



**Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations**

## **Newsletter 21 November 2016**

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### **Message from the Interim CEPI CEO**

*Last week was a full week of meetings for me in Geneva. Together with DNDi and the Graduate Institute CEPI co-organized on Monday and Tuesday a workshop on effective practices to secure innovation in the public interest, which gave useful insights and experiences from other organizations. On Tuesday and Wednesday we attended the third consultation for the global action plan on influenza vaccines and I had the opportunity both to discuss the need for new financing models as well as presenting CEPI to this community. On Wednesday and Thursday CEPI Founders Group met to discuss issues like resource mobilization plans, the Board meeting on 15-16 December in New Delhi as well as organizing the CEPI launch at the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting in Davos in January, and on Thursday we had the opportunity to present CEPI to WHO member states before our first Joint Coordination Group (JCG) meeting on Friday. In addition I had the opportunity to have bilateral meetings with important stakeholders. I must say it is very rewarding to be able to present our collective vision for CEPI and to see how others understand the idea and see how important it is to move forward.*

*John-Arne Røttingen, Interim CEPI CEO*

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### **Member state briefing at WHO**

The permanent missions of India and Norway co-hosted a meeting at WHO for all WHO member states on November 17 to inform about CEPI. It was a well attended meeting with a lot of support from different countries, but also with clear signals that many want to be more involved and learn more about the process. We will follow up on this important feedback.

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## **First Joint Coordination Group Meeting**

The first meeting of the CEPI Joint Coordination Group meeting was successfully held on Friday 18 November at WHO headquarters in Geneva. CEPI is crucially dependant on engaging with a wide range of stakeholders, and we were therefore glad to see that more than 50 different stakeholders participated in the meeting. Partners contributed actively through panel discussions and gave important feedback on areas that CEPI needs to pay close attention to in furtherance of its mission. In the following weeks, we will publish the minutes of the JCG meeting on the CEPI website.

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## **CEPI policies - invitation to feedback**

Over the last two months, the CEPI Secretariat has been working with colleagues from the founding partners to draft CEPI's core policies to reflect CEPI's operating principles and provide guidance for potential awardees during the call for proposal process. The team has also consulted with individuals working with Product Development Partnerships and researchers in this field.

We now invite your comments and feedback on these draft policies on equitable access, shared risks/benefits and management of IP <http://cepi.net/resources#CEPI-Policies-Draft> . The open public consultation period is from today through to COB CET 2 December, 2016. Please send feedback to [cepi@fhi.no](mailto:cepi@fhi.no).

Following receipt of feedback during the open public consultation period, the Secretariat will amend the policies as required and submit them to the CEPI Board for approval prior to their release with the call for proposals.

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# CEPI Scientific Conference

CEPI will organize a scientific conference in collaboration with INSERM on 21-22 February, 2017. This scientific conference, which will take place in Paris, will be a launch of CEPI in the scientific community and for a broader CEPI Stakeholders group. The scope of the conference is R&D for vaccines against WHO priority pathogens and unknown pathogens able to cause epidemics. The one and a half day program will cover a range of topics from an update on vaccine R&D for priority pathogens, manufacturing and clinical development to the scope of CEPI R&D needs.

## CEPI Secretariat RFP

The process for evaluating applications to host the CEPI Secretariat is now in the proposal review stage. A team from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is reviewing the applications, which were submitted by the deadline 14 November. Two global teleconferences were held earlier in November to allow for questions related to the RFP and how to respond to be addressed in real-time. In addition, the summarized Q&A document that was generated from these calls was posted to the CEPI website so that all potential applicants could benefit. The next steps in the process will be a recommendation/ranking of proposals from the review team at the Gates Foundation to a sub-committee of the CEPI Board. That sub-committee will then review the proposals and make their recommendation to the full Board at their meeting in India 15-16 December.

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**The Challenge of Epidemics**

Epidemics of emerging infectious diseases are a significant and growing threat to the health and prosperity of our communities. At the same time, the world is facing a new wave of emerging infectious diseases, and the number of countries where these are often present. In a world of globalisation, it is increasingly likely that pathogens will spread from one region to another, making epidemics among the most pressing health security issues facing the world today.

Recent outbreaks, such as Ebola and Zika, have led to a re-evaluation of how and why infectious diseases spread. Similarly, ongoing outbreaks of Zika will cause increasing health and economic impacts for years to come. All these events have exposed serious gaps in the world's capacity to prepare for epidemics, and to react when they arise. The time is right for action.

**The Role of Vaccines**

A role for global health institutions and global health leaders is needed to increase the world's resilience and capacity to respond to and manage for epidemic threats. In order to do this, the world must have a coordinated, multi-stakeholder response. CEPI will lead this effort, with the support of the world's leading health security institutions. CEPI will focus on the development, testing, and distribution of vaccines. CEPI will also focus on the development, testing, and distribution of vaccines. CEPI will also focus on the development, testing, and distribution of vaccines.

**A Global Mandate**

CEPI was established to coordinate and support the development of health technologies, including vaccines and medical diagnostic technologies. Discussions began in March 2015 with an expert meeting in Paris, convened by Christiane Brindeau as part of the 2015-2016 High Level Panel of Experts. CEPI was formally established in October 2015. CEPI's mandate is to coordinate and support the development of health technologies, including vaccines and medical diagnostic technologies.

**CEPI's vision is to increase the world's resilience, sustainability, and capacity to respond to and manage for epidemic threats. CEPI will focus on the development, testing, and distribution of vaccines. CEPI will also focus on the development, testing, and distribution of vaccines.**

**CEPI will pursue a proactive ("push-to-protect") and accelerated ("pull-to-protect") vaccine development strategy for epidemic threats by:**

- Moving vaccine candidates through life cycle milestones to speed of concept and safety to human testing.
- Using equity as an ethical and social distribution as a key principle.
- Building technical platforms and institutional capacities that can be rapidly deployed against new and emerging pathogens.

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## CEPI 2-pager

An updated version of the CEPI 2-pager is now available. It is a short document on CEPI, presenting the background for the organization as well as its vision and approach. The CEPI 2-pager also includes a list of Interim Board members and key dates. You will find the latest updated version here: <http://cepi.net/mission>