

# 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Vector Control Working Group

Preparation Booklet

*A forum where all the constituencies can come together to build consensus on the challenges, gaps and opportunities in vector control*

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Mövenpick Hotel, Geneva, Switzerland  
3 - 5 February 2020

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## General Information

# Welcome to VCWG-15!

**W**e are happy to welcome you to the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the RBM Vector Control Working Group! This booklet will provide general information regarding the meeting and the host city of Geneva, with a few suggestions to prepare your trip to Switzerland, and for getting to know the most important details about the VCWG-15.

See you soon in Geneva!

*Keziah Malm & Justin McBeath, Co-chairs*

*Konstantina Boutsika, Coordinator*

## About the RBM Partnership to End Malaria

The RBM Partnership to End Malaria is the largest global platform for coordinated action towards a world free from malaria. It is comprised of over 500 partners - from community health worker groups and researchers developing new tools, to malaria-affected and donor countries, businesses and international organisations.

**Vision** A world free from the burden of malaria.

**Mission** To support malaria-affected countries and galvanise global action across all sectors to end malaria for good.

## About VCWG

The Vector Control Working Group promotes basic research and development into new tools, and the translation of vector control priorities into operational research, combining the input of its constituent national and international academia/research and private sector development partners.

It provides a forum where all the constituencies, including the private sector, can come together to build consensus on the challenges, gaps and opportunities in vector control.

[VCWG Terms of Reference](#)

[Meeting Report of VCWG-14](#)

The VCWG has six work streams:

[IRS IRM Priorities](#)

Co-leaders: Mark Hoppé & Dereje Dengela

[LLIN Priorities](#)

Co-leaders: Hannah Koenker & Ikupa Akim

[Larval Source Management](#)

Co-leaders: Ulrike Fillinger & Silas Majambere

[New Tools, New Challenges in Vector Control](#)

Co-leaders: Allison Tatarsky & Sheila Ogoma

[IVM, Evidence and Capacity](#)

Co-leaders: Josiane Etang & Birkinsh Ameneshewa

[VBDs and Built Environment](#)

Co-leaders: Steve Lindsay & Lucy Tusting

## VCWG-15

For the 15<sup>th</sup> time, the Vector Control Working Group will reconvene to refine the priorities of the Working Group and to focus on developing the work plans for collective action to meet the challenges of vector control. The diversity of the VCWG provides a unique platform to build capacity, develop and deploy tools and strategies for a sustained and broad-based global response to vector-borne diseases. The meeting will be held at Mövenpick Hotel, located at Route de Pré-Bois 20, Meyrin/Geneva, Switzerland, from 3-5 February 2020.

The agenda for the plenary sessions and the individual work stream events will be announced before the meeting. Please consult the [event website](#) for updates.

**Meeting Languages** The meeting **will be held in English with French interpreters available for plenary sessions**. The real-time translations will be accessible through **Interprefy**. Please bring headphones that can be connected to your personal laptop or mobile device. For instructions on the translation, please have a look on the last page of this booklet.

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## Travel Requirements

Please ensure you have the necessary travel visa(s) to enter Switzerland. Your passport should be valid for at least 6 months from the date of entry into Switzerland. You'll need one blank page on your passport for entry stamps. If you are transiting through a European country on your way to Switzerland you will need to apply for a Schengen visa for the country through which you will be transiting.

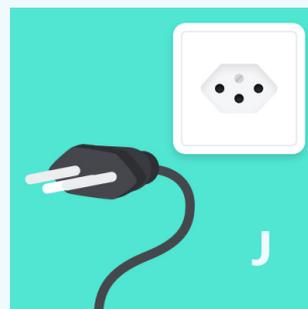
It is advised to make copies of your travel documents for international travels, including: passport, flight ticket & itinerary, hotel reservation, travel insurance, health insurance, visa arrangements, and invitation letter (if you received one from the secretariat).

## Time Zone

Geneva is in the Central European Time zone (CEST) (GMT+1).

## Plugs

For Switzerland there is one associated plug type. Plug type J has three round pins. Switzerland operates on a 230V supply voltage and 50Hz. It is advised to bring an electric adapter to charge devices.



# Mövenpick Hotel

## Mövenpick Hotel

All sessions of the VCWG-15 will be held at Mövenpick Hotel in Geneva.

**Accommodation** Please take advantage of the promotional room rate at the Mövenpick Hotel (same place as the meeting venue): **CHF 205.- per night** for a single room, including breakfast and wifi. The city tax fee is extra (CHF 4.75/night). If interested, please follow the link below. Note that the link will be deactivated latest by 6 January 2020 based on room availability. [Click here to book the promotional rate.](#)

Payment shall be made by each individual participant.

