

Monthly Newsletter



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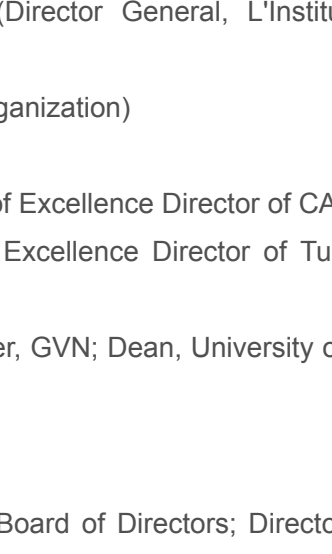


Urgent GVN Media Briefing:

Ebola in the DRC – Frontline and Global Experts Provide Updates & Answer Questions on the Outbreak, Risks, and Response

Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/ye2at2zu>

Date & Time:
June 10, 2026
8:00–9:00 a.m. EDT



Upcoming Global Media Briefing: Ebola in the DRC

The GVN will host a media briefing for journalists featuring leading experts from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), the World Health Organization (WHO), Africa CDC, and GVN Centers of Excellence to discuss the evolving Ebola outbreak, challenges related to diagnostics and containment, risks of regional spread, healthcare worker protection, and lessons for future epidemic preparedness.

The discussion will address outbreak detection and containment efforts, diagnostic challenges, healthcare worker protection, risks of regional spread, and broader implications for global health preparedness. Several participating experts are currently supporting response efforts in the DRC and will provide firsthand perspectives from the field.

Featured panelists include:

- **Prof. Jean-Jacques Muyembe Tamfum** (Director General, L'Institut National de Recherche Biomédicale (INRB), DRC)
- **Prof. Maria Van Kerkhove** (World Health Organization)
- **Prof. Yap Boum II** (Africa CDC)
- **Prof. Salim S. Abdool Karim** (GVN Center of Excellence Director of CAPRISA)
- **Prof. Robert F. Garry Jr.** (GVN Center of Excellence Director of Tulane University School of Medicine)
- **Prof. Sten H. Vermund** (Chief Medical Officer, GVN; Dean, University of South Florida College of Public Health)

Moderator:

- **Prof. Christian Bréchet** (Vice Chair, GVN Board of Directors; Director, University of South Florida Microbiomes Institute; Former President, Institute Pasteur)

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GVN in the News

Media Coverage & Statements

Hantavirus Cluster Linked to Cruise Ship Highlights Ongoing Zoonotic Risk and the Need for Vigilance



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Cruise ship hantavirus outbreak may be due to rare human transmission



Media Outlet: Desert News

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Hantavirus not global pandemic: Health specialist



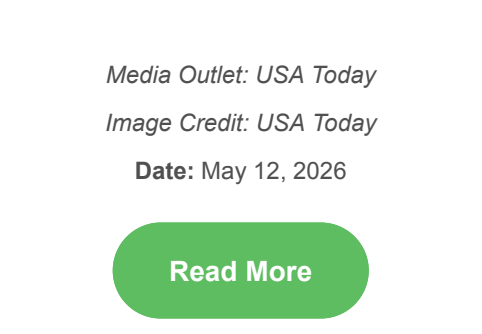
Media Outlet: Qatar Tribune

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A dangerous experiment is playing out on a cruise ship with hantavirus



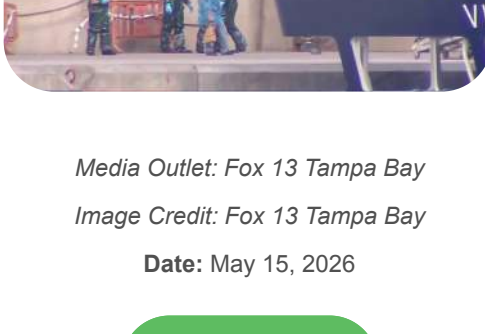
Media Outlet: Scientific American

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Why the hantavirus outbreak should concern you



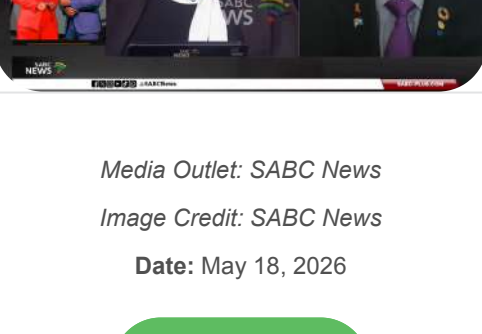
Media Outlet: India Today

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Here's What You Need to Know About the Hantavirus



