

# Resources

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## Acronyms and Abbreviations

*The access-to-medicines activist's guide to the alphabetical arena*

**ACCT:** Alliance for the Commercialization of Canadian Technology, the Canadian tech transfer organization

**AMS:** Alma Mater Society, UBC's student society

**ARV:** antiretroviral (AIDS drug)

**AUTM** or “autumn”: Association of University Technology Managers, the North American tech transfer organization (Canadian equivalent: ACCT)

**CC:** coordinating committee (i.e. of UAEM)

**CIDA:** Canadian International Development Agency, the Canadian government's international development funding agency (US equivalent: USAID)

**CIHR:** Canadian Institutes for Health Research, the Canadian government's health research funding agencies (US equivalent: NIH)

**CDRD:** Centre for Drug Research and Development, a new non-profit research centre in BC that will do transitional drug research

**CFMS:** Canadian Federation of Medical Students (US equivalent: AMSA)

**DNDi:** Drugs for Neglected Diseases Initiative, a non-profit started by MSF that develops drugs for neglected diseases

**Gates:** Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the leading private philanthropic funder of global health research

**GHRI:** Global Health Research Initiative, an initiative by a number of Canadian government agencies to do global health research

**IDRC:** International Development Research Council, the Canadian government's international development research agency

**IGWG:** Intergovernmental Working Group on Public Health, Innovation and Intellectual Property, a UN/WHO body looking at forming a strategy on IP advocacy as it relates to health

**IP:** intellectual property (as enshrined in law by trademarks, patents, and copyrights). Legally-protected monopoly rights, intended to provide an economic incentive for innovation.

**MSF:** Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders), an international humanitarian medical aid agency that does a lot of advocacy on access to medicines

**ND or NTD:** neglected disease or neglected tropical disease: a disease that, due to the poverty of its sufferers, is significantly under-treated compared to other diseases; these diseases tend to be under-researched for the same reason

**NIH:** National Institutes for Health, the US government's health research funding agencies (Canadian equivalent: CIHR)

**PCS:** Philadelphia Consensus Statement, UAEM's statement of principles, adopted at our 2006 conference in Philadelphia

**PLoS:** Public Library of Science, a publisher of open-access science journals who UAEM is pretty friendly with

**SRO:** Senior Research Officer (at UBC, our SRO is the Vice President Research)

**TDR:** Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases, a UNICEF-UNDP-World Bank-WHO scientific programme to coordinate and support ND research efforts

**TRIPS:** Trade-Related aspects of Intellectual Property rights, an international trade agreement that sets out minimum standards for IP protection laws in most countries

**TTO:** technology transfer office, the entity within organizations such as universities that manages their intellectual property rights, including licensing new technologies to industry

**UAEM or “U-aim”:** Universities Allied for Essential Medicines (that's us)

**UILO:** University-Industry Liaison Office, UBC's TTO

**UN:** United Nations

**WHO:** World Health Organization, the UN body in charge of health

**WTO:** World Trade Organization, the main international forum for enacting multilateral international trade agreements, including TRIPS

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TDR	GHRI	NIH	AMS	IP
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## Electronic resources

### *UBC chapter of UAEM*

- Public web site: [ubc-uaem.org](http://ubc-uaem.org)
- Internal web site: [sites.google.com/site/ubcuaeminternal](http://sites.google.com/site/ubcuaeminternal)
- Mailing list: [groups.google.com/group/ubc-cuaem](http://groups.google.com/group/ubc-cuaem)

### *UAEM Canada*

- Internal web site: [sites.google.com/site/uaemcanadainternal](http://sites.google.com/site/uaemcanadainternal)
- Mailing list: [groups.google.com/group/uaem-canada](http://groups.google.com/group/uaem-canada)

### *UAEM international*

- Public web site: [uaem.org](http://uaem.org)
- Mailing list: [lists.riseup.net/www/info/univ-list](http://lists.riseup.net/www/info/univ-list)

## Names you might hear

### *UBC Administration*

**Stephen** Toope, President  
**John** Hepburn, Vice President Research  
**Angus** Livingstone: Director, UILO  
**Barbara** Campbell, former Associate Director of  
 Technology Transfer, UILO

### *UAEM leadership*

**Ethan** Guillen, UAEM executive director  
**Rachel** Kiddel-Monroe, chair of the UAEM board of  
 directors

### *Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation*

**Andrew** Serazin, program manager, and our main contact