

## Medicines for Neglected Diseases Workshop:

Developing Scientific, Organizational and Funding Opportunities for Neglected Diseases  
Health Technology Development in Academic Partnerships

Boston University – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2010

The great majority of humanity has yet to benefit from [revolutionary advances](#) in medical treatment, diagnosis, and prevention. Research & Development for disease areas that mainly afflict the poor lags far behind R&D for diseases that burden the wealthy. This is changing; new funding is available for major R&D efforts into widespread Neglected Diseases. Yet new diagnostics, therapeutics and prevention technologies for the world's poor are urgently needed.

This [Workshop](#) is convened with both optimism and urgency: to showcase the array of resources (funding, organizational, scientific) available and to develop new resources for the ND research community to ratchet up the pace and scope of discovery. [All sectors](#) will participate: academic scientists; clinicians and other front-line health workers; funders and funding experts; biopharmaceutical companies; not-for-profit product development partnerships; the next generation of leading researchers, developers, and advocates.

We will focus on [defined problems](#) and refine key resources for the biomedical research community committed to developing new health technologies – technologies that can help to break the cycle of poverty for the billions living, for now, at the margins of global society. We hope you will [join us](#) - in Boston, or anywhere by interactive webcast. [Register here](#).

**Keynote Address:** [Thomas Pogge](#), *President & Director, Incentives for Global Health; Leitner Professor of Philosophy & International Affairs at Yale University; Professorial Fellow, ANU Centre for Applied Philosophy & Public Ethics.*

**Opening Remarks:** [Ashley Stevens](#), *President, Association for University Technology Managers.*

**Special Workshop Session:** [Barry Bunin](#), *Chief Executive Officer, Collaborative Drug Discovery.*

### Panel 1: Priorities & Pathways to Affordable Drugs, Diagnostics & Vaccines

**Els Torrele** – *Project Director, Access to Medicines Initiative, Open Society Institute; past Senior Project Manager, Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative; past Coordinator, Drugs for Neglected Diseases Working Group at Médecins Sans Frontières/ Doctors without Borders.*

**Jerrold Ellner** – *Professor & Chief, Division of Infectious Diseases, Boston University School of Medicine, Boston Medical Center; Principal Investigator, NIH Clinical Diagnostics Research Consortium for TB.*

**James Love** – *Director, Knowledge Ecology International.*

**Dennis Liotta** – *Professor of Chemistry, Emory University; Director, Emory Institute for Drug Discovery.*

### Panel 2: Collaborations with Industry & Product Development Partnerships

**David Cook** – *Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer, International AIDS Vaccine Initiative; past Chief Executive Officer, Anza Therapeutics.*

**Una Ryan** – *President & Chief Executive Officer, Diagnostics for All.*

**Denice Spero** – *Co-director, Institute of Immunology & Informatics, Providence, RI; Research Professor, University of Rhode Island; Co-founder, Developing World Cures; past Vice President Drug Discovery, Boehringer-Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals.*

**Jean-Pierre Paccaud** – *Business Development Director, Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative (DNDi).*

**Melinda Moree** – *Chief Executive Officer, BIO Ventures for Global Health; past Chief Executive Officer, PATH Malaria Vaccine Initiative.*

### Panel 3: Funding Sources, Trends & Policy Proposals

**William Rodriguez** – *Founder, Daktari Diagnostics; past Chief Medical Officer, Clinton Foundation.*

**Javier Guzman** – *Director of Research, Policy Cures; Co-Author, G-FINDER Neglected Diseases Funding Report Series.*

**John Rogers** – *Preclinical Parasite Drug Development Program Officer, Parasitology & International Programs Branch, National Institute of Allergy & Infectious Diseases, NIH.*

**Neil McDonnell** – *Deputy Director of Strategy, Global Health Program, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.*

**Kevin Outterson** – *Associate Professor of Law, Boston University; Editor-in-Chief, Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics.*