



# Global Research Collaboration for Infectious Disease Preparedness (GloPID-R)

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# Why a Global Research Collaboration for Infectious Disease Preparedness

- Future (like past) severe epidemics will not be restricted to single nations or regions, but will have the potential to threaten the population of the entire planet
- 'Preparedness Research' on (Re-)Emerging Infectious Diseases (development of diagnostics, epidemiology, clinical trials etc.) requires a rapid international *research* response
- Unlike the public health response (coordinated by WHO), there is currently no forum for the coordination of an international *research* response to such outbreaks!
- Joint work in 'peacetime' on regulatory, financial and administrative bottlenecks for preparedness research will prepare the ground for successful collaboration in the case of an outbreak!

## What is GloPID-R?

- A network of research funders
- Launched in Brussels in February 2013
- The goal is to facilitate an effective research response within 48 hours of a significant infectious diseases outbreak with pandemic potential.
- Participating funders are so far from Australia, Canada, China, France, UK, US, Sweden, Brazil, South Africa and the European Commission. Thailand, Germany, Denmark Norway, Japan and Malaysia have expressed their interest.
- **Funding organisations from other countries are invited to join!**

# What are the objectives ?

GloPID-R aims to facilitate a global research response to a significant outbreak of an infectious disease through research and policy development during interepidemic periods by:

- Facilitating exchange of information between funders.
- Connecting the existing and future research networks in this area.
- Addressing scientific, logistical, legal, regulatory, ethical and financial challenges.
- Establishing a strategic agenda to address these challenges.
- Aiming to involve developing countries.

# GloPID-R's goal is *not* to coordinate a public health response and it is *not* a new funding organisation

- GloPID-R aims to make the work of its member more effective through collaboration and by jointly addressing the barriers to research.
- GloPID-R will closely collaborate with public health and veterinary services, industry, regulatory agencies and patient groups.

## Next steps

- Agreement on governance in 2014 "GloPID-R Charter"
- Establishment of Secretariat end 2014/early 2015
- Next meeting: Montreal, Canada, 30.09 – 01.10 2014

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