

January 2021- Year in Review and Looking Ahead



Note from Elizabeth (EJ) Ashbourne, PQMD Executive Director

While it seemed like it took an eternity, 2020 is finally behind us and we are looking towards 2021 with optimism and conviction. We are changed, but we are also stronger and better and in position to contribute to healing those close to us and our colleagues and beneficiaries around the globe. There is a lot to look forward to in

2021!

Included in this newsletter is a [link](#) to our 2020 Year in Review and Look Ahead, a summary which highlights all the amazing work PQMD accomplished in 2020. Additionally, we are thrilled to announce our new Executive Board, including the new executive team, including our Chair, Julie Jenson (Pfizer), our Director of Finance, Kim Keller (J&J), and Chris Skopec (Project Hope) who is our new Board Secretary. We are also excited to have a new member on the PQMD team - Victoria Hammond. Victoria is our new Community of Practice Manager who will be responsible for developing and expanding the knowledge and learning programs on the PQMD CoP platform. Keep an eye out for new webinars, new discussions and courses, new tools and new opportunities to collaborate.

As we move ahead with our plans this year, PQMD is well positioned to continue to build on our collective success and our new strategic plan provides us with a roadmap to do so. I look forward to all of us working together this year to truly make a difference in the global community by working towards our newly expanded vision of "A world in which there is universal access to health and well-being."





PQMD Welcomes Victoria Hammond as New Community of Practice Manager

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Victoria will be responsible for connecting and convening PQMD's diverse array of members to leverage our collective knowledge and networks to build better practices and efficient processes for impact in the medical donations space.

To read Victoria's bio, please visit PQMD's [website](#). You can contact Victoria at vhammond@pqmd.org.

PQMD Announces New Executive Board; Julie Jenson as the New Chair

Starting in January 2021, PQMD welcomed a new Executive Board chaired by Julie Jenson, Director International Product Donations, Global Health & Social Impact at Pfizer, Inc.

Julie Jenson has been with Pfizer for 20 years and is responsible for managing product supply and NGO



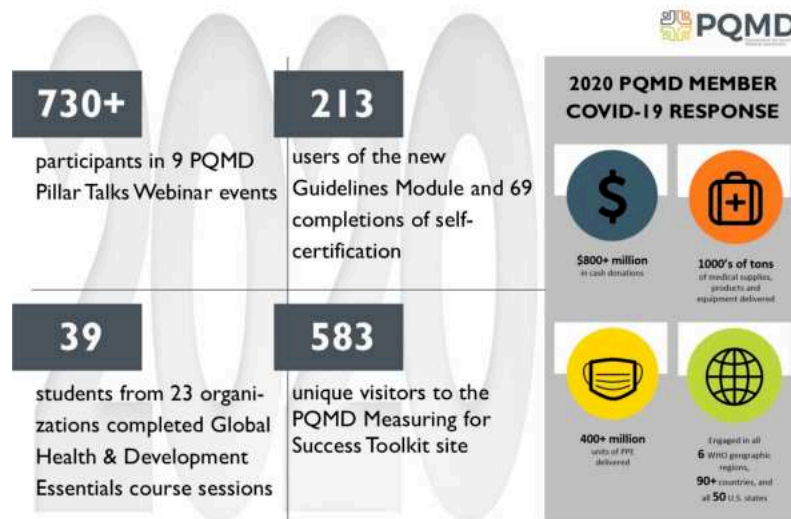
partnerships for Pfizer's social investments, primarily the International Trachoma Initiative and emergency relief donations. In addition to her work in Global Health, Julie has held several positions within Pfizer's manufacturing and commercial supply organization working at internal plants and with external suppliers. In January 2005, Julie was a Global Health Fellow in Banda Aceh, Indonesia, assisting UNICEF and WHO manage emergency drug donations.

PQMD is very excited to work closely with Julie to implement our new strategic plan. To see all the members of the new Executive Board, visit PQMD's [website](#).

PQMD 2020 Year in Review Accomplishments

PQMD staff has compiled a letter for members and partners outlining our accomplishments in 2020. The letter outlines what we were able to accomplish despite the challenges of COVID-19 in the following areas: Meetings & Events, Products & Programs, and Crisis Response & Looking Ahead.

To read the letter, click [here](#).



COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

We are in the process of refreshing the appearance of our online Community of Practice. We'd love to hear your thoughts on the new look! Please contact [Victoria](#) Hammond to share feedback as you notice the changes.

Community of Practice Demo: Learn how to Join!

Check out the video below to learn how to join PQMD's Community of Practice and enjoy its benefits, including access to discussions and information, Pillar Talk Webinar series, conferences and events. There is also an [opportunities section](#) where you can post and check out new positions and professional opportunities for the community.

[Community of Practice Demo Video](#)



Measuring for Success Webinar

February 11, 2021
11am-12pm ET

The PQMD Measuring for Success (MFS) Toolkit is an online resource dedicated to building Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) capacity in the spirit of advancing the quality, effectiveness and availability of product donations for health development.

Learn about these online, interactive tools and templates and our approach to addressing the recognized gap between the need for meaningful data around medical donations and the ability for organizations to capture and communicate that data effectively.

Register Now!



