



WIPO | Re:Search

Sharing Innovation
in the Fight Against
Neglected Tropical Diseases

2015

**Partnership Hub
Mid-Year Report**

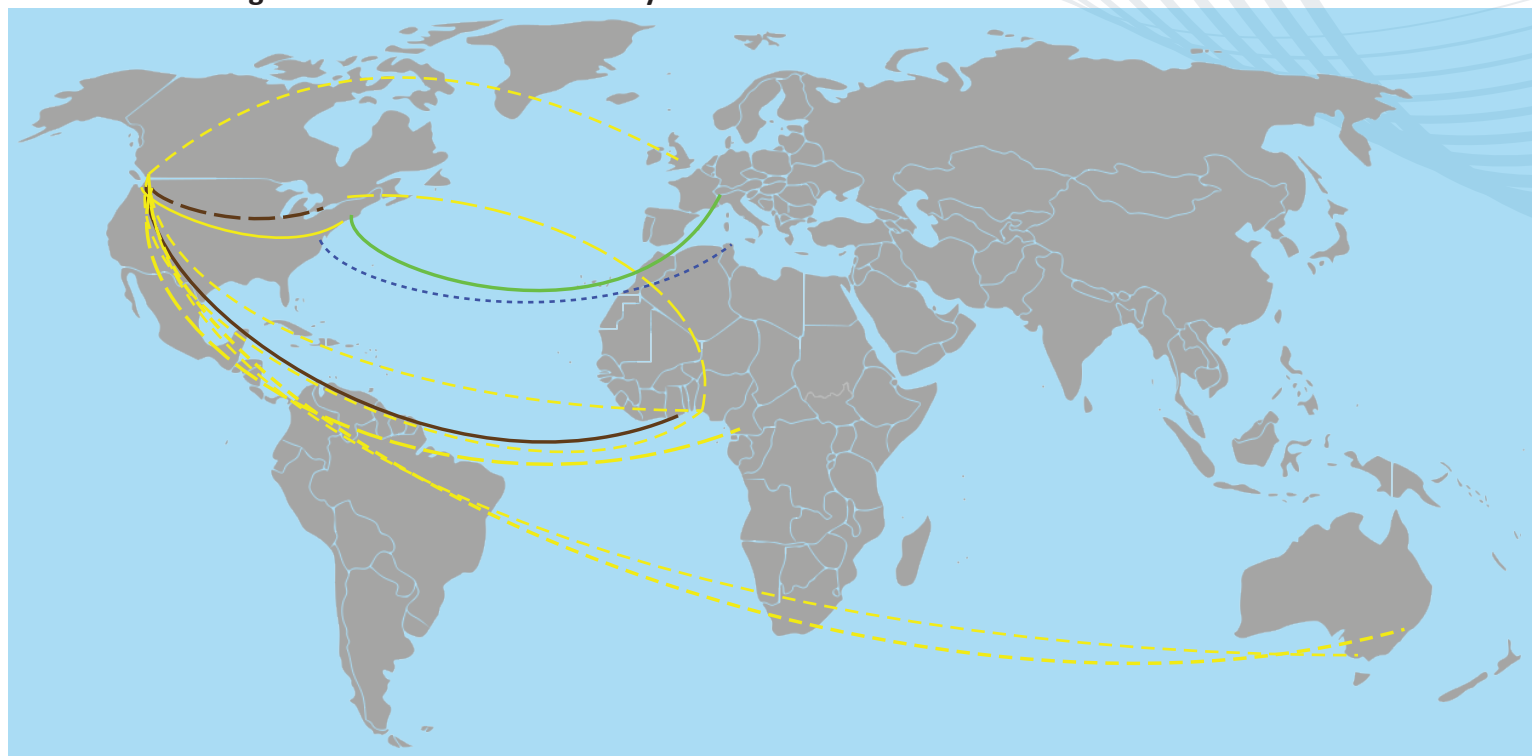
**Catalyzing Partnerships
for Global Health**



Agreements

BVGH's 2015 partnering objective is to establish 20 new agreements between Members. By the end of June 2015, BVGH had established 12 agreements. These agreements spanned four diseases and involved 17 Members from nine countries. BVGH has established 89 WIPO Re:Search collaborations to date.

