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Area of expertise: Infectious diseases, Capacity building, Mentorship

Short biography

Prof. Dr. Thirumalaisamy P. Velavan is a faculty and group leader at the Institute for Tropical Medicine at <u>University of Tübingen</u>, Germany and leads distinct projects on infectious diseases. Prof. Velavan has published >165 articles with a h-index of 32. Prof. Velavan serves in the editorial board of BMC Medical Genomics, Tropical Medicine and International health, Nature Scientific Reports and Pathogens. He also serves the review boards of international funding agencies in EU and worldwide. Prof. Velavan is the recipient of the 2021 Tropical Medicine Award of the German Society for Tropical Medicine and Global Health.

Prof. Velavan is a member of the EDCTP-funded Pan African Network for Rapid Research, Response, and Preparedness for Infectious Diseases Epidemics (<u>PANDORA-ID-NET</u>) consortium, which aims to bring together infectious disease experts from the global North and South with expertise in laboratory and clinical research. Prof. Velavan is also the project coordinator for Europe in the EDCTP-funded Central African Clinical Research Network (<u>CANTAM</u>), which aims to build individual, institutional, and infrastructural capacity to conduct GCP/GCLP-compliant clinical research.

Prof. Velavan has extensive experience in training, developing, and nurturing the younger generation of scientists through high-quality training and mentoring, particularly in low- and middle-income countries.