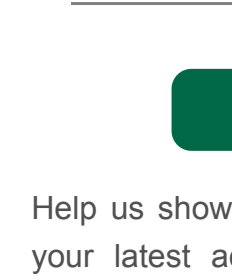


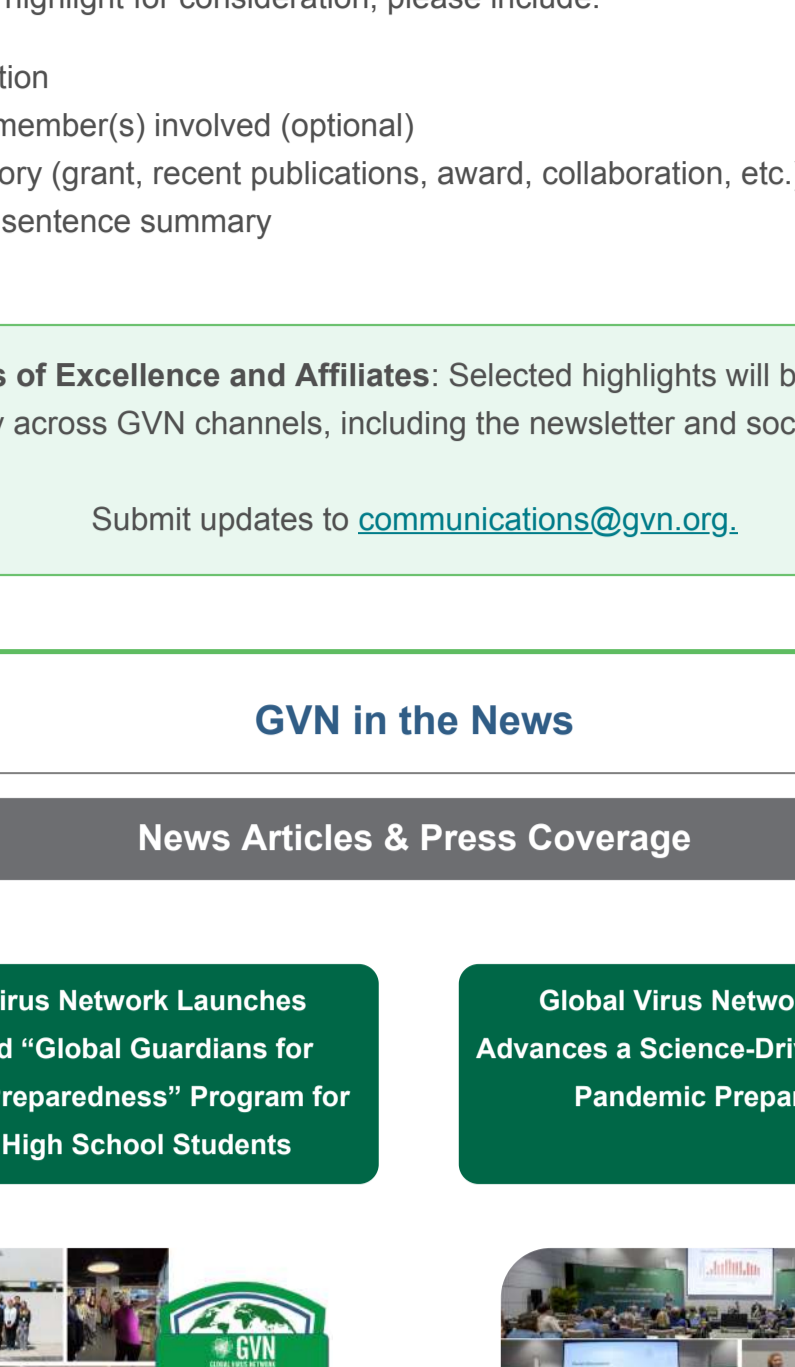
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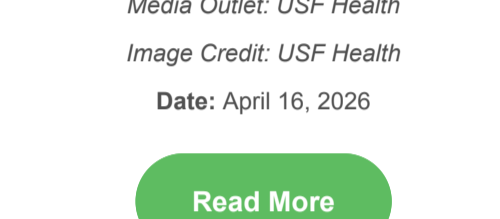
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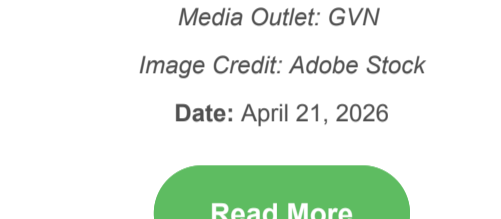
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Quick takes: Re-emergent COVID strain, extended US RSV season, typhus in California



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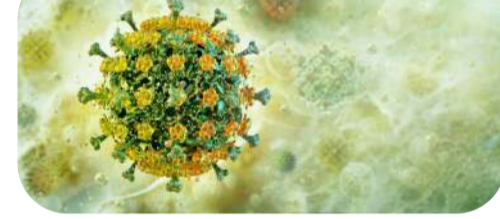
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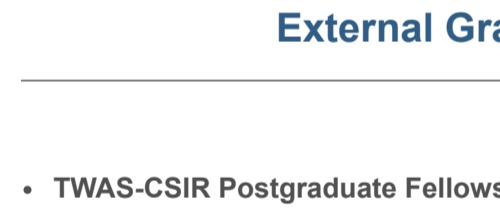
Reversing the threat: How to stop measles from spreading again



