

**CALL FOR NOMINATION OF EXPERTS TO SERVE ON
THE WHO POLIO ERADICATION
ADVISORY PANEL
ON SABIN-IPV AND POLIO VLP VACCINE DEVELOPMENT**

1. BACKGROUND

The specific responsibilities of the Advisory panel (AP) are:

- 1.1. To advise the Director, WHO Polio Eradication on issues related to Sabin-IPV and Polio VLP vaccine development, especially those related to:
 - 1.1.1 Developing a candidate Sabin-IPV / Polio VLP vaccine as a safe and effective product for use in the field, including establishing a production technology platform for the candidate Sabin-IPV, compiling all quality control tests, developing Standard Operating Procedures and evaluating the safety and immunogenicity.
 - 1.1.2 In the case of sIPV vaccine, transferring technology relating to the manufacture of the candidate vaccine to vaccine manufacturers in low and middle-income countries including appropriate bio-safety conditions.
 - 1.1.3 In the case of Polio VLP vaccine, transferring technology relating to the manufacture of the candidate vaccine in a first step to at least one Master Technology Transfer Recipients (hub) in high or low and middle-income countries and subsequently to vaccine manufacturers in low and middle-income countries
 - 1.1.4 Designing, financing and conducting clinical studies, necessary to facilitate registration of the candidate Sabin-IPV and Polio VLP vaccine with any national regulatory authority
- 1.2 To advise on the project workplan and to identify new research opportunities.

2. EXPERTISE NEEDED IN THE AP

- Research and development in the field of viral and / or recombinant (especially VLP) vaccines
- Technology transfer for viral and / or recombinant vaccines including successful scale-up
- Regulatory expertise including successful track-record in bringing candidate viral and / or recombinant vaccines from an early research stage into GMP clinical and commercial manufacturing including licensing
- Manufacturing of viral and / or recombinant vaccines
- Experience in sIPV and VLP vaccine research, development and / or manufacturing is a plus

3. SELECTION AND ROTATION OF MEMBERSHIP

- 2.1 Members of the AP shall be appointed by the Director, WHO Polio Eradication.
- 2.2. Members are selected in their personal capacities for their scientific and technical knowledge and experience, as well as for their commitment and willingness to volunteer the necessary time and effort. To the degree possible, the WHO Polio Eradication department will endeavor to ensure that membership has a broad geographic representation and balance of gender from industrialized and developing countries.
- 2.3. Members are expected to attend AP meetings and make available their advice in the interim and may occasionally be asked to participate in other meetings as well as site-visits.
- 2.4 As a rule, members are appointed initially for one year, renewable for a maximum of two consecutive two-year terms. However, if a member misses two meetings, in the absence of enough justification (e.g. illness, inability to procure visa, cancellation of flights, etc.), his/her appointment will automatically end. The Director, Polio Eradication may decide to appoint a new member in replacement of that member.

Nominations of female candidates are particularly encouraged. Proposals for nominations should be sent until 24. October 2020 by email to eisenhawerm@who.int with a Curriculum Vitae, indication of relevant expertise, and a completed declaration of interest form. Only complete nominations received by indicated date will be considered.