



The Global Alliance to Eliminate Lymphatic Filariasis

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E-Newsletter

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Executive Group Update

The Executive Group met in December and also continued with its regular teleconferences specifically moving forward their activities related to support for fundraising activities.

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Pilot Project on enhanced Lymphatic Filariasis (LF) surveillance in Sri Lanka

Dr. Gary Weil and his team from Washington University recently visited the Sri Lankan LF Elimination Programme at the request of Dr. Tilaka Liyanage, the Programme Director, to conduct a large scale enhanced surveillance programme with new methods.

More recently Dr. Premakumara and Dr. Samudrika from the national programme visited Dr. Weil's laboratory to learn how to perform DNA extractions from blood spots and mosquito pools, real-time PCR and ELISA.

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Funding awarded to GAELF

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

\$11.7m to address critical challenges of the GPELF –PI Dr Eric Ottesen at TFCS, Atlanta.

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Izumi Foundation

Support the purchase of DEC (Kenya & Madagascar), MDA and training (Kenya & Tanzania).

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GAELF 6 announcement

The 6th meeting of the Global Alliance will be held in Seoul, Korea 2010. The date has yet to be finalised but is likely to be late May or early June with the venue being located in Seoul or on Jeju Island