

e-ASIA 1st Scientific Advisory Council Meeting

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US NIH Ideas about e-ASIA Discussion Points

1. Redifining Fields of Cooperation

US NIH welcomes ideas on this subject. Our view is that the activities of e-ASIA should be driven by regional interest and opportunity. It makes sense to focus on fewer areas in the beginning, but we would not want to create barriers to potentially important research. We are interested in hearing the opinions of members. In discussions within US NIH, interest in e-ASIA has been expressed by scientists in our Infectious Disease Institute (NIAID), and in our Cancer Institute (NCI), the latter Institute being interested in cancers caused by infectious agents.





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2. Potential Partners for Collaboration

We do not have a view about individual countries that should participate, but would welcome all countries interested in e-ASIA and in the research subjects of our scientists.

While practically speaking it might not be desirable for a regional program to expand beyond the region, certainly the definition of the region for purposes of the program can be interpreted liberally to address important problems that cross boundaries.



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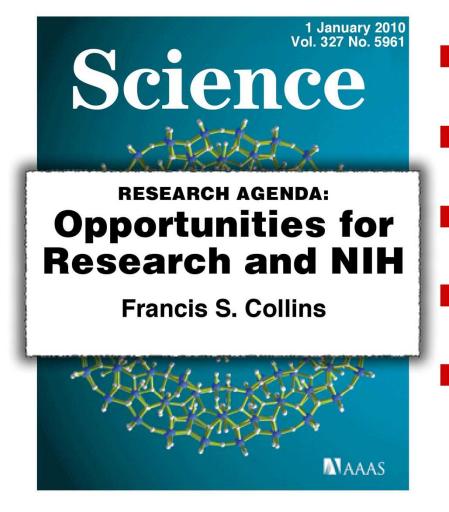


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NIH Research Priorities





- High-throughput technologies
 - Translational medicine
- Benefiting health care reform
- Focusing more on global health
- Reinvigorating and empowering the biomedical research community

Principles and Strategies for NIAID International Scientific Engagement



Principles:

- Highest scientific quality
- Highest ethical standards
- Shared interest and local relevance
- Mutual benefit in partnership

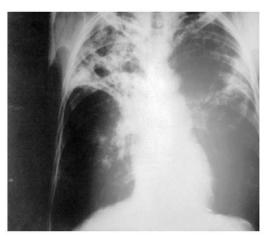
Strategies:

- Local leadership and community support
- Human and lab capacity investment
 - Sustained commitment
- Work with other funding organizations

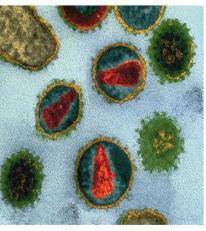


Key Areas of NIAID International Research









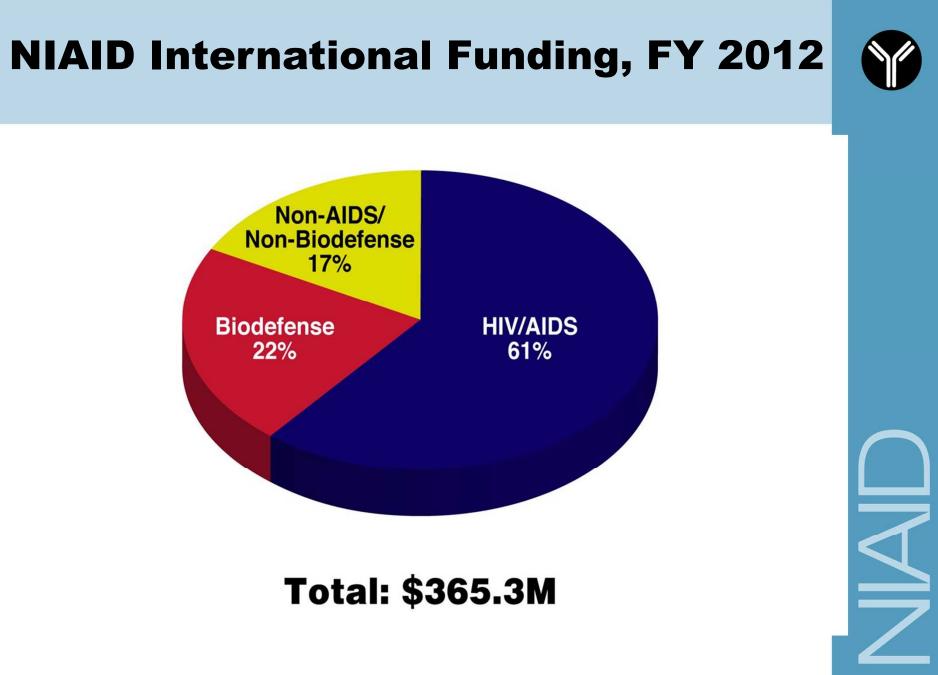
Tuberculosis "Neglected" Tropical Diseases HIV/AIDS



