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Dear all,

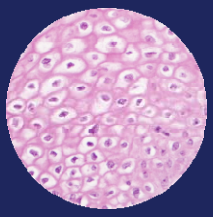
This is the first newsletter of the Vaccine Impact Modelling Consortium, for all Consortium members and affiliates. Read on to find out about:

- **Disease experts** - can you suggest some?
- How to apply for **travel funds**
- Montagu and **upcoming dates for modellers**
- Our new **website and Twitter**
- How you can help keep our **publications list** up-to-date
- Our recent **Scientific Advisory Board** meeting
- **New members**
- **Upcoming surveys**

We're aiming to send this newsletter quarterly, and hope you will find it useful. If you have any input for future editions, please let us know.

Wishing you great summer holidays,
VIMC secretariat

Can you suggest some disease experts?



We're now developing a set of model quality standards. This will be used as criteria for annual model evaluation and will serve as a baseline when setting model development targets for future years.

Based on feedback from modellers and the Scientific Advisory Board, these criteria will need to include disease-specific requirements, in order to ensure fair model evaluation. We'll be gathering input from clinical and epidemiological disease experts in the near future to inform these model standards.

Please send us your suggestions for experts for specific disease areas by completing this form.

We'll give you the opportunity to comment on the proposed model review process in early September.

Travel funds available for modellers

We have some travel funds available to facilitate cross-Consortium collaboration and enhance travel opportunities to relevant academic conferences and events.

To apply for these, please send an informal request and justification to vimc@imperial.ac.uk. Funds are limited and available on a first-come-first-served basis.

Montagu and upcoming dates for modellers

As set out in the scope of work (in your contract), all modellers will need to upload a 'test run' of estimates for five countries by 30 September (Pakistan, India, Nigeria, Ethiopia, and DRC).

Our technical team is now finalising the Consortium delivery platform, Montagu. We'll send you log-in details in late August, so you can download the standardized demographic and coverage data required as model inputs for the test runs.

The technical team will run two webinar-type 'help calls' in September to go through any questions about the format of the download data or interacting with Montagu.

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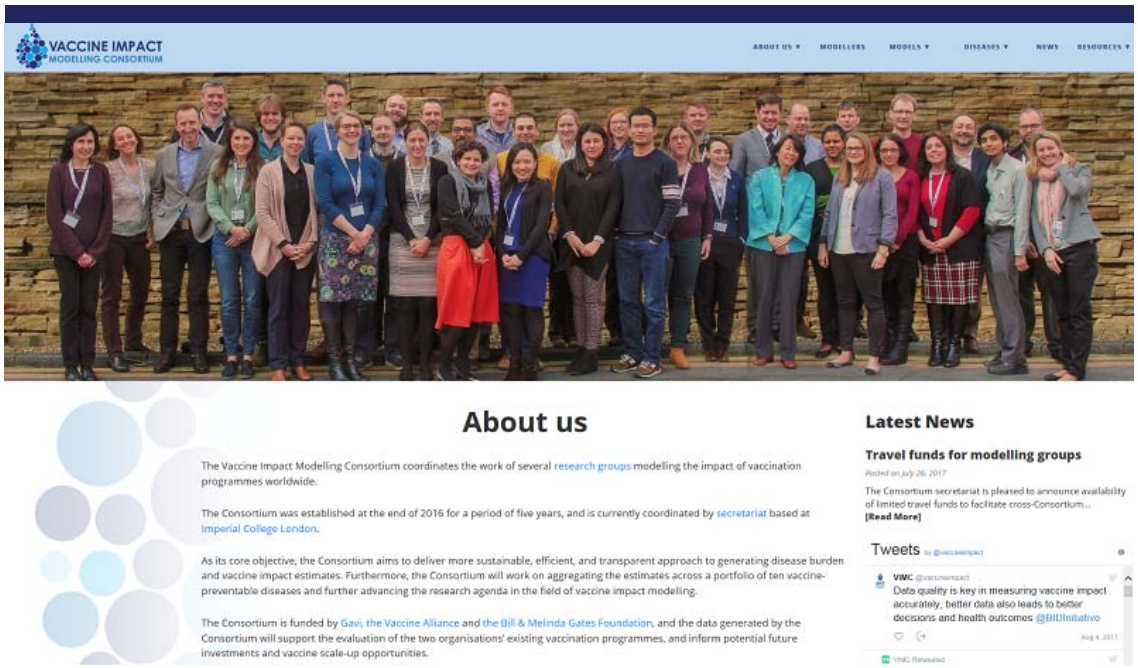
23 August - demographic data available for download from Montagu
6 September - 'Help call' with secretariat technical team
20 September - 'Help call' with secretariat technical team
30 September - 'Test run' of estimates for five countries due for upload to Montagu

Website & Twitter

The Consortium website and Twitter are now live.
Please follow us @vaccineimpact and visit www.vaccineimpact.org



Help keep our publications list up-to-date

We've compiled a **list of publications** relating to Consortium work. Is this up-to-date? If you have any recent publications to add to the list, please let us know.

We're finalising the Consortium publication guidance and will share that with you soon. In the meantime, please let us know if you have any upcoming publications.

Scientific Advisory Board meeting

The first Consortium Scientific Advisory Board meeting took place on 29 June 2017 at the Gavi offices in Geneva.

- **List of current Scientific Advisory Board members**

- **Download a summary report of the meeting**

Welcome to new VIMC members!

Tran Minh Quan
Oxford University Clinical Research Unit, Vietnam
Japanese encephalitis Research Assistant

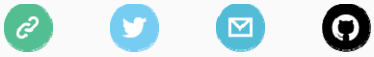
Margaret De Villiers
Imperial College London
Hepatitis B Research Associate

Alex Hill
Imperial College London
Senior Web Developer

Have you recruited any new modellers for Consortium work? Please send us their name and photo, so we can include them on our website.

Upcoming surveys on country relationships and data gaps

We want to learn more about Consortium members' experience of working directly with Gavi-supported countries, especially Pakistan, India, Nigeria and Ethiopia, as well as specific data gaps. We will be sending out a survey in the coming months, and would be grateful for your responses.



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