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EDCTP at IAS2017

EDCTP contributed to the IAS2017 conference (23-26 July 2017 in Paris, France) with an information booth and a **symposium on 'Coinfections associated with high mortality in severely immunocompromised HIV patients'**.

The symposium organised in partnership with ANRS took place on 26 July. It showcased four EDCTP and ANRS funded research projects: the DREAMM project, the Ambition project, the Statis Trial and the TRIP study. Approximately 70 conference participants attended the symposium. The programme booklet can be found [here](#).



Dr Josep Jarvis presenting the Ambition-cm project



Audience at the symposium

Calls for Proposals

Currently, EDCTP has 8 calls for proposal that are open to application.

- **Treatment innovations for poverty-related diseases** - closes 19/09

- **Strategic actions supporting large-scale clinical trials** - closes 19/09
- **Clinical trials to reduce health inequities in pregnant women, newborns and children** - closes 13 October
- **Targeting control and elimination of NIDs through clinical trials** - closes 31 October
- **Targeting control and elimination of NIDs through product-focused implementation research** - closes 2 November
- **EDCTP-AREF Preparatory Fellowships** - closes 13 October
- **Ethics and regulatory capacities** - closes 21 November
- **Career Development Fellowships** - closes 21 November

More funding opportunities are provided by:

- **NORAD | Call for applications**: Support to research institutions and organizations in Sub-Saharan Africa - Will close on 1 September 2017.
- **GHIT Fund | Sixth Request for Proposals** for the Hit-to-Lead Platform to support drug discovery and development process to address malaria, tuberculosis, Chagas disease, and Visceral leishmaniasis. Will close 1 september 2017.
- **Joint Global Health Trials | Eighth call for proposals under this initiative** to fund global health trials. (Global health partnership of UK Department for International Development, the National Institute for Health Research, the UK Medical Research Council, and the Wellcome Trust). Will close on 14 September 2017
- **European Commission | Tender for research** on Burden of diseases potentially preventable by maternal immunisation in sub-Saharan countries. Will close on 15 September 2017.
- **HIV Research Trust | 2018 Scholarships** for physicians, nurses, scientists and other health care professionals from low-income and lower-middle-income countries undertaking research in resource-limited settings working in the field of HIV infection. All aspects of research related to HIV infection and its consequences are eligible for support. Open on 1 September and will close on 20 October 2017

On 5 July 2017 EDCTP joined the signatories of the **Joint statement on public disclosure of results from clinical trials**. The signatories affirm that "the prospective registration and timely public disclosure of results from all clinical trials is of critical scientific and ethical importance."

Annual Report 2016



EDCTP published its **Annual Report 2016**. From the introduction by Dr Michael Makanga: "The second EDCTP programme (EDCTP2) is a highly ambitious programme and 2016 was a transformational year for consolidating the organisation itself and accelerating focussed implementation of the programme. We are expected to fund large clinical trials, develop African research capacity, and align national research efforts. In 2016 we clearly began to satisfy these expectations. In 2016, we launched nine new calls for proposals while proceeding with the selection and grant agreement processes for the eleven calls for proposals from 2014-2015. By the end of 2016, EDCTP2 had a portfolio of 60 grants with a total value of €97.09 million; €75.11 million of this amount was invested in large-scale clinical trials and clinical research projects. An overview is given in chapter 3 of this report, 'Progress so far'.

EDCTP invites experts: reviewers and secondment

Independent reviewers

Independent experts play an important role in the evaluation of proposals and monitoring of projects carried out under EDCTP. We welcome applications from potential experts at any time. See who contributed as reviewer for EDCTP calls for proposals in **2016** and **2015**. Interested? Experts can apply individually or organisations may recommend experts from their own organisation or from other bodies. Recommendations should include the names and professional affiliations of the recommended experts.

[More information on application](#)

Secondment Opportunities

EDCTP offers secondment opportunities for individuals with relevant expertise to work at the EDCTP Secretariat headquarters in The Hague, The Netherlands and/or Cape Town, South Africa for periods of six months to up to two years.

[Read more](#)

Newly signed grants

Call: Improved treatment and clinical management of poverty-related diseases 2015

- **IMPROVE-2 - IPTp with dihydroartemisinin-piperazine and azithromycin for malaria, sexually transmitted and reproductive tract infections in HIV-infected pregnancy in Kenya and Malawi:** a multicentre 3-arm placebo-controlled trial. The project is coordinated by Prof. Feiko ter Kuile, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine (LSTM), United Kingdom and executed with partners from Kenya, Malawi, and United Kingdom.
- [See also other treatment grants](#)

Call: Career Development Fellowships 2015

- **Dr Deogratius Ssemwanga** (Uganda National Health Research Organisation (UNHRO), Entebbe, Uganda) will study 'Immunological selection of recombinants following HIV-1 superinfection'.

More ongoing projects

Recent publications

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World Report

WHO published under its [Global Observatory on Health R&D](#) an analysis of the funding information accessible through the World RePORT. Since 2012, [World RePORT](#) has collected research grants data from 12 major funders of health research. The analysis presents grant information for 9 funders who reported to World RePORT in 2016, comprising both direct and collaborative research grants. [Explore the analysis.](#) EDCTP contributes its funding data to the World Report.



