IAVI Launches Multi-site Trials of Three AIDS Vaccine Candidates

India: The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), the National AIDS Control Organization (NACO) and IAVI announced India’s second Phase I AIDS vaccine trial in February 2006. This trial began just over a year after IAVI and the National AIDS Research Institute (NARI) launched India’s first-ever AIDS vaccine trial. Learn more

Rwanda: Project San Francisco, the U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH), and IAVI launched the first-ever AIDS vaccine trial in Rwanda in November 2005. Learn more

Kenya: Following the initiation of the Rwanda site, the Kenya AIDS Vaccine Initiative (KAVI), the NIH, and IAVI began a clinical trial in Kenya in January 2006. Learn more

South Africa: IAVI and Targeted Genetics Corporation announced the start of a Phase II trial in South Africa in November 2005. This is the first Phase II AIDS vaccine trial to be held in South Africa. Learn more

Uganda: In addition to the South African component, the Uganda Virus Research Institute (UVRI), IAVI, and Targeted Genetics Corporation announced the start of a Phase II trial in Uganda in February 2006. Learn more

New IAVI Grants

- In December 2005, the New York Community Trust awarded its first research grant to IAVI, an unprecedented two-year $575,000 grant to support IAVI’s new vaccine development laboratory, which is the organization’s first in-house research facility. Learn more

- Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS awarded IAVI a $100,000 unrestricted grant in January 2006, which represents their single largest grant to an AIDS organization and to the AIDS vaccine effort.

- In May 2005, Google awarded IAVI a grant for free AdWords Advertising on Google.com. IAVI’s ads are displayed when users search Google for relevant keywords, and when people click on the ad, they are taken to IAVI’s homepage. Google’s contribution has significantly increased the number of visitors to IAVI’s site and has helped spread IAVI’s message of a world without AIDS to the public.

Renewals

- In recognition of the success of the public-private partnership model of product development, which the Rockefeller Foundation helped pioneer, the Rockefeller Foundation announced a special one-time grant of U.S. $200,000 to provide general support to IAVI in 2006. The award supplements the foundation’s current two-year grant of U.S. $500,000 for 2005-2006.

- In 2005, Continental Airlines, the exclusive U.S.-based airline of IAVI, renewed in-kind sponsorship support for a two-year period (2006-2007). The airline provides IAVI free coach domestic and international travel vouchers and significantly discounted fares for group travel.
In 2006, Pfizer will continue its support of IAVI through its Global Health Fellows Program, a Pfizer initiative that sends skilled Pfizer professionals to assist NGOs develop the health and social infrastructures required to combat disease in developing countries. IAVI was proud to initiate this partnership with Pfizer in 2005, with two Pfizer professionals serving six-month fellowships at IAVI sites in East and South Africa.

DHL, the world’s leading express delivery and logistics company, provided IAVI with a series of shipments containing HIV-vaccine education materials to various IAVI research sites in Africa in 2005. These materials were used to prepare site teams to perform many of the procedures required for a preventive HIV vaccine efficacy trial.

IAVI is also grateful to all of the generous individuals from around the world who give their support to IAVI, and who helped make 2005 a record year for individual giving.

IAVI Receives Charity Navigator’s Highest 4-Star Rating for 5th Consecutive Year

In January 2006, IAVI received its fifth consecutive 4-star rating from Charity Navigator for its sound fiscal management. Charity Navigator is America’s premier evaluator of charities, and its method of data-driven analysis has been celebrated by the New York Times, The Chronicle of Philanthropy, and NPR, among others. According to Charity Navigator, IAVI’s ‘exceptional’ rating differentiates IAVI from its peers and proves that it’s worthy of the public’s trust.

IAVI Featured in PBS Documentary

Ending AIDS: The Search for a Vaccine aired nationwide on PBS throughout December 2005. The documentary was inspired by Science journalist Jon Cohen’s Shots in the Dark and narrated by actor and AIDS activist Richard Gere. Ending AIDS traces the vaccine search from the time when HIV was first identified as the virus that causes AIDS to present-day efforts, and includes testimonials from top AIDS experts, such as IAVI President & CEO Seth Berkley.

Recent IAVI Policy Publications

- Estimating the Global Impact of an AIDS Vaccine (Brief / Full report)
- Putting It Together: HIV/AIDS and the Millennium Development Goals (Brief / Full report)
- Advance Market Commitments: Helping to Accelerate AIDS Vaccine Development (Brief)

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