

SAIS NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 26th, 2018

Dear SAIS members,

Below, please find this week's newsletter.

FUNDING CALLS, CONFERENCES, WEBINARS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Johnson & Johnson launches the Africa Innovation Challenge 2.0

Please see more details below, or visit <https://www.jnjinnovation.com/africachallenge/#section-1>.



Johnson & Johnson Proudly Announces the Launch of the Champions of Science Africa Innovation Challenge 2.0

The Africa Innovation Challenge 2.0 is designed to address the critical unmet needs of the continent and local communities in Africa while providing support to Africa-based entrepreneurs in creating innovative health care products and services. Among the selection criteria, entries must demonstrate the potential for scale from proof of concept stage to long-term sustainability.

The six Challenge areas include:

 Mental Health	 Packing Innovations	 Digital Health Tools
 Botanical Solutions	 Health Worker Support	 Essential Surgical Care

Submit your ideas for a **chance to receive up to US\$50,000 in funding** and mentorship from the global network of scientists, engineers and business managers within the Johnson & Johnson Family of Companies.

To apply and review the applicable terms and conditions, please visit the Africa Innovation Challenge website: www.jnjinnovation.com/africachallenge.

Wellcome Trust funded *Human Infection Studies for Vaccine Development* call is now open

For more details and application please visit <https://lnkd.in/g9Pqp59>.



Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Channel launched by PLOS in collaboration with the Global Antibiotic Research and Development Partnership(GARDP) for World Antibiotic Awareness Week

Please visit <https://lnkd.in/g62HC9F>.

The International Conference on (re) Emerging Diseases (ICREID) - 13-15 March 2019 - Addis Ababa, Ethiopia - registration is now open

For more details, please follow <https://lnkd.in/gZC6zaP>.

The FOCIS 2019 meeting - 18-21 June 2019 - Boston, USA

Abstract submission is open for oral and poster presentation. The submission deadline is Wednesday, January 23, 2019. Please visit <https://lnkd.in/guisU2R>.

MSc(Med) vaccinology- Launching February 2019

The African Leadership in Vaccinology Expertise (ALIVE) consortium will be initiating a Master of Science in Medicine in the field of Vaccinology from February 2019. For details, please visit <http://www.wits.ac.za/course-finder/postgraduate/health/msc-med/>.

An overview of primary immune deficiency disorders (PID) and laboratory testing for PID - Webinar - 29 November 9 AM PST

For more details and registration, please visit <https://lnkd.in/dk3Y8fV>.

FOCIS advanced course in Immunology - March 3-6, 2019, La Jolla, CA, USA - deadline extended to December 15!

Please visit the following FOCIS link for more details and registration: <https://lnkd.in/g7Qah8a>.

Immunogenomics of Disease: Accelerating to Patient Benefit meeting - 5-7 February 2019 - Wellcome Genome Campus, UK

For registration, please visit <https://lnkd.in/dMt45jm>.

PUBLICATIONS and INTERESTING READS:

Trying to prevent and diagnose HIV at the same time – a Catch-22?

<https://lnkd.in/d9iu7ZM>.

How African Scientists are Testing Cheaper, Faster Ways to Test for Malaria, Pregnancy, HIV Success

<https://lnkd.in/d8864Au>.

First Universal Flu Vaccine to Enter Phase 3 Trial

<https://lnkd.in/dVjr8we>.

Ebola Clinical Trial to Begin Amid Outbreak in DRC

<https://lnkd.in/dnFjaeK>.

Systems vaccinology and big data in the vaccine development chain - open access

<https://lnkd.in/d68yEwd>.

African clinician scientists - mentors and networks help

https://lnkd.in/dYg_6MT.

JOBS and POSITIONS

Laboratory Volunteer (Funded), King's Sierra Leone Partnership - lab scientist volunteer required for work in Sierra Leone

Please see link below for more details:

https://kslp.org.uk/wpcontent/uploads/sites/84/2018/11/Lab_Volunteer_JD_Oct_2018_final13.pdf.

The Wits node of the DST/NRF Centre of Excellence for Biomedical TB Research (CBTBR) is looking for MSc and PhD students

Please find more details below.



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Date: 19 November 2018

Positions for Postgraduate Students and Postdoctoral Fellows

The Wits node of the DST/NRF Centre of Excellence for Biomedical TB Research (CBTBR) is looking for MSc and PhD students. Successful candidates will have the opportunity to participate in the vibrant research program ongoing in the department. The candidates' research will be funded through several local and international grants awarded to the CBTBR by the Department of Science and Technology, National Research Foundation and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

The Wits node of the CBTBR provides a dynamic working and training environment for career development.

Students will learn/gain experience in the following:

1. Basic molecular biology techniques such as cloning, PCR and bacterial genetics
2. Clinical and translational research aimed at assessing mycobacterial physiology in sputum
3. Culture and handling of human pathogens under BioSafety Level III conditions where appropriate
4. Occupational Health and Safety training with GLP/GCP training and accreditation for clinical projects
5. Specialist techniques in microbial physiology such as microarrays, HPLC and confocal microscopy
6. Analysis of mechanisms of drug resistance emergence in *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*

Students will have the opportunity to interact and grow their research with collaborators, and to present their work at local and international meetings. Please note that this call is for full-time students only who are South African citizens. Part-time applicants will not be considered.

To apply, please send an updated resume, academic transcript and the names and email addresses of three referees to:

Dr Christopher Ealand: Christopher.Ealand@nhls.ac.za, with a copy to Dr Julian Peters:
julian.peters@nhls.ac.za

Closing Date: 16th December 2018 with selection to be made mid- January 2019



Additionally, I would like to kindly remind you that we have a SAIS LinkedIn group (<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/13607802>), where I post daily updates and reminders of conferences, meetings, funding opportunities, etc., coming up. If you would like to be a member of the group, please send me a request to join. Please remember that it is a closed group, and therefore the content is only available to members.

Please don't forget to send me any info you may have on funding opportunities, meetings, workshops and/or conferences, so I can post it on the group's LinkedIn page. Additionally, if you are recruiting/hiring, I am more than happy to advertise it on the group.

Thank you and have a nice week ahead.

Kind regards

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