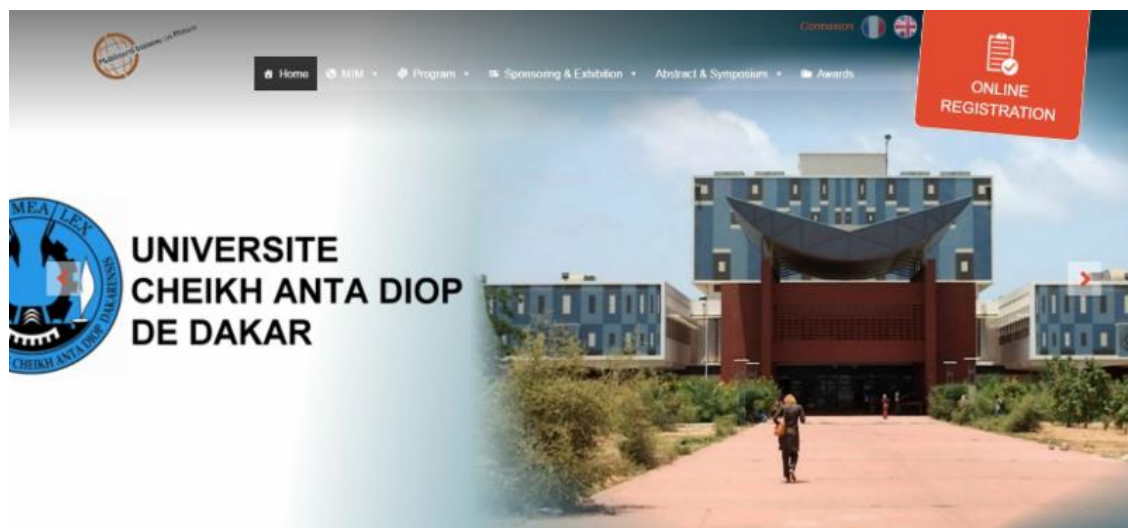
Recent events

- **UK Academy of Sciences | London, UK, 3-4 July | Workshop on Strengthening Clinical Research Capacity in Low and Middle Income Countries.** EDCTP was represented by Dr Michael Makanga.

- **Institute for Tropical Medicine | Antwerp, Belgium, 4 July 2017** | EDCTP North-North Networking Officer Lara Pandya gave a presentation on the funding opportunities of the EDCTP programme.
- **European Commission | Brussels, Belgium, 23 August 2017** | Workshop on best practices on administrative/financial management in Art. 185 organisations. Mr Abdou Barry, EDCTP Director of Finance and Administration participated and delivered a presentation on EDCTP.

Upcoming events

- **GES 2017 | Cape Town, SA, 13-16 September 2017** | EDCTP will be **represented at the Global Evidence Summit** by several staff members and have an information booth in the exhibition area of the conference.
- **EDCTP Stakeholder meeting & SAC meeting | 13-15 September 2017** | EDCTP will hold a stakeholder meeting on 'Co-infections and co-morbidities' (invitation only) the results of which will inform the discussions on the EDCTP research funding agenda. Following the stakeholder meeting, the EDCTP Scientific Advisory Committee (**SAC**) will convene for its regular meeting on 14 and 15 September 2017.
- **WHO | Geneva, Switzerland, 21 September 2017** | 8th Meeting of the WHO Task Force on the Development of Policies for Introduction of New TB Drugs and Treatment regimens. The workshop will examine recent developments in new clinical trial designs for TB treatment, among other agenda items. Dr Monique Surette, EDCTP Project Officer, will participate as an observer.
- **EDCTP | Johannesburg, South Africa 3-4 October 2017** | Workshop to launch EDCTP Alumni Network. The network is intended to showcase the professional profiles of our Fellows from across sub-Saharan Africa, facilitate reflection on experiences, and foster collaboration and networking among the more than 100 Fellowship alumni from the EDCTP programme to date. **More here.**
- **UNION | Guadalajara, Mexico, 11-14 October 2017** | On behalf of EDCTP Monique Surette will also attend the **48th Union World Conference on Lung Health** and represent EDCTP at the **TB Alliance Stakeholder Meeting** on 10 October 2017.
- **ECTMIH 2017 | Antwerp, Belgium, 16-20 October 2017** | EDCTP will contribute an organised session to the programme of the European Conference on Tropical Medicine and International Health (**ECTMIH 2017**). The theme of the session is: Moreover, EDCTP is a Gold Sponsor of the conference and will have an information booth in the exhibition area.
- **ASTMH 2017 | Baltimore MD, USA, 5-9 November 2017** | EDCTP in partnership with Wellcome Trust will contribute a sponsored symposium to the American Society for Tropical Medicine and Hygiene's annual conference (**ASTMH 2017**). The symposium title is: 'Challenges and opportunities of conducting clinical trials in pregnant women and future infants in resource-limited settings'. EDCTP will also have an information booth in the exhibition area.
- **MIM2018 | Dakar, Senegal, 15-20 April 2018** After 20 years, the Multilateral Initiative on Malaria will return to Dakar after 20 years for its **7th Pan African Conference on Malaria**. EDCTP will be represented at the conference.



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