

# HOT OFF THE BENCH PRESS

News update from IDRI, the Infectious Disease Research Institute

## IDRI TO ESTABLISH VACCINE ADJUVANT HUB



*One thing the international outbreak of Ebola in 2014 confirmed: we must be proactive in preparing for the next disease outbreak, whatever it may be.*

IDRI is on the front lines of that preparation with \$4 million in funding from BARDA, part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, to develop an adjuvant manufacturing hub to facilitate pandemic

influenza vaccine capabilities in developing countries.

Being able to rapidly develop and deploy vaccines, while using less vaccine, can mean how well the world responds during the next disease outbreak. [Read more.](#)

## FROM THE FIELD: TRAVELS WITH IDRI SCIENTISTS

While IDRI scientists spend time in our labs in Seattle, they are often found traveling around the world, where they meet with collaborators, work in the field or train young scientists. So what does a week in the life of an IDRI scientist look like?

This week, Steve Reed, IDRI President, Founder and Chief Scientific Officer, left Seattle for Galveston, Texas, to attend a [Gordon Research Conference](#) focused on tropical infectious diseases, ranging from the well-known (malaria) to the up-and-comers (chikungunya). After giving a presentation on the prospects for a leishmaniasis vaccine, Steve headed to Lubbock, Texas, for Texas Tech's 27th annual [Student Research Week](#), where he was a keynote speaker. From there, he's off to Brazil to meet with long-time collaborators on leprosy projects.



For more insight into the travels of IDRI scientists, read recent blog posts from [Malcolm Duthie](#), who visited leprosy collaborators in the Philippines, and from [Aarthy Vallur](#), who just returned from Bangladesh, inspired by the spirit of leishmaniasis partners who showed up at work every day, despite a political lock-down.

### Quick Links

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Join IDRI for a Free Event to Commemorate

## WORLD TB DAY



Monday, March 23  
 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
 Town Hall, Seattle

Did you know that one-third of the world's population is infected with the bacterium that causes TB? Join experts from around the state -- including IDRI's Tanya Parish -- for a panel moderated by KCTS's Enrique Cerna to learn more about what we're doing to stem the tide of TB. Click [here](#) for details.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT IDRI

March 26, 5-7 p.m.

*From Washington to the World: Developing & Deploying Diagnostics*

sponsored by WBBA featuring IDRI's Steve Reed & Malcolm Duthie

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April 2, 5:30-7 p.m.

*Intro to IDRI* hosted by IDRI Board Chair Bruce Carter

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