WIPO Re:Search Agreements Established January 2015 – June 2015



- Leishmaniasis (1)
- Malaria (8)
- Other (2)*
- Rabies (1)
- Drug (2)
- Diagnostic (3)
- Basic research (6)
- Vaccine (1)

*Fungal disease, diarrheal disease, RSV, multiple diseases

In 2015 BVGH reviewed and modified its method for counting WIPO Re:Search agreements. The updated method is intended to more accurately capture Members' research endeavors, while accurately reflecting the proportion of research projects that advance to new stages of development.

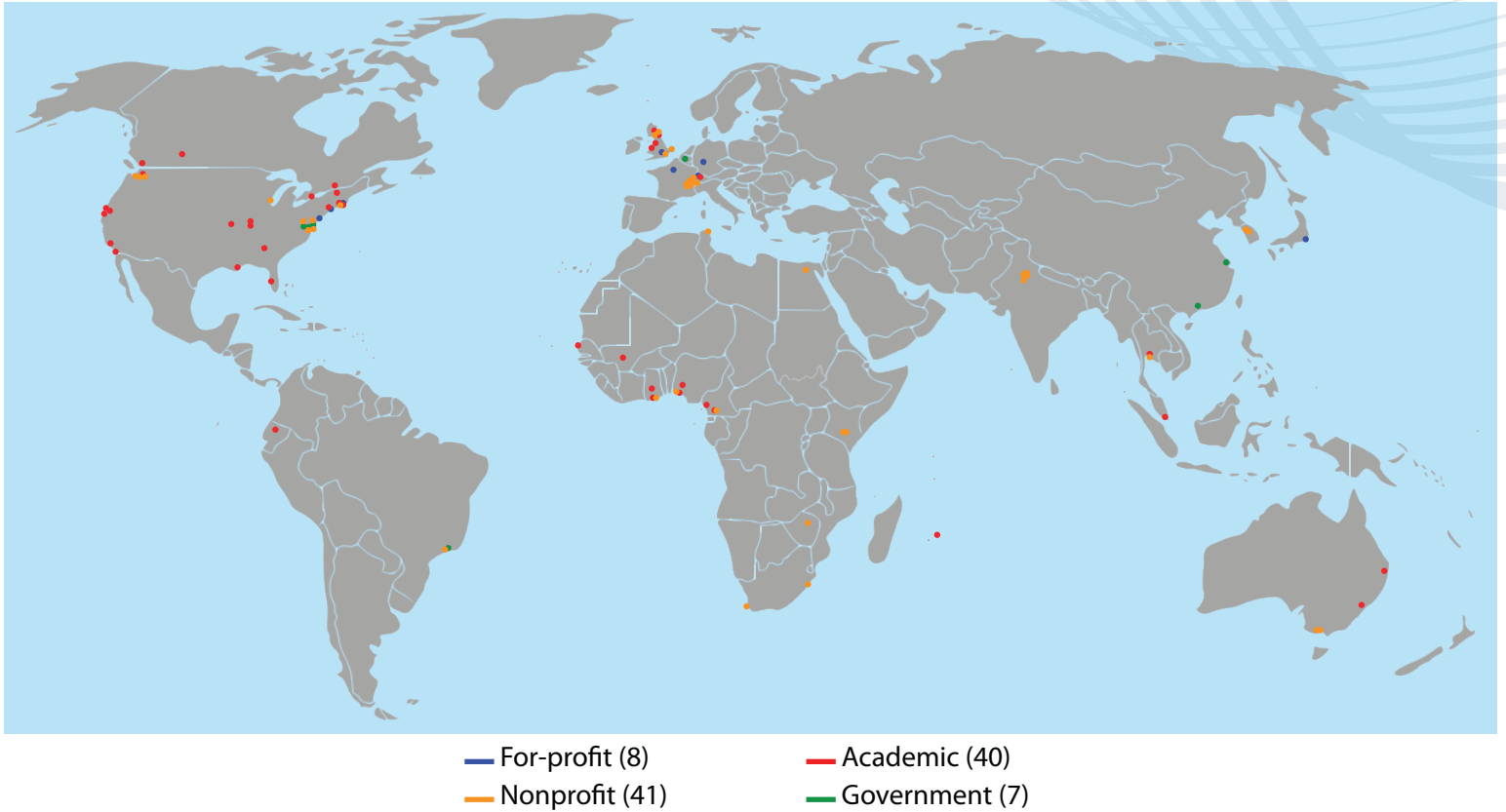
BVGH tracks WIPO Re:Search projects' statuses and progress by connecting with Member scientists to obtain regular updates. The BVGH team are committed to ensuring all collaborations are carried out to a successful completion and where appropriate, new partners are introduced to advance the program. Out of the 89 research projects established to date, 44 are currently active and four have advanced to the next stage of product development.

