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- Started 2005
- International Health Conference
- Steps to forming a group
 - Become a UAEM “expert”
 - Form core group
 - Research your university





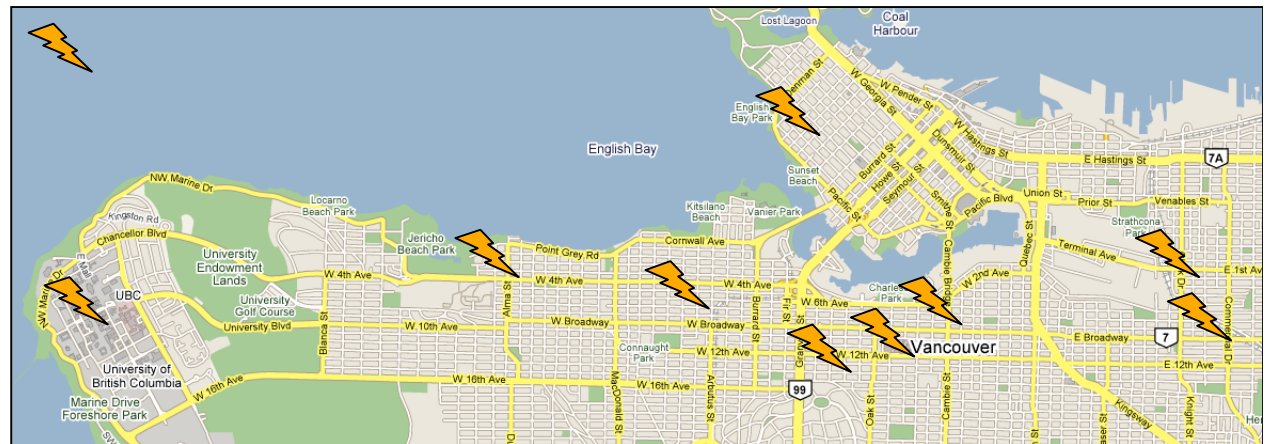
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Current group structure

- Official student group in 2007
- Undergraduates, graduates, medical students, law students
- 10 core members
- Email list of 50
- Weekly meetings
- Ensure continuity
 - Annual teach-in
 - Ongoing recruitment





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Internal activities

- Chair, project leaders
- Websites
 - Public: Wordpress (www.ubc-uaem.org)
 - Private: Google Groups
- Funding
 - Expenses: travel, conferences, teach-in
 - Sources: UBC-based funds, TTO (!)
- Activity tracker





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Advisory Board

- TTO Associate Director
- UBC Student Council President
- VP Research
- BMG Grand Challenges Researcher
- Professors of Law, International Health, Journalism, Microbiology
- Physicians
- MSF members
- Politicians





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Activities

- Education and awareness
- Access licensing
- Neglected Diseases
- Metrics





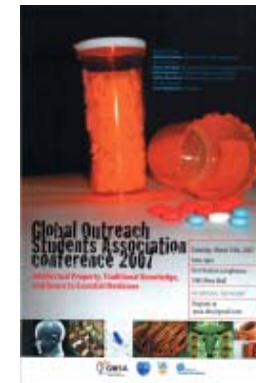
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Education and awareness

- Annual teach-in
- University classes
 - Pharmacology debate
 - International Health
- Faculty Association
- Conference presentations
 - GOSA, CIH, CFMS, Ottawa “Think Again”, World AIDS Day forum





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Access licensing

- Informational meetings with TTOs
- Presentation of UAEM goals, EAL
- Meeting with UBC President, VP Research, TTO Director
 1. UAEM proposal
 2. UILO proposal
 3. Follow-up



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Technologies with global access licensing

1. New formulation of amphotericin B
 - Developed countries: fungal infections in immunocompromised individuals
 - Developing world: leishmaniasis
2. *E. coli* vaccine technology
3. Peer-to-peer software technology
 - Potential application for sharing medical school curricula





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Federal funding initiative

- Convince federal funding agencies to fund neglected disease research
- Access licensing for all CIHR funded research



