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*An IEDCR and ICDDR,B team collected blood and vesicular smears and swabs from patients in Bangladesh.*

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## IEDCR Investigates Anthrax Outbreak in Bangladesh



other stakeholders to control the outbreaks. [Read more](#) about the outbreak.

## More Countries Seek to Join IANPHI

During the General Assembly at the 2010 IANPHI Annual Meeting in Atlanta, IANPHI members will vote on the inclusion of prospective [member institutes](#), consider a proposed [membership fee](#), and [elect new members](#) to the Executive Board. Countries that have applied for associate or institutional membership include El Salvador, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, Israel, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, Saudi Arabia, and Togo. More information about these applicants, the fee proposal, and the slate of candidates proposed by the IANPHI nominating committee can be found on the [IANPHI website](#).

## Global Problem of Chronic Diseases Needs United Approach

Policy makers should increase their sense of urgency and unite in their efforts to stop the global spread of chronic diseases such as heart disease, cancer, and diabetes that threaten the health and economies of industrialized and developing nations alike. Chronic diseases account for 60% of all deaths worldwide and cost hundreds of billions of dollars, according to a recent article in the [New England Journal of Medicine](#) by Emory University co-authors K. M. Venkat Narayan, professor of medicine and global health; Mohammed Ali, assistant professor of global health; and Jeffrey Koplan, vice president for global health, director of the Emory Global Health Institute, and president of IANPHI. The perspectives article, "Global Noncommunicable Diseases – Where Worlds Meet," is available at <http://www.nejm.org>.



*Dr. Teija Kulmala*

## New Secretary General Nominated

Dr. Teija Kulmala of Finland, a physician with broad experience in international research and development collaborations, has been nominated to serve as IANPHI's next secretary general. Dr. Kulmala is a specialist in gynecology and obstetrics with a focus on international reproductive health. Her nomination by IANPHI Vice President Pekka Puska will be considered by the IANPHI Executive Board during the [2010 Annual Meeting](#), October 31–November 2, 2010, in Atlanta, USA. [Read more](#) about Dr. Kulmala and the role of the secretary general.



For more information about Grand Challenges Exploration grants, visit the [Grand Challenges in Global Health website](#).

## Grand Challenges in Global Health Looking for Good Ideas

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has committed \$100 million to encourage scientists worldwide to expand the pipeline of ideas to fight our greatest health challenges. Launched in 2008, Grand Challenges Exploration grants have already been awarded to 340 researchers from 34 countries who showed innovation in global health research. Initial grants of \$100,000 are awarded two times a year. Successful projects may receive a follow-up grant of up to \$1 million.

The program is open to anyone from any discipline with good ideas—from student to tenured professor—and from any organization—colleges and universities, government laboratories, research institutions, non-profit organizations, and for-profit companies. The initiative uses an [agile, accelerated grant-making process](#) with a short two-page online application that does not require preliminary data. Winning grants will be awarded approximately four months after the submission deadline.

## EDCTP Seeks Senior African Scientists and Health Professionals for Advisory Committee

The mission of the European and Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP) is to accelerate the development of new clinical interventions against HIV/AIDS, malaria, and tuberculosis in sub-Saharan Africa. The Developing Countries Coordination Committee (DCCC), an independent advisory body of the EDCTP comprising prominent African scientists and health professionals, is seeking four new members to serve a two-year term starting January 1, 2011. The DCCC convenes at least twice a year, each meeting lasting one or two days. Applications are invited from senior scientific experts and health professionals from sub-Saharan Africa with experience in HIV/AIDS, malaria, or tuberculosis. Please visit the [EDCTP website](#) for more details.





## Conference Round Up

**4th Africa Nutritional Epidemiology Conference**  
October 4–8, 2010, Nairobi, Kenya

**IANPHI 2010 Annual Meeting hosted by the U.S. CDC**  
October 31–November 2, 2010, Atlanta, USA

**IANPHI Regional Meeting for Africa**  
November 3, 2010, Atlanta, USA

**The American Society for Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (ASTMH) 59th Annual Meeting**  
November 3–7, 2010, Atlanta, USA

**American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting**  
November 6–10, 2010, Denver, USA

**European NPHI Directors Meeting**  
November 28–29, 2010, Brussels, Belgium

**Environmental Health 2011—Resetting Our Priorities**  
February 6–9, 2011, Salvador, Brazil

**African Organization for Research and Training in Cancer (AORTIC) 8th Annual Conference**  
November 30–December 3, 2011, Cairo, Egypt

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