

## SSI Scientific Advisor Survey

Founded in 1998, the Sustainable Sciences Institute (SSI) is a non-profit organization dedicated to developing scientific research capacity in countries in the developing world with pressing public health needs. SSI helps biomedical scientists in resource-poor settings gain access to training, funding, information, equipment, and supplies so that they can better address infectious disease problems in their communities.

To achieve these goals, SSI has developed the following four program areas:

- On-site training program in appropriate applications of molecular technology
- Small grants program to fund public health research projects
- Material aid program to coordinate donations to researchers in developing nations
- Networking and consulting program to facilitate exchange of scientific expertise

Please take a few minutes to complete this survey, which will help us assess the interests and expertise of potential scientific advisors. The information will not be distributed outside of our organization. We look forward to partnering with you!

### **Personal Information**

Name:

E-mail Address:

Work Address:

Work Phone Number/Fax:

Home Address:

Home Phone Number/Fax:

Institution or Company Affiliation:

Position:

Degrees Held:

### **Interests/Expertise**

What are your areas of scientific expertise and/or interest? Please describe briefly.

Are you proficient in any languages other than English? Please list.

In that language, are you comfortable:

- Reading?
- Writing?
- Conversing with native speakers?
- Giving scientific talks?

- Translating material written in this language into English?
- Translating material written in English into this language?

Are you able to teach any of the following:

- Molecular biology (theory and laboratory)?
- Immunology?
- Epidemiology?
- Biostatistics?
- EpiInfo?
- Grant-writing?
- Manuscript-writing?
- Infectious diseases (please specify)?
- Other?

Would you be willing to provide technical expertise to researchers in developing countries via e-mail, telephone, or fax?

Would you be willing to review and critique grant proposals prepared by workshop participants and other researchers?

Would you be willing to assist us in recruiting grant reviewers for subjects out of your specialization?

Would you be interested in participating in future workshops as an instructor? Your responsibilities would include preparing and delivering lectures during an intensive one to two week course, serving as a work group instructor in the lab sessions, and fulfilling a long-term advisory role.

Have you previously engaged in scientific collaborations with researchers from developing countries? Please describe briefly.

As part of our material aid program, we facilitate donations of surplus scientific equipment and supplies from laboratories in developed countries to researchers in developing countries. We need volunteers to collect and ship used but functional laboratory equipment. Would you be willing to participate in this effort?

Do you have previous non-profit or other relevant experience? Please describe briefly.

<b>Funding Leads for SSI</b>
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Please list any funding leads (foundations, corporations or individual donors who might be interested in our scientific capacity-building work) with contact information for us to follow up on.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey! Please return it to us by e-mail, fax, or mail.

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