Antibiotic Crisis

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In 2000, a joint task force of FDA, the CDC, and the NIH was issued a warning, noting that infamous greedy drug companies have largely turned their backs on developing new antibiotics because there is no profit in it. What about the government funded programs using tax payers' money? Well, thirteen years later, a Lancet editorial reports a new warning from the CDC issued in September, 2013, which for the first time put a number on deaths stemming from antibiotic resistance at 23,000 annually and more than 2
million illnesses. Rarely has modern medicine faced such a grave threat, say the authors. The warnings continue, because too little has been done to counter a growing threat, by you know who! Neither NIH-CDC-FDA, nor the industry. So, what about patient rights and civil liberties? Apparently, when someone spends billions of dollars and decades of research to find a cure, they are there to assert in the Robin Hood Style to steal it from the rich and greedy inventors and their investors, i.e., the patients who have any retirement plans or accounts with a stake in the drug industry.


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TQP has sued hundreds of companies for infringement of their patent for Web encryption scheme of combining SSL with the RC4 cipher. Almost 140 companies have paid TQP a total of more than $45 million. But online retailer Newegg, which has sworn not to settle with "patent trolls" like TQP, took the case of RC4, combined with Lotus Notes, an early e-mail and social networking product, and a 1982 textbook called Cryptography and Data Security by Dorothy Denning, to a jury and lost.
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Since 14th April 2008, IP Australia and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) have participated in a Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) pilot for accelerated examination. However, from 6th January 2014, IP Australia will join the Global Patent Prosecution Highway (GPPH) pilot that will effectively replace the existing PPH pilot. The GPPH pilot will provide a common framework for multiple jurisdictions whereby an applicant can request accelerated examination of its application in any of the participating offices on the basis that corresponding claims are allowed in another participating office.
Currently, the following twelve foreign offices are participating in the GPPH pilot:

- Canadian Intellectual Property Office (CIPO) - Canada;
- Danish Patent and Trademark Office (DKPTO) - Denmark;
- National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland (NBPR) - Finland;
- Japan Patent Office (JPO) - Japan;
- Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO) - Korea;
- Nordic Patent Institute (NPI) - Nordic (Denmark, Iceland and Norway);
- Norwegian Industrial Property Office (NIPO) - Norway;
- Portuguese Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) - Portugal;
- Russian Federal Service of Intellectual Property (ROSPATENT) - Russia;
- Spanish Patent and Trademark Office (SPTO) - Spain;
- United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (IPO) - UK; and
- United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) - USA.
To be eligible to request accelerated examination under the GPPH pilot in any of the participating offices, at least the following criteria must be met:

• Applications before the Office of Earlier Examination (OEE) and the Office of Later Examination (OLE) have the same earliest date (i.e., priority or filing date);
• At least one claim is found and explicitly stated to be allowable by the OEE;
• All claims presented for examination under the GPPH pilot must sufficiently correspond to one or more of the claims found allowable by the OEE;
• The OLE has not begun substantive examination; and
• A request for examination must have been filed at the OLE, either at the time of the GPPH request or previously.

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Om! Asatoma Sadgamaya, Tamasoma Jyotirgamaya, Mrityorma Amritamgamaya, Om Shantih, Shantih, Shantih!
(Aum! Lead the world from wrong path to the right path, from ignorance to knowledge, from mortality to immortality, and peace!)