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Experts in implementation research and biomedical ethics invited to join our Scientific Advisory Committee

We extended our **Call for Experts** till **28 February 2017**. We cordially invite high-level experts in implementation research and/or biomedical ethics to apply and join the recently renewed Scientific Advisory Committee.

The **Scientific Advisory Committee** is the principal advisory group to EDCTP, providing strategic and scientific advice to the General Assembly and the Executive Secretariat as well as oversight of the scientific integrity of the EDCTP programme. The committee is not involved in the review of Calls for proposals.

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Career Development Fellowships call for proposals still open till 28 february 2017

This call for proposals aims to provide funding to actions that aim to support junior to mid-career researchers ("fellows") to train and develop their clinical research skills.

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New EDCTP-funded project launched: HIV clinical trial

The Globally Relevant AIDS Vaccine Europe-Africa Trials Partnership (GREAT) will evaluate a new vaccine that triggers the body to produce specialised immune cells called T-cells, which will be trialled at four sites in Kenya, Uganda and Zambia.



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The project supported by an EDCTP grant of more than 7 million euro is coordinated by [Professor Tomas Hanke](#) at the Jenner Institute at University of Oxford. The project is a

research collaboration between Oxford University, Imperial College London, the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI), the Kenya AIDS Vaccine Initiative - Institute for Clinical Research (KAVI-ICR), The Kenya Medical Research Institute - Wellcome Trust Research Programme (KWTRP), the Medical Research Council at the Uganda Virus Research Institute (MRC/UVRI), UVRI-IAVI and the Zambia Emory HIV Research Program (ZEHRP).

[Read Oxford University press release](#)

TRUST project maps risks of exploitation in global research against ethics codes

The [Trust project](#) is an EU-funded project on research ethics which aims to promote high ethical standards in global research and especially to protect vulnerable populations against exploitation. EDCTP is one of the partners in the project which is coordinated by Professor Doris Schroeder, Director of the Centre for Professional Ethics of the University of Central Lancaster, United Kingdom.

The final version of a new [TRUST report is available online](#). It is the result of an exercise to map the risks of exploitation (as analysed on the basis of case studies) against ethics guidelines from local, national and international codes. It includes the newly drafted Indian code of ethics (2016), [revised CIOMS \(2016\)](#) and the San Code of ethics (2017).



Recent publications



We published the highlights of the Eighth EDCTP Forum in Lusaka, Zambia from 6-9 November 2017 and the January Newsletter.

The abstracts of the Forum programme are expected to be published in an online supplement to the *BMJ Global Health* next week.

Recent tweets

- **Neglected Infectious Diseases** | [Increasing European Support for Neglected Infectious Disease Research](#) Computational and Structural Biotechnology Journal Volume 15, 2017, Pages 180-184
- **PhD opportunity** | The Infection Group at the University of St Andrews has an opportunity for a PhD student to work on innovative diagnostics and treatment monitoring tools for mycobacterial disease as part of [an EDCTP-funded project by the PanACEA consortium](#)
- **PredArt at CROI** | Results of the EDCTP-funded project **PredArt** led by Dr Graeme Meintjes, University of Cape Town, South Africa was accepted as late breaker oral pres. at [CROI 2017](#). [See also EDCTP project video](#) and [the SAMRC press release](#).
- **Clinical trial results** | Gregory L Calligaro et alii, 'Effect of new tuberculosis diagnostic technologies on community-based intensified case finding: a multicentre randomised controlled trial', [The Lancet Infectious Diseases, 04 January 2017](#)

Consultation on Public-Public Partnerships (art. 185 initiatives)



EUROPEAN COMMISSION - The European Commission invites all stakeholders to contribute to the public consultation on the Joint Programmes on Research & Development (between EU Member States & Associated States and the European Union). The results of this consultation will contribute to the evaluation of the Art.185 initiatives under Horizon 2020 and FP7. The consultation opened on 27 January 2017 and will remain open till 30 April 2017. **Go to [the description](#) or [directly to the consultation](#)**

ERA LEARN2020 - There is now a **[full report available](#)** on the Annual Joint Programming Conference which took place in Brussels, Belgium 22-23 November 2016.

Dr Michael Makanga, EDCTP Executive Director contributed a short presentation of the programme in the session on the role of public-public partnerships in the Health challenge. Earlier highlights from the conference were published in the **[ERA-LEARN 2020 Newsletter #4 \(Dec 2016\)](#)**

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