Dear all

I am the Director of ADVAC, the Advanced Course of Vaccinology.

We will organize again our Advanced Course of Vaccinology in May 2013 (ADVAC 2013). I would like to inform that through the ADITEC EC funded projects specific ADVAC fellowships (covering all fees) will be made available for scientists working in institutions that are partners of EC funded projects and particularly ICPC.

The course in intended for people involved in vaccine research, vaccine trials or vaccination strategies. It lasts for 2 weeks and participation (limited to 65 people) is depending on selection by an international committee. It is considered as the top course of vaccinology on a world-wide basis. (detailed information on web site <u>advac.org</u>). I also attach the 2012 program for indication. The 2013 program will be finalized in September 2012 but it will be very similar to the 2012 one.

This 14th Advanced Course of Vaccinology will take place in Veyrier-du-Lac, Annecy, France on 06 –17 May 2013.

The strictly enforced deadline for on-line applications will be 14 November 2012. This course will be jointly organized again by University of Geneva and Fondation Mérieux. It will be co-sponsored by the European Commission (project ADITEC), World Health Organization, National Institutes of Health and Fogarty International Center (USA), Centers for Disease Control, European Society of Pediatric Infectious Diseases, European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, , National Foundation for Infectious Diseases , National Vaccine Program Office. Fellowships will also be provided for developing country participants by a grant from the BM Gates Foundation.

I encourage you or members of your staff to apply for this training. Only one candidate per institution can be selected every year. Applications should be made on line before 14 November 2012 on the advac.org web site. Applications should be filled with considerable attention (particularly expressing your motivation) since there is a tough competition between candidates! Best regards

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