

Welcome to the AI4PEP bi-weekly News Brief.

This week we bring you some exciting updates from Team MENA: **Brazil, Dominican Republic, and Peru.**

## Dominican Republic

- Congratulations to Dr. Manuel Colomé who was recently recognized by the Fundación Corripio as the holder of **The Corripio Foundation Award in Natural and Health Sciences, "Epidemiology"** category. We are proud of his continued display of leadership and service in the field. We wish him well as he continues to work towards the advancement of healthcare in the Dominican Republic.
- Read more about the awards: <https://elnuevodiario.com.do/dan-a-conocer-ganadores-de-premios-fundacion-corripio-2023/>



## Indonesia

- The team reported that they had attended the second phase ASEAN Mitigation of Biological Threat Coordination Meeting as Implementing Agency for ABVC Indonesia (partners).
- They had also reportedly been invited to attend the Asia ehealth Information Network (AEHIN) General Meeting.

## Brazil

- The team attended the Brazilian-Swedish Workshop on AI/ML in Life Science and Engineering, Nov 6-7, 2023, at USP.
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- A student – Team Member, Denis Tavares da Silva had attended a Science Summit in Germany, where he also had an opportunity to visit the laboratory of their partner Dr. Ulisses Nunes da Rocha in Leipzig, Germany.
- The team reported that they had recently written a paper **“Democratising Artificial Intelligence for Pandemic Preparedness.”** The team had since received some comments from the Journal, and they were working on integrating.
- and Global Governance in Latin American and Caribbean Countries
- A local news outlet reported news about a Student Team Member, Bruno Rafael Florentino who won a local competition in respect of his research on Bio-Prediction. The publication reports that Bruno is scheduled to travel to Dubai for the COP28 Conference.



