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## NGDI Call for Collaboration

### NGDI Collaboration for USAID Development Innovation Ventures Call

The NGDI will be holding a meeting regarding this grant as below:

**Date:** November 17, 2011 from 3:00 – 4:00 pm

**Location:** University Industry Liaison Office Boardroom, #103, 6190 Agronomy Road, Vancouver Campus

**Contact:** [Jocelyn Conway](#) for more information and to indicate your attendance if you haven't already done so.

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## NGDI Member News

### American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists Annual Meeting highlights Oral Amp B project

The 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary meeting of the AAPS took place from Oct 23-27 in Washington, DC. AAPS developed a press release for Dr. Kish Wasan's 3 poster presentations and this garnered an article in Pham Tech ([Global Healthcare on the Ground: AAPS on Why Global HealthCare is Important Now](#)) and an interview with Voice of America ([Cheaper, Safer Pill Targets Tropical Parasite](#)), which has a weekly audience of 91 million. For the full press release click [here](#).

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## NGDI News

### Save the Date: Fourth NGDI Distinguished Lectureship Seminar featuring Dr. Stuart MacLeod, December 2, 2011

Dr. Stuart MacLeod, former Executive Director of the Child and Family Research Institute, will speak about the pressures for better pediatric drug therapy and issues in clinical research in low income settings. Please join us at the Michael Smith Laboratories Auditorium from noon – 1:00 pm for the seminar and from 1:00 – 2:00 pm for a lunch reception.

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### MITACS Funding for the Wasan Lab Post Doc Fellow



Mitacs has partnered with iCo Therapeutics Inc. to provide Post Doctoral Fellow Dr. Fady Ibrahim, under the supervision of Dr. Kishor Wasan, with funding from the Mitacs-Accelerate Internship Program. The award, a grant of \$15,000, will allow Ibrahim to conduct research in the host company on the *Pharmacological Evaluation of a Novel Oral*

*Amphotericin B Formulation for the Treatment of Disseminated Candidiasis: Providing New Therapeutic Alternative to the Commercial Intravenous Formulation.*

The Mitacs Accelerate logo consists of the word 'Mitacs' in a bold, white, sans-serif font above the word 'Accelerate' in a smaller, white, sans-serif font, all set against a dark orange background with a white swoosh graphic.

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challenges. Interns transfer their skills from theory to real-world application, while the companies gain a competitive advantage by accessing high-quality research expertise.

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## NGDI Forms New Collaboration with the World Health Organization



The World Health Organization's Essential Medicines Program is funding a *Review of Pediatric Medications in Lower- Middle-Income Countries and Adverse Clinical Outcomes*. For this project the NGDI will collaborate with Dr. Lisa Bero, Professor, Department of Clinical Pharmacy, University of California San Francisco and Co-Director, San Francisco Branch United States Cochrane Center.

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## NGDI Sponsored Events for October, 2011

The NGDI co-sponsored several successful events in October. **The NGDI Distinguished Lectureship Seminar** featuring Mr. Stephen Lewis, Co-Director of AIDS-Free World was held on October 21 from 1:00 – 2:30 pm. The audience of about 320 was inspired by his speech on neglected global diseases and there was a lively 20 minute question and answer period following his talk. For more pictures of the event please click [here](#). Dr. Helen Burt, Associate Vice President Research and International introduced the speaker and Hon. Dr. Keith Martin, former Member of Parliament presented a gift of thanks from the NGDI and audience. A short reception was held in Mr. Lewis' honour after the seminar.



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The Universities Allied for Essential Medicines UBC Chapter and the NGDI-UBC co-sponsored a presentation from film Director and Producer, Jonathan Smith called **"They Go To Die"**. Jonathan Smith, Director of the Visual Ethnography Project at Yale University, gave an exclusive preview of an in-progress documentary about families caught up in the southern African HIV/TB co-epidemic. He described his field data collected as a part of his graduate research in epidemiology, showing documentary video from his field work, and hosted an open discussion on global health innovation. "They Go to Die" is a documentary film-in-progress that surfaces issues of health, human rights, and legal complexities of TB and HIV in the gold mining industry of South Africa nonlinearly though the context of life, love, and family. Over 60 UBC students and faculty attended the event and Dr. Kishor Wasan introduced the Director. For more information on this project, click [here](#).

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The NGDI helped organize the **Canada Gairdner Awards Luncheon for Dr. Michael Hayden** on October 24 which was hosted by Drs. Annalee Yassi and Jerry Spiegel of the School of Population and Public Health. Dr. Hayden spoke with about 15 graduate students regarding their budding careers provided a valuable mentorship moment. Dr. John Dirks, President of the Canada Gairdner Awards Foundation was also present for the lunch. The Canada Gairdner Awards

Symposium followed later that afternoon at the Life Sciences Centre.

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On October 28<sup>th</sup> the NGDI along with The Department of Family Practice and Random House Canada hosted the book release of **The Grandest Challenge: Taking Life-Saving Science from Lab to Village**. Authors Dr. Peter Singer and Dr. Abdullah Daar presented the contents of the book and held a live question and answer session with about 60 interested UBC faculty and students. The discussion was moderated by Dr. Videsh Kapoor, Assistant Clinical Professor and Director, Division of Global Health at UBC Faculty of Medicine.

