

# Corina Grigorescu Monagin

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## EDUCATION

London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine October 2008 - Present  
**Doctor of Public Health (DrPH)**  
Public Health and Policy

Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine December 2004  
**Masters in Public Health: International Health Systems Management**

The George Washington University, Washington D.C. May 2003  
**Bachelor of Science in Biological Anthropology**

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Global Viral Forecasting Initiative (GVFI)** September 2007- Present  
**Program Coordinator, Board of Directors**

- Responsible for the start up of a Non-Profit, Non-Governmental Organization
- Board Member, Administrative Director, and Founder
- Coordinates activist, which focus on a pandemic early warning system which monitors the spillover of novel infectious agents from animals into humans
- Coordinates activities of over 100 scientists and staff in nine countries

**UCLA School of Public Health** January 2007 – September 2008  
**Department of Epidemiology**

Global Program Manager

- Logistical coordinator for a multiple site, multi million dollar global emerging infectious disease network
- Manages all ethical and administrative reviews for sites in the network
- Oversees and directs numerous international shipments of specimens
- Involved in the care of a large repository of both animal and human samples
- Primary liaison for all country teams, country Ministries, UCLA, CDC, and all other collaborating institutions and laboratories
- Involved with Governmental contracting and grant funding for research projects around the globe
- Participates in the submission of grants for projects estimated over one million dollars
- Directs financial logistics for the project based at UCLA, School of Public Health
- Extensive travel in all site areas to ensure logistics are in place, available as a reference for site development
- Directs daily logistics for senior UCLA team
- Oversees and manages laboratory team
- Assists in the set up of clinical protocols in developing countries with governmental difficulties, and policy and infrastructure development

**The Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health** August 2006-December 2006

#### Technical Consultant

- Directed the logistical transfer of numerous projects from Johns Hopkins University to University of California, Los Angeles
- Logistical coordinating consultant for a global emerging infectious disease network in multiple countries around the globe
- In charge of ethical reviews for a multi-IRB and multi-site program
- Organized the logistics of numerous international shipments
- Oversaw repository management for both animal and human samples
- Extensive travel for site coordination
- Primary liaison for international network
- Daily logistics for Hopkins/UCLA team

#### **World Health Organization**

**Mano River Union – Lassa Fever Network, West Africa**

June 2006 – July 2006

#### Technical Advisor

- Involved in organization and preparation of international workshop: “Lassa Fever Control – Building Capacity through Laboratory Diagnosis and Safe Practices in the Mano River Union Region”, incorporating more than 30 individuals from various areas of Africa, Europe, and the United States
- In charge of set-up and monitoring of all logistics involved with the workshop, including finance, travel, lodging, and supplies needed
- Primary liaison for WHO Headquarters office in Geneva with local governments, NGO’s, and WHO country offices within the Mano River Union, as well as Tulane University, in the United States
- Monitored entry of laboratory equipment and supplies for the Network necessary for the workshop and efficiency/efficacy of the laboratory

#### **World Health Organization**

**Mano River Union – Lassa Fever Network, West Africa**

May 2005-May 2006

#### Project Coordinator

- Involved in the initiation of start-up operations for the Mano River Union - Lassa Fever Network
- Local adaptation of operations for West Africa setting
- Day-to-day monitoring of all procedures, with maintenance and status reports
- Worked collaboratively with local staff ensuring best-practices in laboratory setting
- Primary liaison with representatives of local governments, the World Health Organization, the United Nations, non-governmental organizations, as well as Tulane University
- Assisted collaborators in maintaining accurate financial records of all purchases, processing invoices and receipts, and sending them to the proper organizations
- Assisted in obtaining necessary import and export permits for biological specimens and other items
- Facilitated entry of shipped equipment and supplies through customs in West Africa
- Organized and participated in international clinical and laboratory workshops
- Assisted with the creation of standard laboratory and project procedure protocols

#### **Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine**

**Tulane Lassa Fever Research Field Station, N’Zérékoré, Guinea**

February 2005 –May

2006

#### Project Manager/Coordinator

- Directed and managed daily logistics for team of 9
- Performed daily budget and finance operations
- Supervised training of international staff in computer, management, and organizational skills
- Ensured local IRB, ethic committee approval for various research projects
- Assisted in the organization and set-up of subcontracts with local countries
- Assisted in the formation, organization, and planning of training workshops
- Assisted in preparation of grant applications for further financial support of research projects

**Tulane University**, New Orleans, LA, USA

2003-2004

Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Tropical Medicine

- Assisted in grant applications
  - Creation of Endnote citation database
  - Aided in article surveys and research
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## **SKILLS**

### **Experience Logistician**

- Planned and managed daily work/international travel schedule for multiple persons
- Coordinated travel/meeting/daily programs for international research team
- Assisted in organization of international clinical training programs
- Strong organizational and analytical skills aiding in troubleshooting all potential program problems

### **Background in Human Relations**

- Adept motivator in tense, stressful situations
- Awareness and sensitivity for international concerns with the utmost confidentiality
- Displays poise during all interactions; renders professional, quality service to all clients (NGO's, government representatives, donor agencies)
- Designed and presented training in finance procedures, budgeting, computer, and management skills in group and individual settings

### **Innovative Manager with Demonstrated Experience in Finance**

- Experience working with a multimillion dollar international project
- Anticipated necessary quantities for inventory control considering budgetary constraints
- Designed sales and operational goals increasing productivity
- Development of financial system and budget of \$50,000 for international research project
- Skilled at monitoring and reporting on project events, expenditures and initiating funding requests
- Participation in the development of budget and plan for a 3.9 million, three-year, NIH grant

### **Specialty Skills**

- Experience in the development and start of a Non-Governmental Organization
- Proficient French
- Extensive computer knowledge (Excel, Word, SPSS, graphics, spreadsheets)
- Grant writing
- Government contracts and grants
- Protocol writing and development
- Experience living in taxing, remote conditions with limited communication
- Knowledge and travel experience throughout the West African countries Guinea, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Cameroon
- Extensive travel and work experience in China and Southeast Asia

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## **PAPERS**

Khan SH, A Goba, M Chu, C Roth, T Healing, A Marx, J Fair, MC Guttieri, P Ferro, T Imes, **C Monagin**, R Garry, DG Bausch (2008) New Opportunities for Research in the Pathogenesis and Treatment of Lassa Fever. *Antiviral Therapy* 78:103-115