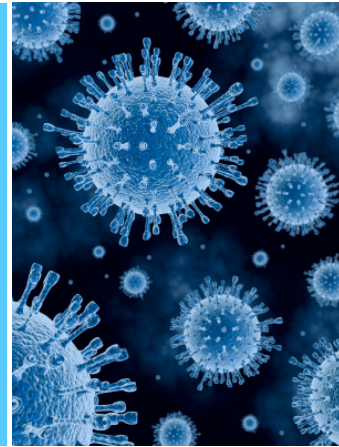


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The Ireland Vietnam Blood Borne Virus Initiative (IVVI) is a collaborative programme between University College Dublin (UCD) and the National Institute of Hygiene and Epidemiology (NIHE) in Hanoi. The programme, which began in 2007, aims to develop capacity in clinical and diagnostic virology and virus research in Vietnam through infrastructure development and specialised training programmes.

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WHO Accreditation

The IVVI Laboratory (Laboratory of Molecular Diagnostics) was formally accredited by WHO as a National Laboratory for HIV Anti-Retroviral Drug Resistance testing in August 2012. The Laboratory will shortly begin studies with WHO and the Vietnam Administration for AIDS Control (VAAC) of the Ministry of Health in Vietnam to evaluate HIV Drug Resistance in Northern Vietnam

Global Virus Network (GVN) formed in response to resurgence of deadly viruses.

Led by co-discoverer of the HIV virus, Dr Robert C Gallo, the **Global Virus Network** was co-founded by Professor William Hall at UCD and Professor Reinhard Kurth, Koch Institute, Germany. Many of the world's foremost medical virologists have joined the GVN in response to the potential threats arising from the emergence of new and novel viruses. The IVVI is an integral component and partner of UCD and was incorporated as a member of the GVN in the Bi-annual Meeting in Dublin in March 2012. [more...](#)

National Reference Laboratory (NRL) Accreditation - Australia

The IVVI was enrolled in the Treat Asia Quality Assurance Scheme (TAQAS) for HIV-1 genotypic Antiretroviral Drug Resistance Testing and accreditation by the NRL was achieved in March 2012.

ISO 15189 Accreditation

The Laboratory of Molecular Diagnostics was accredited to ISO15189 standard for serological assays in March 2011. Accreditation to ISO 15189 standard for molecular investigations was achieved in May 2012.

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