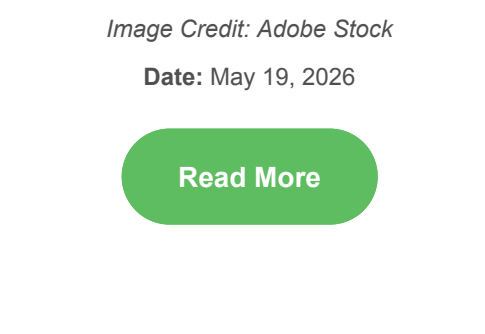
Media Outlet: WIRED

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Blindsided: Why there are no vaccines or treatments for hantavirus



Media Outlet: Telegraph UK

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What to know about hantavirus after cruise ship outbreak



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Hantavirus: Can the virus spread further from the cruise ship?



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Is hantavirus spreading? We may know in 'next few days,' experts say



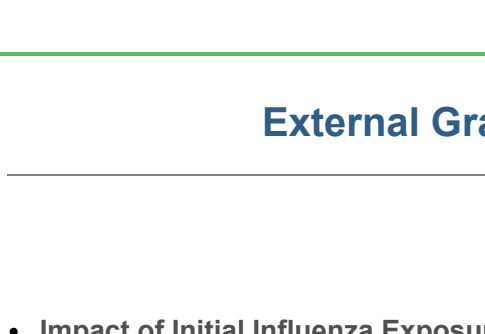
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What to know about the Hantavirus



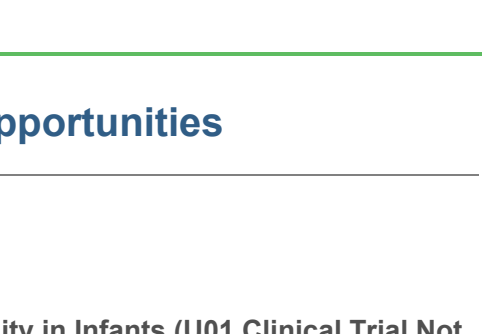
Media Outlet: Fox 13 Tampa Bay

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WHO declares Ebola outbreak a global health emergency: Prof Salim Abdool Karim weighs in



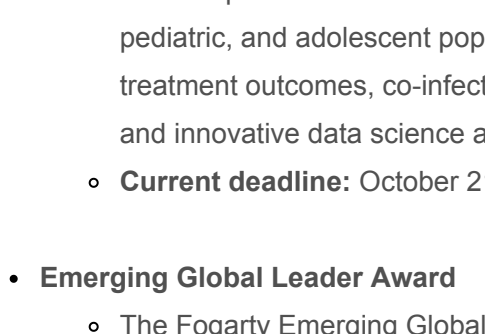
Media Outlet: SABC News

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GVN Experts Urge Rapid Regional Action as Bundibugyo Ebola Outbreak Raises Cross-Border Concerns



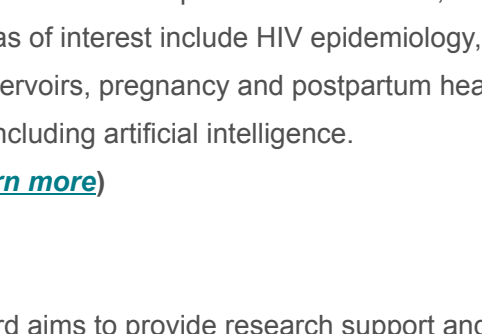
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More help needed to limit Ebola spread in Africa



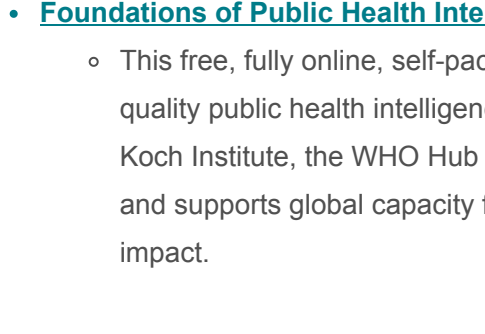
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India Tightens Ebola Surveillance As Rare Vaccine-Less Strain Sparks Global Alarm