Check-in time is from 2.00 pm. Check-out time is 12.00 noon. For more information please visit the [hotel website.](#)



*Mövenpick Hotel, Geneva*

## How to get there

**By Shuttle Bus** A free shuttle bus runs every 20-30 minutes between the hotel and **Geneva International Airport, Main Hall**. The shuttle leaves from Gate 3 at Arrivals. The first shuttle leaves the hotel at 5.30 am and the last shuttle leaves the airport at 11.40 pm. Please consult the timetable on the next page.

**By Tram** Enjoy easy access to the city centre and shores of Lake Geneva by walking five minutes to the nearest tram stop and taking trams 14 and 18. A three-minute tram ride will bring you to Balexert Mall, Geneva's biggest shopping centre. If you are staying at Mövenpick hotel, you are offered the '**Geneva transport card**' that allows you to use public transport in Geneva free of charge during your entire stay.

**By Train** There are two main train stations in Geneva: the Cornavin train station and the Airport train station (closest to our hotel). If you arrive in Cornavin station, you can either use the train to the Airport station and then use our complimentary airport shuttle bus, or alternatively hop on Tram 14 Meyrin or Tram 18 CERN and stop at Blandonnet (150 metres from the hotel).

**By Car** If you are arriving by car and using GPS, please enter the following address: **Route de Pre-Bois 20, Meyrin/Geneva, Switzerland.**

Parking facilities are available for a fee of CHF 20 per night.

## Taxi Service

Taxis in Geneva can be ordered by phone (+41 22 331 41 33) or found at taxi ranks in town, airport and main station. Fares between airport and city range from about CHF 30-50 and depend on traffic conditions, time of day and number of passengers.

## WIFI at Mövenpick



Username : Movenpick Conf1

Password : Geneva2019

## Airport Shuttle Timetable

### *Hotel Mövenpick - Airport, Gate 3*

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### *Airport, Gate 3 - Hotel Mövenpick*

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# Geneva

**City Highlights** Switzerland's second-largest city has a lot to offer! Here are a few highlights:



## Geneva Water Fountain

The Jet d'Eau is a large fountain in Geneva, and is one of the [city's most famous landmarks](#). Situated at the point where Lake Geneva empties into the Rhône, it is visible throughout the city.



## Palais de Nations

The Palace of Nations is the home of the United Nations Office at Geneva. [Tours are available](#) in more than 15 languages and last for one hour.



## St. Pierre Cathedral

The cathedral is situated at the highest point of the Old Town, and its towers offer a breathtaking panorama. And its vaults house [the largest archaeological site](#) north of the Alps.

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## Dining

There are many restaurants at the Geneva city centre, which can be reached by taking Tram 14 and 18 from stop Blandonnet (150 metres from the hotel) to Cornavin train station. **Restaurants near Cornavin train station:** [Veranda](#) (Swiss), [La Matze](#) (Pizzeria & Swiss Specialities), [Kirin](#) (Sushi).

Alternatively, there are many dining options at the [Geneva airport](#), accessible with the free hotel shuttle. **Restaurants at the airport:** [Le Chalet](#) (Swiss), [Montreux Jazz Cafe](#) (International).

## Weather in Geneva

Average daily temperatures in Geneva in February can range between -1C (30F) and 5C (41F). The usual amount of precipitation in February is between 70 mm/2.76 in and 80 mm/3.15 in. This month usually has 9 days with rain and snow.

## Currency

The currency is the Swiss Franc, CHF. There are cash machines at the airport and in many locations in town. *Exchange rates: CHF 1 = € 0.91 = \$ 1.01 (October 2019).*

## Meeting App

For the first time the annual meeting of the VCWG is supported by an event app!

Get the agenda, work plans, and additional info on speakers, feedback and networking opportunities directly on your phone or tablet!



[Download Event App Here](#)

## Live French Translation

Don't miss out on the real-time French translation of plenary sessions! If you'd like to listen to the translation, follow these steps:

1. Bring your smartphone and headphones with you. Connect to WiFi.
2. Download free **Interprefy App** from your App store
3. Connect your headphones to your smartphone and open Interprefy app.
4. Enter: **RBMVCWG15**
5. Press connect and enjoy the simultaneous French translation of the event!



[Download Interprefy App Here](#)

**Access code: RBMVCWG15**

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