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CTVD MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

For those of you who have been with us since the inception of CTVD, thank you for your continued involvement. For those of you who are new to CTVD, welcome!

With COVID-19 sweeping the globe, community has never been more important than it is now, as we all navigate these uncertain times together. The foundation remains highly committed to our TB vaccine strategy and the future of the CTVD. There are many new and unprecedented challenges, which deepen our appreciation for you, the CTVD community.

6TH ANNUAL CTVD MEETING

The 6th Annual CTVD Meeting, held virtually June 17-18, was a great success. If you were not able to attend and would like to view the presentations, please visit <https://portal.ctvd.co/ctvdmeetings/Pages/Virtual20.aspx>

CTVD PORTAL

Have you missed previously recorded CTVD webinars or meetings? Want to view documents from your Research Community? Access to the secure portal is available to CTVD members whose institution has signed the DMSA (data and materials sharing agreement). Visit the CTVD Portal, located in the upper right hand corner of the CTVD home page, <https://www.ctvd.co>, to access all this information and more. Forgot your logon? Contact Ksenia Koon (kkoon@ctvd.co), CTVD Manager, for help.

UPCOMING VIRTUAL FORUMS

The CTVD holds monthly webinars aimed at keeping our members informed of exciting advances in the field. If you have ideas for topics/speakers for upcoming virtual forums, please send them our way.

The next CTVD webinar will be held September 17, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. pacific time with a presentation from Dr. Cheryl Day. The dial-in information is below:

Topic: CTVD Online Virtual Forum - Dr. Cheryl Day, NK cells and relevance to TB
Time: Sep 17, 2020 08:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

To join the Online Forum:

- Click this [Zoom Link](#)
- If prompted, enter password: **225480**

You'll have 3 ways to connect your audio (listed in order of preference):

1. **Computer Audio** – this is recommended.
2. Join by **Phone call** – dial-in using a local number (view Zoom's list of [dial-in numbers](#))
- Use meeting number **845 5818 8988** and the password shown above.
3. **Call Me** – have the Zoom meeting call you. Find your country's flag and enter your number.

To view the most recent webinar, visit CTVD portal, located in the upper right hand corner of the CTVD home page, at <https://www.ctvd.co/Pages/default.aspx>

RESEARCH COMMUNITY UPDATE

CTVD currently has eight research communities. The BMGF team elects two leaders to each community, and allow these leaders complete freedom to arrange their community's composition, meeting schedules and agendas, as long as they address the primary brief: What are the research priorities in your specific area that absolutely have to be addressed if we wish to arrive at a new, better TB vaccine. We, at the Gates Foundation, champion these research communities and aim to facilitate funding of priorities through discussions with other funders.

If you have questions about any of the research communities, please contact one of the co-chairs or champions of the group:

Research Community	Co-chairs	BMGF Champion
Aerosol and Mucosal Vaccination	Helen McShane, Rajko Reljic	Anne Kasmar
B-cell and Antibodies	Babak Javid, Simone Joosten	Anne Kasmar
Conventional T Cells	Delia Goletti, Jyothi Rengaragan	Anne Kasmar
Donor-Unrestricted T Cells	Tom Ottenhoff, Chetan Seshadri	Anne Kasmar
Epidemiology, Modeling and Trial Designs	Richard White, Frank Cobelens	Ann Ginsberg
Innate Immunity	Maziar Divangahi, Shabaana Khader	Anne Kasmar

Live Attenuated Vaccines	Roland Brosch, Andreas Kupz	Anne Kasmar
Non-Human Primate	Tricia Darrah, Ann Rawkins	Anne Kasmar, Ann Ginsberg

VISITING SCIENTIST PROGRAM

The Visiting Scientist Program addresses CTVD's overall aim, by enabling scientists from different CTVD member institutions to visit each other for exchange of information and techniques. Travel expenses (air flight, lodging, and meals) for up to three weeks are covered. Unfortunately, this program is currently on hold due to COVID-19. We look forward to continuing this program as soon as it is safe to do so.

Please visit <https://www.ctvd.co/Pages/VisitingScientistProgram.aspx> for more information.

CTVD ADVISORY COUNCIL

The CTVD Advisory Council is comprised of the co-chairs from each of the eight research communities, plus a representative from each of TBVI, Gates MRI and IAVI. The Advisory Council meets semi-annually and provides the foundation with input into CTVD direction.

GH-VAP

The Global Health Vaccine Accelerator Platform (GH-VAP) program provides investigators with access to several specialized research platforms to accelerate vaccine discovery and translation across infectious disease areas. To learn more, visit GH-VAP at <https://www.ghvap.org/Pages/default.aspx>

GTBVP

In a project initiated by the Global TB Vaccine Partnership (GTBVP) and funded by the foundation, TBVI and Aeras have developed a fantastic, interactive web tool describing stages of development of new vaccine candidates. The web tool also suggests specific stage gate criteria appropriate for TB vaccines. The output is the result of wide stakeholder consultation. Please refer to the 'The TB Vaccine Development Pathway' at <https://www.tbvacpathway.org/>.

PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST

You can access TB vaccine-relevant publications assembled by the Stop TB Working Group on New Vaccines (WGNV) at <https://www.newtbvaccines.org/resources/>

Do you have an article that you think the CTVD community would enjoy reading? If so, please let us know. We welcome your contributions of publications of interest for upcoming newsletters.

FEEDBACK

If you have questions or comments, please contact the CTVD program manager at kkoon@ctvd.co