CIHR IRSC

Canadian Institutes of
Health Research
Institute of Genetics

Instituts de recherche
en santé du Canada
L'Institut de génétique

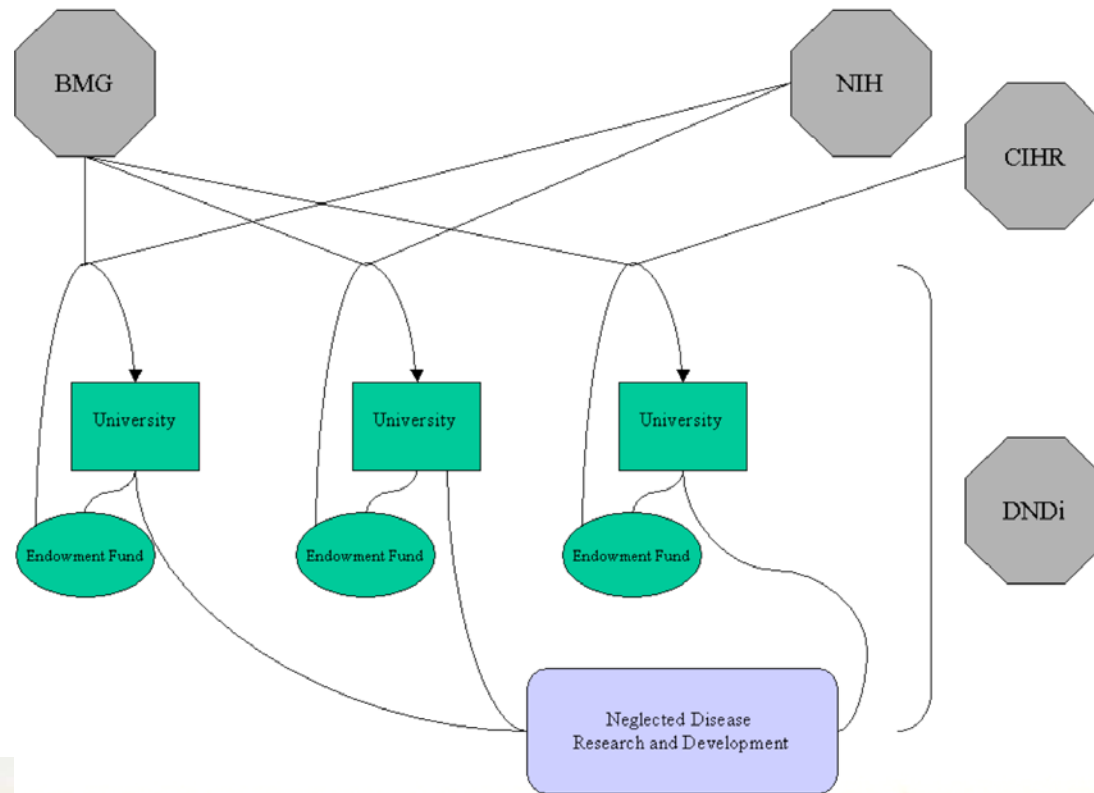




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University-Based Neglected Disease Research and Development Collaborative Funds-Generating Initiative (UB-ND-RD-CFGI)





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Metrics





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Media

The Vancouver Sun, July 2007: “Drug could be godsend for poor countries”

Metro News, July 2007: “UBC invites feedback on first-in-Canada license plan”

CMAJ, March 2007: “Students, scientists push for access to drugs in developing world”

Think Equity, Winter 2007: “UBC Students Work to Increase Third-World Access to Essential Medicines”

The Knoll, November 2006: “The Collapse of Public Medicine”

The Ubyyssey, August 2006: “AMS Supports Essential Medication”





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Academic articles (in progress)

- Neglected Disease Research in Canada: An explanation for the paucity and opportunities to make an impact
- Access to Medicine: How Universities are Making a Difference





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Final Thoughts

“It’s not our fault we have to work with such small minds.”

-Mike Gretes, UBC UAEM

“The world is such a small and beautiful place, and it’s ours”

-Emma Preston, UBC UAEM

