to artemisinin-based treatments in Africa](#) underscores the importance of maintaining strong momentum in the fight against malaria—including the work by WIPO Re:Search collaborators to develop [new antimalarial drugs](#) with [novel mechanisms of action](#).

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



SAVE THE DATE!

WIPO RE:SEARCH
10TH ANNIVERSARY
AFRICA REGIONAL EVENT
October 28, 2021 (Virtual)

Featuring African WIPO Re:Search investigators, Member companies investing in Africa, and regional partners. Details and registration coming soon!

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Special Announcements

NIH Virtual Seminar on Program Funding and Grant Administration: November 1-4

Register [here](#) for this free seminar aimed at researchers and award administrators.

NIH May Accept Late Applications Due to Hurricanes

Natural disasters, including hurricanes, may slow down grant applications or submissions of financial or progress reports. If your institution has been affected by a natural disaster, learn more [here](#).

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



Repurposing Rifamycins for *Mycobacterium abscessus* Infections

The collaboration between the **Novartis Institutes for BioMedical Research** and Dr. Thomas Dick, **Hackensack Meridian Health**, recently resulted in a publication in *Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy* entitled "[Blocking Bacterial Naphthohydroquinone Oxidation and ADP-Ribosylation Improves Activity of Rifamycins against *Mycobacterium abscessus*](#)." The results provide proof of concept for the repurposing potential of rifamycins for *M. abscessus* disease by developing derivatives that resist both bacterial oxidation and ADP-ribosylation.

New Member Announcement

University of the Republic of Uruguay (UdelaR)



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The University of the Republic of Uruguay (UdelaR) is the main institution of higher education and research in Uruguay. Founded in 1849 in Montevideo, UdelaR is the oldest public university in the country and the second largest university in South America. One of the university's core objectives is to encourage research and the advancement of knowledge in all fields of science, technology, and society. Through initiatives such as the Sector Commission for Scientific Research, UdelaR provides its researchers with the opportunity to develop their research agendas and activities. Given its role as the leading research institution in Uruguay, UdelaR's research programs are geared towards addressing the social, health, and economic challenges that are relevant to the people of Uruguay. With an undergraduate enrollment of nearly 140,000 students, UdelaR also places special emphasis on the incorporation and training of young researchers. In collaboration with a wide range of institutional and social actors, it also carries out multiple activities aimed at the socially valuable use of knowledge and the dissemination of culture.

IP in Focus

WIPO Re:Search Virtual Exhibition is Live!

To celebrate 10 years of WIPO Re:Search, the WIPO Knowledge Center is hosting a virtual exhibition, *IP for a Healthier World*, from October 4 to December 31, 2021. [Tour the exhibition](#) to learn more about the power of IP, innovation, and collaboration in advancing our common global health agenda.

BVGH FundFinder Featured Awards

National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine NRC Research Associateship Programs

The NRC Research Programs promote excellence in scientific and technological research conducted by the U.S. government by offering graduate, postdoctoral, and senior level research opportunities at sponsoring federal laboratories and affiliated institutions. Awards are for one year, with the opportunity to renew for up to three years dependent on evaluation. Senior awards may be shorter, and Summer Faculty awards are also available. Annual stipends range from \$45,000 to \$80,000 for recent doctoral recipients, and are proportionately higher for Senior Associates; health insurance, professional travel, and relocation are included. The next online application cycle opens December 1, 2021; applications are due February 1, 2022, 5 pm ET. Learn more [here](#).

Additional Funding Opportunities

- [NIH R21 Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant Program, Notice of Special Interest](#) for Secondary Analysis of Existing Datasets for Advancing Immune-mediated and Infectious Disease Research – Next Application Deadlines: October 16, 2021, and February 16, 2022.
- [Women for Africa Foundation Visiting Senior Research Fellowships](#) – Application Deadline: October 30, 2021.
- [NIH Maximizing Opportunities for Scientific and Academic Independent Careers \(MOSAIC\) Institutionally-Focused Research Education Award to Promote Diversity \(UE5 - Clinical Trial Not Allowed\)](#) – Next Application Deadline: November 18, 2021.
- [NIH Systems Biology for Infectious Diseases \(U19 Clinical Trial Not Allowed\)](#) – Letter of Intent Deadline: December 15, 2021; Application Deadline: January 14, 2022.
- [NIAID Research Education Program Advancing the Careers of a Diverse Research Workforce \(R25 Clinical Trial Not Allowed\)](#) – Next Application Deadline: January 25, 2022.
- [Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study \(STIAS\) Iso Lomso Fellowship](#) – Application Deadline: February 15, 2022.
- [NTDs Support Center Operational Research on "Endgame" Challenges](#) – Application Deadline: Rolling.

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



Upcoming Global Health Events

Dates	Event	Location
October 17-21, 2021	EDCTP 2021 Forum	Virtual
November 2-4, 2021	2nd LEAP Scientific Conference	Virtual
November 8-10, 2021	COR-NTD 2021 Meeting	Virtual
November 17-21, 2021	ASTMH 2021 Meeting	Virtual
November 24-26, 2021	CCGH 2021 Conference	Delta, Ottawa, Canada and Virtual
December 14-16, 2021	CPHIA 2021 Conference	Virtual



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