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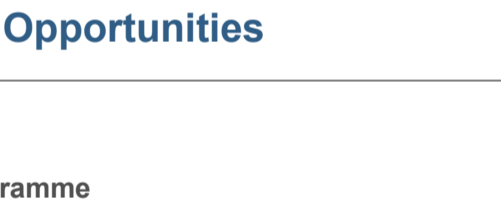
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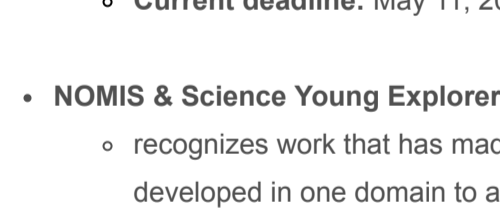
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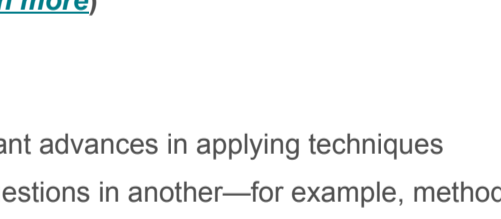
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Total Mentions

1,597

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Average Reach

404,557

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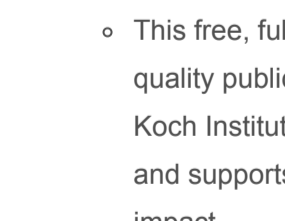
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GVN Webinar Series

Antibody Based Therapeutic Interventions for Viral Infections

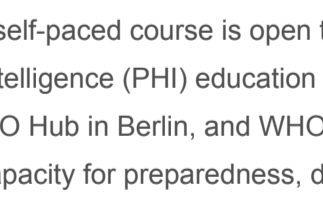


Wednesday, 27 May 2026 9 - 10 AM (US Eastern)

Rajesh Kumar, PhD
Assistant Professor
Department of Biosciences and Bioengineering, Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee, India

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Immunological Response to Human Coronaviruses among People Living with HIV in Ghana



Wednesday, 29 April 2026

Esimibia Adjovi Amegashie
PhD student, medical scientist and research associate
Dr. Osbourne Quaye's lab at the Department of Biochemistry and Cell biology, University of Ghana

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Virus Genomic Surveillance and One Health, diving into the Brazilian biosphere



Tuesday, 24 March 2026

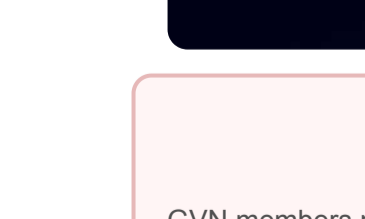
Fernando Rosado Spilki, DVM, MSc, PhD
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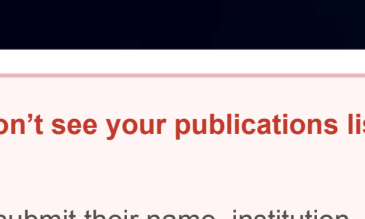
- **TWAS-CSIR Postgraduate Fellowship Programme**
 - supports young scholars from developing countries (other than India) to pursue PhD research in emerging areas in science and technology at CSIR's laboratories and institutes in India. The duration of the fellowship is 4 years.
 - **Current deadline:** May 6, 2026 ([Learn more](#))
- **AREF Research Development Fellowship Programme**
 - The AREF Research Development Fellowship Programme aims to support researchers in Africa to develop their skills and working on important challenges for human health, to develop their emerging as researchers. Early career researchers who are nationals of and employed in Africa are encouraged to apply.
 - **Current deadline:** May 8, 2026 ([Learn more](#))
- **\$100M SMART Antiviral Prize to Advance Novel Antiviral Therapies**
 - The SMART Antiviral Prize aims to identify safe, effective broad-spectrum small molecules with potential for clinical trials and U.S. regulatory approval. The competition advances novel antivirals to strengthen the therapeutic pipeline and address preparedness gaps through innovative solutions.
 - **Current deadline:** May 11, 2026 ([Learn more](#))
- **Cumming Global Fellows Program**
 - Supports early- and mid-career researchers globally with \$300,000 AUD in funding over three years to advance research in pandemic science and therapeutics. Open to PhD holders with up to 10 years of postdoctoral experience, the program also includes leadership development and global networking opportunities.
 - **Current deadline:** May 11, 2026 ([Learn more](#))
- **NOMIS & Science Young Explorer Award**
 - recognizes work that has made significant advances in applying techniques developed in one domain to address questions in another—for example, methods to investigate problems of causal inference, understand complex networks or perform image recognition have been developed in both social science and life science contexts.
 - **Current deadline:** May 15, 2026 ([Learn more](#))
- **LAUNCHING Leaders for Future U.S. Investments in Global Health Research (D43 Clinical Trial Optional)**
 - LAUNCH supports early-career U.S. researchers through immersive, mentored training in global health, pairing pre- and post-doctoral trainees with international partners in low- and middle-income countries. The program builds research skills, fosters cross-border collaboration, and prepares participants to address critical health challenges in the U.S. and worldwide.
 - **Current deadline:** May 25, 2026 ([Learn more](#))
- **Impact of Initial Influenza Exposure on Immunity in Infants (U01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)**
 - This funding opportunity supports the creation or continuation of longitudinal infant cohorts to study how early influenza infections and/or vaccinations shape immune responses throughout childhood. The research aims to inform the development of more durable and broadly protective influenza vaccines.
 - **Current deadline:** June 4, 2026 ([Learn more](#))
- **Global Infectious Disease (GID) Research Training Program**
 - D43 (PAR-24-174). Strengthen research capacity in LMICs via long-, medium-, and short-term training in infectious disease research.
 - **Current deadline:** August 6, 2026 ([Learn more](#))
- **Emerging Global Leader Award**
 - The Fogarty Emerging Global Leader Award aims to provide research support and protected time to a research scientist from a LMIC who holds an academic junior faculty position or research scientist appointment at an LMIC academic or research institution. Low-income, lower-middle-income and upper-middle-income countries are included.
 - **Current deadline:** December 3, 2026 ([Learn more](#))
- **Fogarty Associated Funding Opportunities**
 - [Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health \(R21 Clinical Trial Optional\)](#) (PAR-25-143)
 - **Application due date:** Multiple dates, see announcement.
- **Foundations of Public Health Intelligence (PHI) course**
 - This free, fully online, self-paced course is open to all, expanding access to high-quality public health intelligence (PHI) education worldwide. Developed by the Robert Koch Institute, the WHO Hub in Berlin, and WHO EMRO, it builds foundational skills and supports global capacity for preparedness, decision-making, and public health impact.

