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External Scientific Advisory Committee (ESAC) - Call for Epidemiologist Experts

Innovative Vector Control Consortium (IVCC) works globally to facilitate innovative approaches to preventing mosquito-borne diseases (e.g., malaria, dengue, etc.) and tackle the growing threat of resistance by directly targeting the vector that transmits disease.

The Opportunity

IVCC is looking for experts in the epidemiological evaluation of vector control products (ITNs, IRS formulations or other products).

The Background

The External Scientific Advisory Committee (ESAC) provides expert specialist technical assessments of IVCC's portfolio of products, including project selection, transition, and termination. They provide advice to the IVCC management team during periodic reviews of the projects.

Membership of the ESAC is through nomination of candidates with the required expertise. The ESAC meets formally twice a year and IVCC calls on advice from ESAC members in an ad hoc capacity. During ESAC review meetings, IVCC's partner institutions benefit from guidance and support from our world-renowned scientific experts.

Expected Commitment

- 15-days per year
- ESAC Webinar:
 - Attendance at two interim project reviews per year
 - March and September
 - 2-hours in duration
 - Facilitated via MS Teams
- ESAC Full:
 - Attendance at two full meetings per year
 - May and November
 - 4-days in duration
 - May meeting face-to-face in the UK, November facilitated virtually via MS Teams



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Remuneration

ESAC members are classified as consultants by IVCC, and if required, IVCC is happy to reimburse an appropriate amount of time and any expenses incurred. It is understood employees of some organisations, such as National Public Health Agencies, US Government Departments, Public Research Universities, are not permitted to receive payment for executing this role.

Project Report Reviews

Prior to each full ESAC, when appropriate, ESAC members will participate in project review sub-group(s) as a lead reviewer or reviewer.

The review meetings are scheduled over a 3-week period and participation is dependent on the number of projects an ESAC member is involved in. The format of the review meetings is:

- Week 1: Pre-read of reports
- Week 2: ESAC review group only, 2-hours per project
- Week 3: ESAC review group and key project team members Q&A, 1-hour per project

Experts willing to serve on IVCC's ESAC will need to demonstrate appropriate subject knowledge and that there is no conflict of interest to review specific projects.

Experience & Qualifications Required

The following experience and qualifications are required for this position:

- Essential:
 - A master's degree or PhD in a science with an infectious disease epidemiology or population ecology component
 - Extensive experience of working in public health, health protection or epidemiology
 - Knowledge of WHO guidelines on field-testing and epidemiological trials of mosquito vector control products
 - Experience in the design and evaluation of epidemiological trials
 - Experience with the statistical analysis and interpretation of epidemiological trial data
 - Ability to work collaboratively with a diverse group of stakeholders
 - Knowledge and behaviours that support equity, diversity, and inclusive practice
 - Knowledge and behaviours that support safeguarding as applicable to the role.



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- Desirable:
 - Experience in vector control
 - Direct experience with the WHO process for vector control product prequalification.

You will be a solution-oriented individual who wants to be part of IVCC's mission to develop and deliver innovative vector control solutions that save lives.

Application Process: Please submit your CV and covering letter to info@ivcc.com with the subject line: 'ESAC Call for Experts - Epidemiology'.

Closing date: Friday 28th July 2023

About IVCC

IVCC is the only Product Development Partnership (PDP) working in vector control. IVCC is a registered charity in the UK. We work with stakeholders to facilitate the development of novel and improved public health insecticides and formulations to combat the rapidly growing problem of insecticide resistance. We bring together partners from industry, the public sector and academia to create new solutions to prevent disease transmission. By focusing resources and targeting practical scientific solutions we accelerate the process from innovation to impact. To find out more visit our website <https://www.ivcc.com/>

IVCC actively promotes Equal Opportunities and Safeguarding Policies

We seek to attract and recruit people who reflect the diversity across our communities, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnicity, nationality, faith or belief, social background, age, and disability. IVCC selects candidates based on skills, qualifications, and experience.