

# HOT OFF THE BENCH PRESS

News update from IDRI, the Infectious Disease Research Institute

## WORKING TOGETHER TO FIGHT LEISHMANIASIS



Bite from an infected sandfly transmits VL

One of IDRI's core values is developing products in countries where deadly -- and often neglected -- infectious diseases occur. IDRI recently announced a partnership with Zydus, an innovative health group based in India, to do just that.

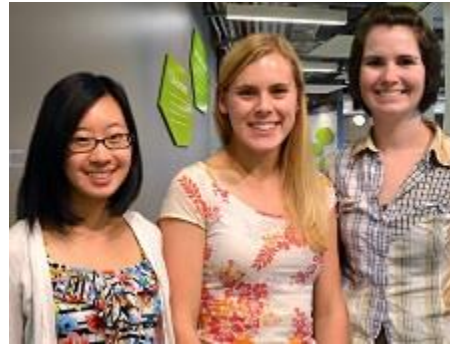
IDRI will partner with Zydus to produce and clinically develop its vaccine candidate for visceral leishmaniasis (VL). This parasitic disease, which attacks vital organs in the body, is deadly if left untreated. Because India is one of the 88 countries in which VL is considered endemic, conducting trials there will give our researchers a real-life view of the effectiveness of the vaccine candidate. Says Dr. Steve Reed, IDRI Founder and President: "IDRI could not ask for a better partner in this endeavor." [Read More>](#)

## OUR STORIES FROM THE FIELD



IDRI's Steve Reed recently returned from a trip to Bangladesh where he snapped this photo in a hospital he was visiting. The hospital director sits in front of a sign that lists tests, costing anywhere from \$30-\$200 in local currency. Notice number 15 on the list: RK-39. That's an easy-to-use, non-invasive test developed by IDRI to detect leishmaniasis.

## Meet the Next Generation of Global Health Heros!



Here at IDRI, we understand how important it is to provide opportunities for the next generation of global health scientists and advocates. Our internship program allows students with an affinity for science to obtain real-world experience working side-by-side with our researchers.

This summer's science interns are, from left, Carol Pengshug, Emily Ostrove and Kate Runkel, undergraduate students at Whitman College. Each intern is working on a specific project, designed at the beginning of their 10-week program.

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It's been three months since IDRI moved into its new home in Seattle's global health hub, in the South Lake Union neighborhood. We've welcomed dozens of visitors on tours and are making plans for a 20th anniversary party/open house in early November.

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