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Medicines for Neglected Diseases Workshop:

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

10 - 11 September, 2010 – Boston University

Friday 10 Sept. 2010 – Boston University School of Law (Alumni Auditorium)

7:00pm – Opening 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.*

Novel reward systems are needed to develop valuable, life-enhancing biomedical technologies and to ensure that people in poor countries, and the government programmes that often pay for treatment, can afford them. The Health Impact Fund will be discussed as an enduring, systematic reform to give pharmaceutical innovators stable financial incentives to develop new medicines for the world's poor and to sell them worldwide at no more than the lowest feasible cost of production and distribution.

8:00pm – Evening Social & Poster Presentations: Refreshments and snacks provided. Please **RSVP** and, if you wish, **submit an abstract**.

Saturday 11 Sept. 2010 – Boston University School of Law (Alumni Auditorium)

7:00am – Registration, Coffee & Breakfast

8:00am – Welcome: Jonathon Simon, *Professor & Chair of the Department of International Health; Director, Center for Global Health & Development, Boston University School of Public Health.*

8:15 – Opening Remarks: Ashley Stevens, *President, Association for University Technology Managers; Special Assistant to the VP of Research & past Executive Director, Technology Transfer, Boston University.*

8:30 – Priorities & Pathways to Affordable Drugs, Diagnostics & Vaccines

Moderator: **Els Torrele**, *Project Director, Access to Medicines Initiative, Open Society Institute.*

Priority medical needs in developing countries will frame the discussion on developing new medical technologies that are affordable, field-adapted, and relevant. Topics include new approaches and collaborations for ND research, including the participation of the Emory Institute for Drug Discovery (EIDD) in the Pool for Open Innovation against Neglected Tropical Diseases and the Tres Cantos Open Lab; building research capacity in disease-endemic countries via the Emory–South Africa Drug Discovery Training Program; clinical TB diagnostics development and the challenges of HIV-TB coinfection; the research resources, networks and projects of the World Health Organization (WHO) Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (TDR); novel combination therapies made possible by patent pooling initiatives.

- **Dennis Liotta**, *Professor of Chemistry, Emory University; Director, EIDD.*
- **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.*

9:45 – Coffee, