



# Newsletter

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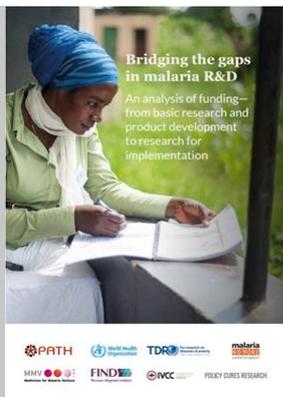
## SAVE THE DATE: *Tackling co-infection with collaboration at AIDS 2018*



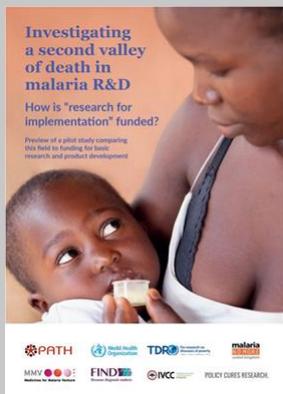
In just a few weeks, the AIDS 2018 congress will kick off in Amsterdam, and we warmly invite you to join us at our symposium, chaired by Dr Eric Goosby, UN Special Envoy on Tuberculosis, on Monday 23 June at 8 am: *Tackling co-infection with collaboration: can integration of diagnostic services and technologies help maintain critical momentum in infectious disease control?* We can no longer afford the human and financial cost of treating HIV as though it exists within a vacuum – in high-burden countries, people living with HIV are all too often concurrently infected with tuberculosis, hepatitis, malaria, a neglected tropical disease, or another STI. This year's congress will be particularly important as the community continues to prepare for the TB High-Level Meeting in New York in September.

This month saw the publication of a new report quantifying the funding shortfall for basic research and product development in malaria. *Bridging the gaps in malaria R&D: an analysis of funding – from basic research and product development to research for implementation* was developed by PATH, the WHO Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (TDR), and Malaria No More UK, in collaboration with our team at FIND and other partners. Funding needs are quantified for initial product development as well as for implementation, operational and health systems research.

The annual [McGill Summer Institute in Infectious Diseases and Global Health](#) took place in Montreal, and senior FIND staff were once



## Investigating a second valley of death in malaria R&D



## Factsheet on Essential New Tools to End TB



again privileged to join the faculty, led by course director and FIND Scientific Advisory Committee member Professor Madhukur Pai, on advanced TB diagnostics and a special session on antimicrobial resistance (AMR).

We also contributed a diagnostic preparedness perspective to *The future of managing outbreaks using digital technologies* – our first tweet chat – at the invitation of Vanessa Carter, an AMR patient advocate based in Johannesburg who manages the South Africa chapter of the healthcare social media twitter community (#hcsmsA).

Hope to see you in Amsterdam!

**Catharina**

Read message on our [website](#)

## Upcoming special Issue of *Diagnostics*

*Diagnostics* is preparing a special issue titled *Diagnosis of Bacterial Pathogens*. Dr Sabine Dittrich, Head of our Malaria & Fever programme, will be Guest Editor. Transmission of pathogens varies depending on the species. The diagnostic challenge—to pin-point the causative agent in a timely manner—exists for nearly all of them. As such, the field of bacterial pathogen diagnosis is particularly interesting and puzzling.

## From our partners

**HuffPost Blog: We need to science the sh\*t out of tuberculosis** - Dr Madhukur Pai gives an in-depth account of what this provocative title implies

**Stop TB Partnership: June newsletter**

**Unitaid: June 2018 news**

**WHO releases new International Classification of Diseases (ICD 11)**

## Scientific articles by FIND staff & SAC

For our latest scientific publications, please [click here](#).

## Jobs at FIND

**Surveillance Scientific Officer** Geneva (1 year): application deadline 10 July 2018