Center of Excellence (COE) Highlights



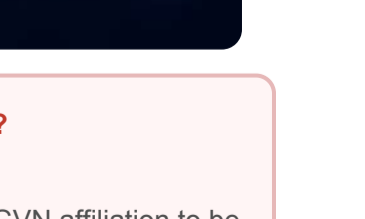
Erasmus Medical Center
Erasmus University Medical Center Rotterdam is a leading academic medical center in the Netherlands, advancing infectious disease research and global health. Bringing together multidisciplinary experts, the center focuses on emerging and re-emerging viruses, molecular virology, and clinical research to strengthen pandemic preparedness and patient care.

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Uganda Virus Research Institute (UVRI)
Uganda Virus Research Institute is a leading center for virology and public health research in Uganda, advancing global health through research, surveillance, and diagnostics. Bringing together multidisciplinary experts, the institute focuses on infectious diseases, epidemiology, and laboratory science while supporting training, innovation, and pandemic preparedness.

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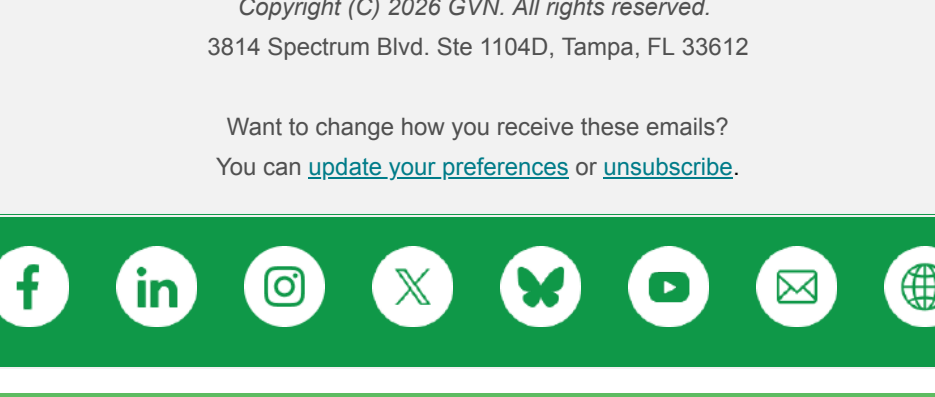


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- **Computational Advances in Drug Discovery**, May 7-10, 2026
- **Vaccinology: A New Era in Immune-Driven Vaccine Design**, May 4-7, 2026
 - GVN-led panel at Keystone Symposia on Persistent/Latent Viral Infection (May 7)
- **ASM Microbe 2026**, June 4-8, 2026
- **Viral Pathogenesis and Immunity: From Molecular Discoveries to Therapeutics**, Jun 15-18, 2026
 - GVN-led panel at Keystone Symposia on Viral Evolution and Infection (June 17)
- **Diploma in Health Research at the University of South Florida**, Start date: Monday, July 13, 2026 (Completely in Spanish)
- **The International Conference on HIV Persistence & Eradication**, Dec 6-9, 2026
 - [Abstract Submissions](#) (deadline: August 21, 2026)
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