In March, the Innovation + Design Enabling Access (IDEA) Initiative, the secretariat of ARC, published a COVID-19 resource guide highlighting various key resources amidst the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. ARC members Consumer Reports and ReAct also presented to the Interfaith Center for Corporate Responsibility (ICCR) on AMR.

In April, Doctors for America held a webinar on access to COVID-19 technologies. South Centre published a new update on COVID-19 vaccine access issues. The IDEA Initiative also highlighted several key collateral health effects of COVID-19 in April.

In August, the previous organizers of Innovate4AMR, including ReAct, the International Federation of Medical Students’ Associations (IFMSA) and the IDEA Initiative, launched Innovate4Health, a global design sprint to address health inequities from emerging infectious diseases. ReAct, Africa and Africa CDC also organized civil society to address AMR in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In November, several ARC members and partners organized multi-sectoral events for World Antimicrobial Awareness Week (WAAW), including ReAct and the Centre for Science and the Environment. The ReAct Strategic Policy Program also announced its new cohort of student changemakers from Innovate4Health, and the World Health Students’ Alliance organized the first Global AMR Youth Summit with the help of ReAct and IFMSA.

In December, the IDEA Initiative published a cross-sectional analysis in The BMJ finding that nearly a quarter of the world’s population may not have access to a COVID-19 vaccine until 2022. Since its publication, this analysis has been ranked in the top 1% of all research articles ever monitored by Altmetric. Also in December, ARC members, including U.S. PIRG and the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), commented on the U.S. FDA’s new antibiotic sales data for AMR. With members working across human, veterinary, and environmental health around the globe, ARC takes a One Health approach to AMR. Even amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, ARC members made significant progress in advancing efforts to tackle antimicrobial resistance in 2020. Here is just a sampling of some of the highlights, drawn from the pages of the monthly ARC newsletter—