

EUROPEAN VACCINE INITIATIVE

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■ 4th World Malaria Day – 25 April 2011 – “Achieving Progress and Impact”

[World Malaria Report 2010](#) DECLINE OF THE INCIDENCE AND PREVALENCE OF MALARIA

Goals for 2015: No more deaths from malaria and the launch of the first generation malaria vaccine

04 April – Bill Gates in Paris, calls the European Countries to respect their promises to raise public aid for development up to 0.7% of their Gross National Product by 2015.

12-13 April - EVI attended the [Oslo Malaria Conference](#) – INNOVATION THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS TO END MALARIA DEATHS BY 2015



■ March 2011 a busy month

- The four new members of the EVI European Economic Interest Grouping (EEIG), are now registered. They include: Biomedical Primate Research Centre, [BPRC], Jenner Vaccine Foundation, Netherlands Vaccine Initiative [NVI] and Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland [RCSI]
- During the inaugural meeting of the EVI Board of Stakeholders Sodiomon Sirima was elected Chair and Diarmuid O'Donovan Vice-Chair.
- The EVI Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) held a portfolio review in Heidelberg.
- At its first face to face meeting the EVI-EEIG board, Marita Troye-Blomberg, was elected Chair and Terry McWade Vice-Chair .



Terry
McWade



Sodiomon Sirima



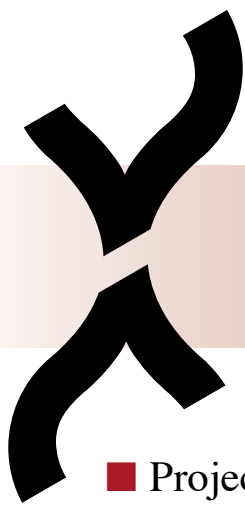
Marita Troye-Blomberg

■ World Tuberculosis Day - 23 March was marked by EVI with the issue of a [joint statement](#) together with the TuBerculosis Vaccine Initiative (TBVI) www.tbvi.eu

■ Be prepared for the International Clinical Trials Day 2011, 20 May, with ECRIN www.ecrin.org in Vienna.

■ Where you may have seen us during the past few months

- In February, Odile Leroy gave a presentation on the TRANSVAC horizontal vaccine approach at the [TBVI Symposium](#): Future avenues for vaccine development.
- Odile Leroy spoke at the [Vaccines Congress](#), London on 5 April. The topic was: The European Vaccine Initiative - Translational Research and Lessons Learned from Malaria Vaccine Development.
- A presentation of PHARVAT was made by Regitze Louise Thøgersen at the [Immunopotentiators in Modern Vaccines](#) conference, Porto in April.



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■ Projects News

European Malaria Vaccine Development Association (EMVDA)

March saw the launch of a re-designed web site www.emvda.org.

Optimisation of the development of poverty-related-diseases (PRD) vaccines by a transversal approach, addressing common gaps and challenges (INYVAX)

- The [INYVAX](#) Annual Meeting was held on 7 April at the EMBL Advanced Training Centre in Heidelberg, Germany.
- A letter in the Vaccine Journal entitled: "Addressing the needs and gaps in safety assessment of vaccines during clinical trials in resource limited countries" is currently in press.

Initiative on optimising malaria vaccine lab assays evaluation (OPTIMALVAC)

Publication of a position paper "[Towards validated assays for key immunological outcomes Vaccine](#)", Epub 2011 Feb 4, DOI: doi:10.1016/j.vaccine.2011.01.070.

European Network of Vaccine Research and Development (TRANSVAC)

- Publication of the [report](#) of the European Vaccine Stakeholders Meeting, which was held on Brussels in October 2010. The recommendations in the report will be addressed by TRANSVAC working groups in a series of workshops (2011-2012).
- First TRANSVAC Annual Meeting held at the European Commission in Brussels in February with participation of the Scientific Advisory Committee, the User Selection Panel and the Steering Committee.
- [TRANSVAC permanent call for applications](#) for free services in vaccine development is currently open, deadline 30 April. Applications received in the first round are currently being evaluated.



Malaria Vectored Vaccines Consortium (MVVC)

First Annual Meeting in January in Ouagadougou and Banfora, Burkina Faso. This highly successful meeting brought together over 25 participants from the eight partner institutions.



■ Where will you see the EVI team in **THE NEXT THREE MONTHS**

- In connection with the [7th Annual BioMalPar conference](#), sponsored by EVIMalaR in May, there will be a designated EMVDA session. Apart from Odile Leroy, Nathalie Imbault, Sophie Houard, Regitze Louise Thøgersen and Mark Geels from EVI, members of the EMVDA External Scientific Advisory Committee and consortium will also participate. Mark Geels will present a TRANSVAC poster at this event.
- [OPTIMALVAC](#) Annual Meeting will be held in May in Heidelberg, Germany.
- Odile Leroy will be attending [Public Private Partnerships in Advancing Global Health – A Development Approach for Germany](#), Berlin 9 May
- Nathalie Imbault will be attending the [5ème Journée Rencontre avec REseau national d'Investigation clinique en VACCination \(REIVAC\)](#), Paris 27 May.