



Call for Applications for new members to serve on the GLI Core Group in 2016-2017

Closing date for applications: 11th March 2016

Background

The Global Laboratory Initiative (GLI) is a network of international partners dedicated to accelerating and expanding access to quality-assured laboratory services in response to the diagnostic challenges of TB. Organizationally, the GLI is one of seven main Working Groups of the Stop TB Partnership. The GLI secretariat is provided by the WHO Global TB Programme in Geneva.

Coordinated by the Core Group, the mission of the GLI is to serve as a collaborative platform for the development and uptake of practical guidance and tools for building and sustaining high-quality TB diagnostic networks, in the areas of:

- Implementation of WHO policy guidance on TB diagnostics and laboratory strengthening
- Health system solutions and innovations for ensuring rapid, accurate testing and linkage to appropriate patient management
- Continuous quality improvement (CQI) at all levels of the laboratory network
- Integration of laboratory diagnostic networks
- Human resource capacity development
- Advocacy and resource mobilization

GLI strategic priorities for 2016-2017

- Develop standardized template for national TB diagnostic network planning
- Update the GLI TB Microscopy Network Accreditation assessment tool to incorporate additional WHO-approved diagnostic tests
- Collaborate with WHO to develop and monitor laboratory strengthening indicators and targets to complement the End TB Strategy
- Adapt available GLI tools to facilitate rapid national implementation new TB diagnostic tools and methods
- Conduct landscape analysis of connectivity solutions and laboratory information management systems for TB diagnostics
- Endorse and disseminate web-based training to accompany the 2015 GLI Guide for Providing Technical Support to TB Laboratories
- Develop actionable guidance on quality indicators and corrective actions to optimize performance of TB laboratories
- Introduce practical guidance on laboratory design, layout, and ergonomics for TB culture and DST laboratories
- Provide TB laboratories with practical guidance on preparing for prevalence and drug resistance surveys
- Assess the uptake of existing GLI tools for informed modification and for further strategic promotion

What is the GLI Core Group?

The GLI Core Group consists of individuals with expertise in multiple disciplines from different constituencies, stakeholders, and institutions involved in global and country-level strengthening of laboratory systems. A balance in Core Group Membership is sought to encourage active participation of and representation from high TB burden countries, technical partners, scientific and academic institutions, funding agencies and civil society.

Current membership of the GLI Core Group is online at: <http://stoptb.org/wg/gli/team.asp>

The term of membership in the Core Group is two years, with the opportunity for renewal for a second consecutive term of two years.

The GLI Core Group Governance and Operating Procedures are available at:
<http://www.stoptb.org/wg/gli/assets/documents/GLI%20operating%20procedures%20Final.pdf>

What do GLI Core Group members do?

GLI Core Group members are expected to:

- Actively contribute to the collaborative development of selected GLI strategic priorities for 2016-2017
- Promote the uptake of GLI products for building and sustaining high-quality TB diagnostic networks
- Share relevant technical experience and needs from respective constituencies in the development of GLI strategic priorities
- Attend monthly teleconferences, and face-to-face meetings (typically 2 per year, depending on funding)
- Participate in all Core Group decision-making
- Participate in the periodic review and strategic planning of GLI activities, and annual refinement of strategic priorities

To apply for GLI Core Group membership:

Individuals may be nominated by their institution/organization or may choose to apply on their own behalf. Applications should contain a current CV with a cover letter expressing their interest in and suitability for GLI Core Group membership. In case of institutional representation, a letter of endorsement from the relevant authority of the institution should be attached along with the application.

The selection of Core Group members is based on consideration of expertise and experience, and membership will be balanced by gender, region, and constituency. Selection of members is tasked to a committee constituted of the Core Group Chair, 2 Core Group members and a member of the Secretariat. Their recommendations will be reached through consensus and confirmed by the full Core Group.

Interested individuals are invited to send their applications to: gli_secretariat@who.int, no later than 11 March

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