PQMD Cold Chain Workshop

February 23, 2021 &
March 2, 2020
11am-12 pm ET

PQMD is committed to ensuring the availability of high-quality medical products. Global health programs are becoming increasingly sophisticated and leading NGOs and corporations are "Warming Up to Cold Chain". As a part of increasing access-to-medicines globally, PQMD members are deepening their investment and expertise in safely managing the temperature of medical products from point of origin through distribution to end beneficiaries.

SAVE THE DATE for our two-session event on cold chain capacity in global health! Participants will discover unique considerations of working in cold chain (*session 1*) and work together with peer-participants to explore emergent issues that arise with improving cold chain capability (*session 2*).



PQMD Book Club (Members Only)

Last month, PQMD began a book club for members to meet and discuss interesting and engaging books on a number of different topics. Members who are interested in joining for the next book club discussion will meet on March 19th at 12pm ET. If you have questions or you are interested in learning more, please contact [Victoria Hammond](#).

Partner Spotlight: Disaster Ready's Year in Review

Disaster Ready, who partnered with PQMD to develop the Guidelines for Quality Medical Product Donations Module, sent a letter to partners sharing their accomplishments in 2020. Some of Disaster Ready's accomplishments include:

- Growing their community of active learners to 280,000 humanitarian and development professionals from over 195 countries.
- Disaster Ready's learners took more than 1 million courses.
- Disaster Ready added over 500 new learning resources in English, Arabic, French and Spanish to bring their library of free learning resources up to 1,500.
- Their team created over 40 original online learning resources including interactive online courses, learning playlists, innovative performance support tools, certificate programs, and certifications with partners from the humanitarian and development sector.

To read the letter, click [here](#).



MEMBER NEWS



International Health Partners (IHP) is Looking Ahead to 2021

IHP is looking ahead to 2021 and provides a summary on their website [here](#). Some of the highlights include:

Developing new programmes focusing on additional therapy areas including neglected tropical diseases and mental health; delivering the second stage of their unique donation platform; aligning with the Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS) to ensure they are adhering to, and driving best practice in our programmes; and onboarding new corporate and programme partners each targeting specific health needs.

If there are any PQMD members interested in a particular therapy area, and would like to discuss, please contact: l.amartey-williams@ihpuk.org



Direct Relief Releases One-Year Report on Use of Funds and Response Activity for Covid-19

In 2020, Direct Relief emerged as one of the largest charitable providers of personal protective gear (PPE) and critical care medications globally, having delivered more than 82 million units of PPE, 173 million defined daily doses of vital medicines, and 36 thousand pieces of diagnostic and intensive care equipment to thousands of local organizations across 100 countries, including the U.S.

The organization has also supported health care providers with more than \$50 million in direct financial assistance to sustain care and expand services that include mobile and pop-up testing sites, telehealth expansion, and greater cold chain capacity.

Read the full report [here](#).



Access to Medicine Foundation Releases 2021 Rankings; PQMD Members included in Top 10

On January 26th, the Access to Medicine Foundation released its 2021 Access to Medicine Index, which analyzes how 20 of the world's largest pharmaceutical companies are addressing access to medicine in 106 low- and middle-income countries for 82 diseases, conditions and pathogens.

PQMD is proud to share that our members have made 7 out of the top 10 companies on the list (GSK, J&J, Pfizer, Sanofi, Takeda, AstraZeneca, and Merck)! This highlights the work our members are doing to prioritize global health and access to medicine throughout the world.

To view the full list, visit this [website](#).



Eli Lilly Antibody Cuts Covid-19 Risk Up to 80% in Nursing Home Study

Eli Lilly & Co.'s antibody therapy reduced nursing home residents' risk of symptomatic Covid-19 by as much as 80% when used preventively in a recent study.

The infused treatment, cleared for use in high-risk Covid patients with mild-to-moderate disease who haven't been hospitalized, also significantly reduced the risk of symptomatic disease in nursing home workers.

To read the full article, click [here](#).



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE WEB

[How Systems Thinking Can Help Stop Neglected Tropical Diseases](#)

Yale Insights

[For the Global Development Community, 7 Predictions for 2021](#)

Devex

[New CARE Report: The 10 Most Under-Reported Humanitarian Crises of 2020](#)

CARE

[Merck Stops Developing Both of Its COVID-19 Vaccine Candidates](#)

NPR

[Study Says Pfizer Vaccine Immunity is So Strong, it Might Prevent COVID-19 Transmission](#)

BGR Media, LLC

[GSK Grants India's Bharat Biotech Licensing Rights to Malaria Vaccine](#)

Devex

[Pandemic Action Network Praises White House Actions to Bolster the COVID-19 Response and Prioritize Pandemic Preparedness](#)

Pandemic Action Network

[Pfizer to Supply up to 40 Million Doses of Covid Vaccine to Covax Global Immunization Program](#)

CNBC

[Neglected Tropical Diseases: WHO Formally Launches New Road Map for Next Decade](#)

WHO

Upcoming Events

[Systematizing the One Health Approach in Preparedness and Response Efforts for Infectious Disease Outbreaks- A Virtual Workshop](#)

February 23-25, 2021

[PQMD Measuring for Success Webinar](#)

February 11, 2021;
11am-12pm ET

[World NTD Day](#)

January 30, 2021

Save the Date!

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Next month's theme is Measuring for Success!

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