Statuses of WIPO Re:Search Agreements Established Each Year

Year	Agreements Established	Agreements Currently Active	Advancing Agreements
2012	13	3	2
2013	28	6	1
2014	36	24	1
2015	12	11	-
To Date	89	44	4

Recruitment

BVGH's 2015 recruitment objectives are to recruit at least eight new "targeted" User Members and two new Funding Members. In the first half of 2015, BVGH recruited four new User Members and one new Supporter Member. Four of these Members are located in developing countries. To date, WIPO Re:Search has expanded to 96 Member institutions from 27 countries. Of these institutions, 78 are User and/or Provider Members.



New Members

1. Cheikh Anta Diop University (Senegal) – P, U*
2. Guangzhou Institutes of Biomedicine and Health, Chinese Academy of Sciences (China) – P, U*
3. Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai (USA) – P, U
4. Operation ASHA (India) – S*
5. University of Bamenda (Cameroon) – P, U*

*Developing world institution

Communication

BVGH's 2015 communication objectives are to continue activities to increase awareness of WIPO Re:Search and its achievements. Since the beginning of 2015, BVGH presented WIPO Re:Search at three meetings and represented the Consortium at an additional two. BVGH continued to develop publications, including three articles for publication in scientific journals, and the monthly Partnership Hub Snapshot. In the second half of the year, BVGH will develop and implement surveys of Members' expectations for WIPO Re:Search and its perceived value and benefit to Members.

Meetings and Events Attended

1. 7th Annual Center for Emerging Neglected Diseases (CEND) Symposium, Berkeley, USA**
2. 6th Annual Consortium of Universities for Global Health (CUGH) Conference, Boston, USA**
3. 2015 Global Health & Innovation Conference, New Haven, USA***
4. 2015 Seattle Parasitology Conference, Seattle, USA
5. 2015 Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO) International Convention, Philadelphia, USA
6. 11th Annual Biotechnology Entrepreneurship Boot Camp, 2015 BIO International Convention, Philadelphia, USA*

*Oral presentation; **Poster presentation; ***Abstract submitted, not accepted

Upcoming Meetings and Events

1. Forum 2015: COHRED Global Forum on Research and Innovation for Health, Manila, Philippines*
2. American Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene (ASTMH) 64th Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, USA
3. 2015 American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAPS) Annual Meeting and Exposition, Orlando, USA*

*Oral presentation

Publications

1. "Repurposing Pharma Assets: An Accelerated Mechanism for Strengthening the Schistosomiasis Drug Development Pipeline", *Future Medicinal Chemistry*
2. "Neglected Tropical Disease Research: Rethinking the Drug Discovery Model", *Future Medicinal Chemistry*
3. "Open Innovation to Bolster Research and Development for Neglected and Emerging Infectious Diseases", *Journal of Medicines Development Sciences*, accepted

Snapshot

The monthly Partnership Hub Snapshot keeps Members up to date and informed of BVGH activities and other Members' partnering interests. The Snapshot is intended to augment Member interest and participation in WIPO Re:Search partnerships. The monthly newsletter is sent to approximately 1,300 contacts. In 2015 BVGH added a new section, Funding Announcement, to the Snapshot. This new section highlights a new funding opportunity relevant to WIPO Re:Search Members and their neglected disease R&D projects.

BVGH welcomes and encourages feedback and suggestions from Members to ensure the Snapshot content reflects readers' interests.



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