



Invitation to become a VSV-EBOPLUS Affiliated Member

The VSV-EBOPLUS collaborative research project on “Systems analysis of adult and pediatric responses to the VSV-ZEBOV Ebola vaccine” is aimed to decipher the immune and molecular signatures of adult and pediatric responses elicited by the rVSVrG-ZEBOV-GP vaccine, based on the replication-competent recombinant vesicular stomatitis virus (VSV) expressing a Zaire ebolavirus (EBOV) glycoprotein, the only Ebola vaccine with demonstrated 100% protective efficacy in humans.

VSV-EBOPLUS will apply advanced cutting-edge technologies and systems vaccinology approaches to characterize the signatures of the responses to rVSVrG-ZEBOV-GP vaccination in clinical studies conducted in three different continents (Europe, Africa, US), in almost 1’000 adults, adolescents and children.

VSV-EBOPLUS is a public-private consortium of 11 partners from 8 different countries involving experts from academic and research institutions, clinical sites (Switzerland, Gabon, USA) and the rVSVrG-ZEBOV-GP vaccine manufacturer. The project, of the duration of 5 years, has a total budget of more than €15 million, and it is funded by the Innovative Medicines Initiative 2 (IMI 2) Joint Undertaking.

Although we do not have funds to support full membership, specific provision has been made to incorporate additional partners as Affiliated Members.

Definition of Affiliated Member

Affiliated Member will have unlimited access to VSV-EBOPLUS's dissemination activities (plenary sessions at annual meetings and conferences, workshops, public online resources, and newsletters), training programs, impact sharing activities, and opportunities for commissioned research undertaken by VSV-EBOPLUS members for the benefit of project-external partners, in particular SMEs. Affiliate membership would effectively link you and the work of your organization with existing VSV-EBOPLUS members. The VSV-EBOPLUS “affiliates” will not formally join the consortium, hence they will not become signatory to the IMI2 JU grant agreement. Consequently, they will not:

- receive funding allocated to Research Activities
- sign the Consortium Agreement
- be represented by their institutions in the VSV-EBOPLUS governance bodies
- have to make annual reports of any sort.

Method of application

In order to become an affiliated member we ask you to submit a short summary of your interests and activities (maximum 2 pages), including the following information:

- The name and address of your organization
- Description of your current work/area of interest
- A short description of added value for VSV-EBOPLUS
- A short CV of lead researchers

- Details of relevant grants (title, aims, duration and funding agency)

Proposals will be reviewed by the VSV-EBOPLUS Steering Committee and ratified based upon the alignment to the VSV-EBOPLUS objectives. On approval of your application we will ask you to sign the non-disclosure form. On receipt of the form you will be able to enjoy the benefits of becoming Affiliated Member of the VSV-EBOPLUS network.

Proposals should be sent to vsv-eboplus@sclavo.org