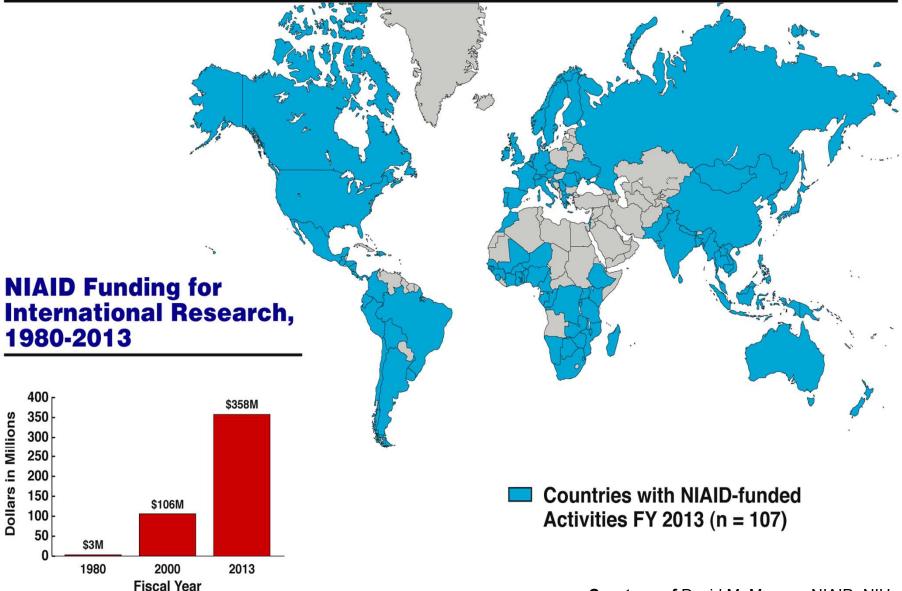
Malaria



Influenza



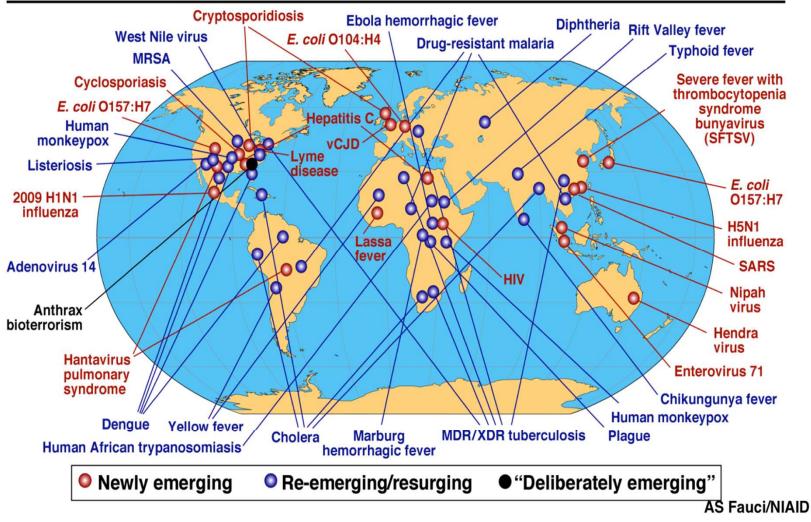
NIAID Global Health Research



Global Examples of Emerging and Re-Emerging Infectious Diseases



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NIAID 2011 Funding in East Asia and Pacific



	Australia Cambodia China Fiji Hong Kong Indonesia Japan Laos	\$11.7M \$933 K \$6.94 M \$47.5 K \$2.11 M \$8.18 M \$313 K \$668 K
	Malaysia Mongolia New Zealand Papua New Guinea Philippines	\$65.3 K \$683 K \$409 K \$972 K \$792 K
	Singapore Solomon Islands South Korea Taiwan Thailand	\$13.1 K \$181 K \$1.24 M \$1.39 M \$24.3 M
Total (East Asia-Pacific):	Vanuatu Vietnam	\$123 K \$4.74 M

Overview of NIH's Collaborative Activities with Asian countries

- Extramural funding
 - Domestic Awards with Foreign Subcomponent
 - Direct Foreign Awards
- Intramural collaborations
- Networks
- Joint programs
- Training and scientific exchange
- Conferences and workshops
- Resources available (e.g., reagents, assays, technical consultations)



Example of Joint Programs and Networks – Asia & Pacific



Centers of Excellence for Influenza Research and Surveillance

Various sites in Southeast Asia

International Centers of Excellence for Malaria Research

Southeast Asia Malaria Research Center: China, Myanmar, Thailand

Southeast Asia Infectious Disease Clinical Research Network

Indonesia, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam

U.S.-Japan Cooperative Medical Sciences Program

- Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) of Japan
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) of Japan
- Ministry of Health, Labour, and Welfare (MHLW) of Japan

U.S.-Japan Framework Initiative for a Safe and Secure Society

MEXT of Japan

U.S.-China Program for Biomedical Collaborative Research

National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC)