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Subject: Fw: Contact to Wuhan Institute of Virology
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FYI.

The message from LeDuc of UTMB from him we got the contacts for WIV.

Ping

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Ping,

As indicated, we have a post doc from the Chinese Academy of Sciences, Dr Han Xia working in our lab and undergoing training for both research in our BSL4 facilities as well as orientation to the maintenance and operations of a BSL4 facility. She is part of a larger initiative I've been developing to form long-term scientific and technical collaborations with the new BSL4 laboratory now nearing completion in Wuhan, which will be under the direction of Dr Yuan Zhiming. I have met with Dr Zhiming repeatedly while in Wuhan and he has expressed interest in visiting the GNL sometime soon, which I welcome. Han Xia and her mentor, Dr Dennis Bente, will likely be traveling to Wuhan sometime in the next 6 months to explore collaborative research activities that they might jointly pursue when Han returns to Wuhan. On her return, she will likely also be involved in the oversight of laboratory operations based on her experience gained here. All of this to say that we are already attempting to build the kind of partnership that I think is envisioned under the GHSA. I hope that in your dealings with the scientists from Wuhan, and especially Dr Zhiming, that you will keep our efforts in mind and look for opportunities where our partnership might be strengthened under the GHSA. Clearly considering support for the joint studies we are attempting to develop would be a potential early win for all of us. We have invested considerably in our partnership with the CAS in Wuhan and we are anxious to ensure its long-term success.

Thanks, Jim

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Thank you very much Dr. LeDuc for your quick response. We really appreciate your help.

Please contact me next time you visit China.

Best Regards,

Ping

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Try these guys. I'm not clear on where the institute of virology sits now, but I think it's part of the University, thus Deyin Guo is probably the most appropriate person to contact. Yuan Zhiming is at the Chinese Academy of Sciences and is the director of their new BSL4 facility under construction outside Wuhan. Both the CAS and the new lab are physically located in sites separate from the University.

Good luck,

Jim

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Dear Dr. Leduc,

First let me express my sincere thanks for your immediate response to our request. It's my pleasure meeting you online.

You must be very familiar with Global Health Security Agenda (GHSA), which was launched in Washington DC and Geneva on February 13, 2014 followed by the Helsinki meeting in May 5-6. A meeting titled "Building Global Commitment to Multisectoral Approaches to Manage Emerging Zoonotic Diseases in Support of the Global Health Security Agenda within the Framework of Public Health" is going to be held in Jakarta, Indonesia later this month; 65 countries have been invited to attend. Another GHSA meeting will be held in Washington DC in late Sept. China's National Health and Family Planning Commission (Ministry of Health) and China CDC are supportive and should commit to be a part of the network. We do want to expand the Chinese participation in the network to include other partners and sectors, including agriculture and veterinary, which are important integral parts of GHSA. Thus, HHS, which has lead the effort to obtain China's commitment to GHSA, would like to visit Wuhan Institute of Virology to discuss GHSA with the institute leadership. HHS has approached me to acquire a contact at the Institute through NIH connection. I used to be a project officer at the drug development section of OBRTR and know Nancy and Gary. So I asked them for help. The visit is going to discuss GHSA only.

HHS would like to give WIV the opportunity to attend the Sept GHSA meeting in Washington. The only time we can make the visit is Aug. 18 and 19. It would be great if you can provide us a couple of contact persons (in case one is not available) at WIV for the embassy to request a visit. I apologize for the urgency and look forward to hearing from you very soon.

Thank you very much

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