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## Upcoming Conferences and Events

### The Accessible Science Initiative: Science without Borders Seminar, **November 7, 2011**

Our main aim with these Lectures, is to highlight and increase awareness of the work of scientists in the developing world who have demonstrated high quality research. Scientists will give a presentation about their work, as well as their extensive achievements and the challenges they have encountered in their countries. (<http://accessible-science.org>)

We are please to introduce our first speaker:

**Dr. Salim S. Abdool Karim (From South Africa)**

pro vice-chancellor (Research), University of KwaZulu-Natal; Director of Center for the AIDS Program of Research in South Africa and Professor of Clinical Epidemiology, Columbia University presenting:

“New hope for HIV prevention” : Achievements and Challenges of Research in South Africa

**Date:** Monday, **November 7, 2011**

**Time:** 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

**Location:** Life Science Building, LSC 3

The poster is available [here](#) for download and display purposes.

*These lectures are brought to you thanks to the kind support from the Microbiology and Immunology Dept, The Neglected Global Disease Initiative and the VP-Research Office.*

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Office of Pediatric Surgical Evaluation and Innovation Global Health Movie Night,  
**November 8, 2011**



presents a  
**Global Health Movie Night** featuring the film

*A Walk to Beautiful*

The award winning feature-length documentary *A Walk to Beautiful* tells the stories of five Ethiopian women who suffer from devastating childbirth injuries and embark on a journey to reclaim their lost dignity. Rejected by their husbands and ostracized by their communities, these women are left to spend the rest of their lives in loneliness and shame. They make the choice to take the long and arduous journey to the Addis Abeba Fistula Hospital in search of a cure and a new life.

**Tuesday, November 8, 2011 at 5:00pm**  
in the Chan Centre for Family Health Education in the CFRI  
950 West 28th Ave, Vancouver  
Moderated by Dr. Jan Christilaw

Following the film there will be a dinner available by donation.

Please RSVP by sending an email to  
Nathan O'Hara at [nohara@cw.bc.ca](mailto:nohara@cw.bc.ca).

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Annual Meeting of the Canadian Coalition for Global Health Research



**CCGHR CCRSM**  
Canadian Coalition for Global Health Research    Coalition canadienne pour la recherche en santé mondiale

The Canadian Coalition for Global Health Research (CCGHR) Notice of 8<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

The Canadian Coalition for Global Health Research (CCGHR) will be holding its 8<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting at 1:00 p.m. on November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011. The meeting will take place at the Hotel Hilton Bonaventure, 900 de La Gauchetiere W, Montreal, Quebec.

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## 2011 GLOBAL HEALTH CONFERENCE – November 13-15, 2011

Mark your calendars for November 13-15 when the Canadian Society for International Health, the Consortium of Universities for Global Health and the Global Health Education Consortium jointly present the 2011 Global Health Conference in Montreal, Canada. Website: <http://2011globalhealth.org/>

### Featured speakers include:

George ALLEYNE, Chancellor of the University of the West Indies and Director Emeritus of the Pan American Health Organization

Romeo DALLAIRE, Senator, Lieutenant-General of the Canadian Armed Forces (retired) and former commander of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda (UNAMIR)

Eric GOOSBY, Global AIDS Coordinator, PEPFAR

Roger GLASS, NIH, Fogarty International Center

Harold VARMUS, Director of the National Cancer Institute at the National Institutes of Health

Conference registration information: <http://2011globalhealth.org/registration.html>

### 2011 Global Health Conference: Advancing Health Equity in the 21st Century, Montreal

The Graduate Student Alliance for Global Health (GSAGH)

Global Health Division, Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto invites

fellow graduate students from all disciplines attending the 2011 Global Health Conference, Montreal to join an informal & off-site Student Networking Dinner

to discuss and debate global health plus develop national & international collaborations!

Monday, November 14 at 6:30PM

We will meet in the lobby of the Hilton Bonaventure Hotel, Montreal and walk over to a neighbourhood restaurant (TBC).

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## American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

Registration is now open for the 60<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the society will be held from Dec 4-8, 2011 in Philadelphia, USA. The link to the website is: <http://www.astmh.org/Home.htm>.

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## Funding Opportunities

### GRAND CHALLENGES ROUND 8 – THE BILL & MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is now accepting grant proposals for Round 8 of Grand Challenges Explorations, an initiative to encourage innovative and unconventional global health and development solutions. Applicants can be at any experience level; in any discipline; and from any organization, including colleges and universities, government laboratories, research institutions, non-profit organizations and for profit companies.

Grant proposals are being accepted online until **November 17, 2011** on the following topics:

Initial grants will be US \$100,000 each, and projects showing promise will have the opportunity to receive additional funding of up to US \$1 million. Full descriptions of the new topics and application instructions are available at:

[www.grandchallenges.org/r8\\_gce](http://www.grandchallenges.org/r8_gce).

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