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## **WHOOSH INNOVATIONS NAMES DR. JANINE T. BRYAN AS DIRECTOR OF BIOLOGICAL STUDIES**

Seattle, Wash.—Washington State-based [Whooshh Innovations](#), the developer of the proprietary Whooshh Fish Transport™ system, today announced the appointment of Janine T. Bryan, Ph.D., as the company's new Director of Biological Studies. In this role, Dr. Bryan will lead the company's scientific research efforts, working with other biological research laboratories to expand the existing knowledge base regarding fish passage solutions.

With a strong research focus on molecular biology, virology, infectious diseases of the skin, and vaccinology, Dr. Bryan brings to the company a proven track record in developing science-based solutions that benefit human health, which will ultimately translate into an in-depth understanding of fish health as well, according to Whooshh Innovations' CEO Vince Bryan III.

"We are pleased and honored that Dr. Janine Bryan has chosen to add her expertise to the Whooshh team," said Bryan. "Not only is she exceptionally experienced in dealing with international and national agencies, but she has established a strong reputation as one of the leading research scientists in fields that are important to the work we do in fish passage," he said. He added, "We firmly believe that Dr. Bryan's efforts will contribute new insights into the scientific study of fish and ultimately help accelerate the pace of many of the studies now underway."

Among her many professional accomplishments, Dr. Bryan was the lead senior research scientist for the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine at Merck Research Laboratories in West Point, PA. There, she managed both basic research and clinical assay development and the execution of clinical trial testing that resulted in the initial licensure of the Gardasil® vaccine in 2006 and second-generation vaccine licensure for Gardasil-9® in 2014.

During her tenure at Merck Research Laboratories, Dr. Bryan addressed advisory committees and responded to inquiries by the US Food and Drug Administration, the European Medicines Agency, the World Health Organization, and many other government regulatory agencies. In addition to reviewing hundreds of grant proposals and manuscripts as a member of the Merck Investigator-Initiated Study Program and Merck manuscript review board, she was an *ad hoc* reviewer of nine peer-reviewed scientific journals. Dr. Bryan has published 85 peer-reviewed manuscripts and is an inventor on six issued patents. After leaving Merck Research Laboratories, Dr. Bryan was Principal Research Scientist at the University of Washington's School of Business.



Dr. Bryan received her Ph.D. from Indiana University School of Medicine in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology with a focus in molecular virology. She also completed two post-doctoral fellowships, including one at the National Institute of Arthritis, Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases of the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD; and the second at the Indiana University School of Medicine in Indianapolis.

She also holds a Master of Business Administration from the University of Phoenix in Arizona.

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