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ASISTA Welcomes New Board Member Ulrike Buchwald

ASISTA Immigration Assistance is pleased to announce the addition of Dr. Ulrike Buchwald to its Board of Directors.

Barbara Camacho, President of the Board, states, “We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Ulrike Buchwald. ASISTA’s Board is a diverse group of individuals, united by our common goal of creating a world of safety and justice for immigrant survivors of violence. With her experience and commitment, Ulrike is a great complement to this group, and we are looking forward to working side-by-side with her to advance ASISTA’s mission.”

Kirsten Rambo, Executive Director, agrees: “Dr. Buchwald brings an extremely impressive personal and professional background to this leadership role. We are glad that ASISTA’s Board will have the benefit of her global expertise and her passion for justice as we advocate for immigrant survivors.”

Ulrike K Buchwald MD, Dr. med, MSPH, DTM&H, FIDSA is Scientific Associate Vice



President, Global Clinical Development and Section Head in Vaccines Clinical Research at Merck Research Laboratories. In this role, she applies her extensive experience in public health and basic science research to the development of next generation vaccines.

Ulrike received her MD and Dr. med degree from the Charité University in Berlin, Germany, and trained in Tropical Medicine and Public Health at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK. She completed her Internal Medicine residency and Infectious Diseases fellowship at New York University and pursued postdoctoral training at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York and at the Medical Research

Council in The Gambia. Prior to joining Merck, she was faculty at the University of Maryland, focusing on HIV, TB and HPV related care and research, including in Haiti. Much of her career has been in the service of people and communities afflicted by infectious diseases related to poverty, socioeconomic disparities and social stigma. She continues to see

patients at Johns Hopkins Medicine.

Established in 2008, ASISTA is a national leader in the movement for safety and justice for immigrant survivors of gender-based violence. ASISTA's founders helped write the immigration provisions of the federal Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and Victims of Trafficking and Violence Prevention Act (TVPA), affording legal status to hundreds of thousands of survivors and their children since 1994. With over 2,500 members nationwide, ASISTA's work is focused on 1) providing expert case consultation, training, and resources to attorneys and advocates navigating the complex immigration system on behalf of survivors of gender-based violence, including intervening in specific cases as needed; 2) pushing for federal, state and local policies that ensure safety and justice for immigrant survivors; and 3) coordinating lawsuits to prevent the government from unfairly deporting survivors of violence. To learn more about ASISTA's work, [click here](#). Follow us on [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), [X](#), & [Instagram](#).

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