



Agence de Médecine Préventive

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International cooperation agency for preventive medicine

Background and mission

AMP is a non-profit organization created in 1972 by Fondation Mérieux and Institut Pasteur. AMP works to mobilize scientific, biological, technical, human, financial and industrial resources to address the health needs of developing countries.

AMP's mission is to promote preventive medicine and public health by :

- 1 implementing field research studies on infectious and communicable diseases primarily those that are vaccine preventable,
- 2 developing human resources for health system strengthening, including training programs,
- 3 providing expertise in public health and partnering with countries and international organizations,
- 4 organizing technical seminars or meetings of stakeholders in International Health.

Areas of interest

- Operational research integrating epidemiology, vaccinology, biology, socio-economic, and logistic expertises
- Technology transfer, primarily related to adapting laboratory technology for use in developing countries
- Evaluation of health programs
- Health policy
- Health promotion, advocacy
- Human resources for health management
- Education and training
- Building partnership and networks

Expertise

- Epidemiology, vaccinology, health economics, health logistics, biology
- Health policy, ethics, health promotion and advocacy
- Instructional system design, Human resources for health management, meeting design, networking
- Multimedia tool production for communication and training, scientific writing, institutional communication, management and piloting of programs and projects.

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Health-related activities

AMP carries out operational field studies of all levels of complexity including surveillance and response, outbreak investigations, immunogenicity trials, case-control studies, impact evaluations, and large-scale randomized clinical trials. AMP has transferred and evaluated laboratory technology appropriate for use in developing countries, primarily PCR use for diagnosis of invasive bacterial diseases. Through 2015, AMP will assist countries in establishing vaccine advisory committees. AMP provides partners with expertise in immunization policy and financing, human resources for health, education and training (including e-Learning). AMP disseminates findings and experiences with issuing scientific articles, operational guides, CD-Rom, and by organizing meetings.

AMP's primary geographical area of interest is West Africa but it has worked throughout the world including in Indonesia, Malaysia, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Vietnam, and Cambodia (in Asia); France, Slovakia, and Romania (in Europe); Argentina and Mexico (in Latin America); Northern Africa, the Middle East, and in numerous Sub-Saharan African countries outside of West Africa. Field-based activities are implemented from offices in France (Paris, Ferney-Voltaire, Lyon), Benin, Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, Senegal, and the United States.

Governance and staff

The Chairman of the Board is Dr Philippe Stoeckel, the Chairman of the Scientific Advisory Board is Prof. William Schaffner, the Executive Director of AMP is Dr Alfred da Silva, the Scientific Director is Dr Bradford Gessner, the Director of AMP programs in Africa is Dr Aristide Aplogan. AMP has 30 permanent staff members located in France, Africa and USA. AMP has a network of international consultants who are active in its projects and programs.

Budget

AMP is mainly funded by bi- and multilateral-cooperation, Foundations, and Industry.

Publications

To date, AMP has published over 130 scientific publications on a wide variety of themes in international public health and training in peer-reviewed journals such as Paediatric Infectious Disease Journal, Vaccines, The Lancet, Clinical Infectious Diseases, and Journal of Infectious Diseases. AMP also has participated in numerous WHO technical documents.