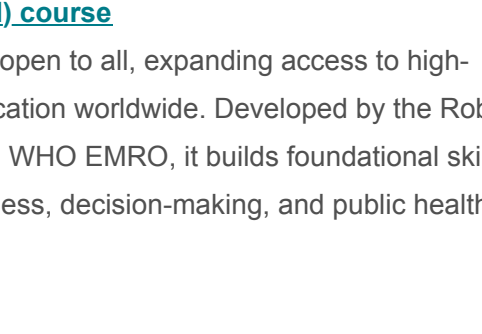
Media Outlet: Outlook India

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Preparing for the Next Pandemic: What Scientists Are Saying About the Future of Virus Control



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Media Analytics

May 2026 Media Coverage Snapshot

Total Mentions

718

May 2026

Average Reach

1,413,499

May 2026

Countries Covered

36

May 2026

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GVN Webinar Series

Webinar Update: There will be no GVN webinar held in June 2026. Information regarding the July 2026 webinar, including topic, speaker(s), and registration details, will be announced soon. Please check future GVN communications and the GVN website for updates.

Antibody Based Therapeutic Interventions for Viral Infections



Wednesday, 27 May 2026

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

Esimebia 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 virosphere



Tuesday, 24 March 2026

Fernando Rosado Spilki, DVM, MSc, PhD

Full Professor

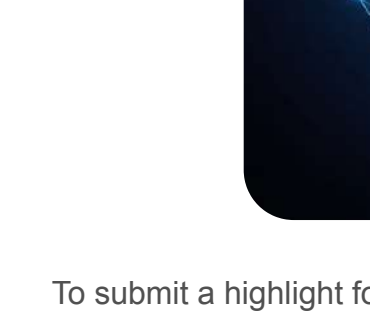
Feevale University, Brazil

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External Grants & Opportunities

- **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). Strengthens research capacity in LMICs via long-, medium-, and short-term training in infectious disease research.
 - **Current deadline:** August 6, 2026 ([Learn more](#))
- **Using Archived Data and Specimen Collections to Advance Maternal and Pediatric HIV/AIDS Research (R21 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)**
 - This funding opportunity supports secondary analyses of archived HIV/AIDS data and biospecimen collections to address critical research questions in maternal, pediatric, and adolescent populations. Areas of interest include HIV epidemiology, treatment outcomes, co-infections, HIV reservoirs, pregnancy and postpartum health, and innovative data science approaches, including artificial intelligence.
 - **Current deadline:** October 21, 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.

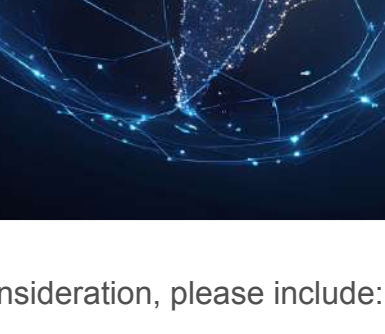
Center of Excellence (COE) Highlights



West African Centre for Cell Biology of Infectious Pathogens (WACCBIP)

WACCBIP is a leading research and training center in Ghana, advancing biomedical science through infectious disease research, innovation, and capacity building. Bringing together experts from the University of Ghana and partner institutions, the Centre focuses on improving disease diagnosis, prevention, and control while supporting scientific excellence and workforce development across sub-Saharan Africa.

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Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais (UFMG)

The Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais (UFMG) is a leading center for infectious disease research in Brazil, advancing public health through virology, genomics, vaccine development, and clinical research. Bringing together multidisciplinary experts, the Center for Advanced and Innovative Therapies focuses on viruses of regional and global importance while supporting innovation, collaboration, and pandemic preparedness.

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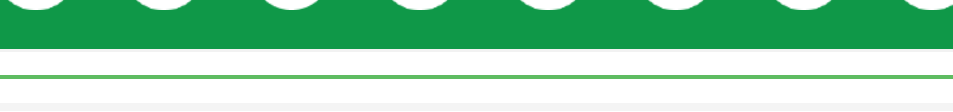
Karolinska Institute

The Karolinska Institutet is a world-leading medical university in Sweden, advancing global health through excellence in medical research, education, and innovation. Bringing together experts across medicine and health sciences, the institute fosters international collaboration and scientific discovery while supporting the development of future healthcare leaders and researchers.

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Upcoming Events

- **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)
 - [Scholarships Available](#) (deadline: August 21, 2026)

GVN Monthly Submission Impact Request

Help us showcase the strength and global impact of the GVN network by sharing your latest accomplishments. Selected highlights will be featured in upcoming newsletters and across GVN's communications channels.

To submit a highlight for consideration, please include:

- Institution
- GVN member(s) involved (optional)
- Category (grant, recent publications, award, collaboration, etc.)
- 1 to 2 sentence summary
- Link

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