

TDRfellows Newsletter: Issue 13 October 2014

Welcome to the 13th issue of the TDRfellows newsletter.

Dear Fellow,

I hope this email finds you well and I must apologise for the extended time since the last newsletter was sent out. It has been a busy few months and I am sure that is the same for all of you weather that is if you are on your placement or in your field of work.

TDRfellows.org continues to provide resources and information and experiences a steady stream of traffic. There is still little in the way of interactive discussions occurring on the forums but I continue to update them with relevant information where possible. If you have a topic or question that you would like to discuss with the other fellows please feel free to use the forums as a secure platform to initiate a new discussion.

I am sure you have all been keeping up to speed

with the terrible developments in West Africa or are even directly or indirectly involved in some way. The Global Health Network continues to signpost relevant information and resources regarding the global response to Ebola such as [ongoing Ebola trials](#), [seminars](#) and [protocols](#). The Network is also currently involved in setting up Ebola treatment trials that are going to be fast-tracked in West Africa thanks to a [£3.2 million grant from the Wellcome Trust](#). Soon there will be a new area within the Network specifically for Ebola Clinical Trials that will support the ongoing work of Ebola Clinical Trialists. There will be general information about Ebola Clinical Trials and specific information about existing, ongoing trials. This area should be available by mid November and I will signpost to it from TDRfellows.org.

All the Best, Liam

The New Global Health Training Centre

The Network is pleased to announce the launch of its new centralised training centre. The Global Health Training Centre is The Global Health Networks central hub for all your research training and continued professional development needs. The Training Centre brings together a wealth of training materials from across The Global Health Network, collaborating organisations, institutions and networks, and from reliable internet sources. The Training Centre is free, accessible to all and aims to provide research staff of all roles, all regions and all disease areas with the 'how-to' training materials required to safely conduct high quality research. The intention is that this platform is not 'owned' or based in any one organisation or location but is open access and participatory. The site has been built in such a way that it will provide easy access to the most appropriate training material for all those working on research, whatever your role or stage of career.

To access the courses, resources, links, discussion boards and much much more please follow the link below:

<https://globalhealthtrainingcentre.tghn.org/>



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Global Health Training Centre. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the logo and search functionality. Below the header is a large banner image with medical icons. The main content area features a welcome message, a video player for a free e-seminar, and several news items. On the right side, there is a sidebar with a '7520 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT POINTS' counter and a 'Tweets' section.

Name: Joeseph Ogirima Ovosi

Home institution: Ahmadou Bello University Teaching Hosp Shika-Zaria, Nigeria

Host institution: Novartis, Switzerland

TDR Clinical R & D Fellows 12 Month Progress Report at Novartis, Switzerland

3rd June 2013 – 30th May 2014

Full 12 months Progress Report:

[Click here to read the full report](#)



Name: Lyda Osorio

Home institution: Universidad del Valle Cali, Columbia

Host institution: GSK, UK

**TDR Clinical R & D Fellows 12th month Progress Report at
GlaxoSmithKline, London**

May 22nd 2013 to May 15th, 2014

[Click here to read the full report](#)



Name: Rezika Mohammed

Home institution: University of Gondar Gondar, Ethiopia

Host institution: Astellas, USA

**WHO/TDR Clinical Development Fellow 12-month Progress Report at
Astellas Pharma Global Development Inc.(APGD)**

August 5th, 2013 to July 18th, 2014

[Click here to read the full report](#)



Name: Effua Usef

Home institution: Medical Research Council Laboratories, The Gambia

Host institution: GlaxoSmithKline Vaccines, Belgium

WHO TDR Career Fellowship 2013/14 Twelve Month Progress Report at GSK Vaccines, Belgium

21st November 2013 – 20th May 2014

Last 6 months Progress Report:

[Click here to read the full report](#)



Name: Mupenzi Mumbere

Home institution: Université Catholique du Graben Butembo, DRC

Host institution: GlaxoSmithKline Vaccines, Belgium

WHO/TDR Fellowship-Placement at GSK Vaccines, Belgium

29th November 2013 – 23rd May 2014

Last 6 months Progress Report:

[Click here to read the full report](#)



Name: Soatiana Cathycia Rajatonrina

Home institution: Institut Pasteur Tananarive, Madagascar

Host institution: Novartis Vaccines & Diagnostics, Italy

WHO/TDR 12 Month Progress Report at Novartis Vaccines & Diagnostics, Italy

February 2013 –May 2014

Last 4 months Progress Report:

[Click here to read the full report](#)

Institut Pasteur - Biologist/Virologist:

Position: Manager of the Virology Unit

Paying agency: MAE DI (French Foreign Office)

Localisation of the position: Institut Pasteur - Bangui (Central Africa Republic)

Entity assignment: Medical Diagnosis & Virology Unit

Duration of assignment: 2 years (renewable once)

Starting date of the position: asap

The Institut Pasteur Virology Unit in Bangui is seeking to recruit a Manager for supporting activities of reference and public health, coordinating the diagnosis laboratory activities and strengthening the research activities in virology. The applicant will report his (her) activities and conditions of carrying out his(her) mission under the supervision of the IPB Scientific Director.

For further information and how to apply [click here](#)

Ebola trial coordinators needed NOW:

The first clinical trials are being planned to assess potential Ebola treatments. These trials are being coordinated by the University of Oxford and major international partners. They are being set up very quickly and aim to start within weeks. We urgently need to place experience trial coordinators within the local teams and so call on those with clinical research experience to consider taking on a placement to come and work on one of these critical and urgent interventions. We anticipate you would be needed on site between 4 and 6 weeks and you would be fully supported, trained and will work within a strong team of clinical study staff. Your safety is paramount and full training, international standard equipment and full 24 hour support are being provided to the trial team.

If you would like to discuss this with us further please contact: info@globalhealthtrials.org

SEmalvac consortium call for the monitoring of a phase I clinical trial

A highly effective malaria vaccine is a major goal of global health research. SEmalvac, a GHIT funded project intends to develop a blood-stage malaria vaccine in Japan and Burkina Faso. This project is run by an international consortium including the Research Institute for Microbial Diseases of Osaka University, the Centre National de Recherche et Formation sur le Paludisme (CNRFP), and the European Vaccine Initiative (EVI). EVI a non-profit organisation based in Heidelberg, Germany, is the coordinator of the project. EVI is dedicated to accelerating the development of vaccines for diseases of poverty.

SEmalvac would like to make a call for the monitoring of a phase I clinical trial to evaluate a blood-stage malaria vaccine candidate. This call is for a suitable independent Clinical Research Assistant (CRA) or a Contract Research Organisation (CRO) for the monitoring of a phase I clinical in CNRFP, Burkina Faso. This clinical trial will start in May 2015, enrol 98 subjects and should be conducted within 18months (the clinical trial synopsis is available on demand).

The role of the monitor will be to oversee the progress of the clinical trial, and to ensure that it is conducted, recorded, and reported in accordance with the protocol, the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), the Good Clinical Practice (GCP), the Good Clinical Laboratory Practice (GCLP) and the applicable regulatory requirement(s). The monitor will also be charged with ensuring the quality and integrity of data, and study completion on time and within budget.

For more information and how to apply please [click here](#)

November 2014:

[ASTMH 63rd Annual Meeting](#)

2nd - 6th November 2014
New Orleans, Louisiana, USA

[9th International Respiratory Syncytial Virus Symposium](#)

9th - 13th Nov 2014
Stellenbosch, South Africa

[The Healthcare Infection Society](#)

16th - 18th Nov 2014
Lyon, France

[7th European Public Health Conference](#)

19th - 22nd Nov 2014
Glasgow, UK

[AMREF Health Africa's 1st International Conference](#)

24th - 26th Nov 2014
Nairobi, Kenya

[6th International Conference on Medical, Biological & Pharmaceutical Sciences](#)

27th - 28th Nov 2014
Cape Town, South Africa

December 2014:

[Innovation and Integration of Laboratory and Clinical Systems](#)

30th Nov - 4th Dec 2014
Cape Town, South Africa

[National Symposium on Clinical Research, GCP, Pharmacovigilance, newer issues in ethics, regulatory requirement in new drug applications & clinical trials](#)

3rd-4th Dec 2014
Lucknow, India

[1st IGAD International Scientific Conference on Health](#)

3rd - 6th Dec 2014
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

[MacroTrend Conference on Health & Medicine \(CONAL Conference Alerts\)](#)

19th - 20th Dec 2014
Paris, France

January 2015:

[Big Data Analytics Management & Innovation International Conference](#)

22nd Jan 2015
Atlanta, USA

[4th Annual Clinical Development and Trials Asia Congress](#)

27th - 28th Jan 2015
Shanghai, China

For Funding Opportunities and calls for applications please check out the Funding Opportunities discussion group: <http://tdrfellows.tghn.org/community/community/group/funding/>

There are several new funding opportunities listed including:

- [RSTMH Grants round now open](#)
- [Regional training centre for research on infectious diseases of poverty in the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region](#)
- [Wellcome Trust sets out long-term vision for research excellence in sub-Saharan Africa](#)
- [Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation - Grand Challenges Explorations](#)
- [British Council grants open for Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Egypt, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Philippines, Vietnam](#)

Also remember to check out the Job opportunities Community Group for new positions across the globe:

<https://tdrfellows.tghn.org/community/group/jobs/>

Grand Challenges | EXPLORATIONS

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is now inviting applications for three new Grand Challenges:

- Putting Women and Girls at the Center of Development
- Creating and Measuring Integrated Solutions for Healthy Birth, Growth, and Development (part of the All Children Thriving platform)
- New Interventions for Global Health

Applications for these new challenges will be accepted **beginning on November 4, 2014**. Please also note that we are still accepting applications for six Grand Challenges Explorations topics.

For links to more information on these challenges, please visit the grant opportunity page at www.grandchallenges.org, which features a new homepage to support the next phase of Grand Challenges launched today with international partners at the 10th annual Grand Challenges meeting

NEWS FLASH – New Member Area!

The Worldwide Antimalarial Resistance Network (WWARN) works with partners across the world to optimise the efficacy of antimalarial medicines and treatment regimens - especially for vulnerable groups such as pregnant women, infants and malnourished children. WWARN also engages and works with other disease research communities to replicate this model for other devastating tropical and neglected diseases.

<https://wwarn.tghn.org/>

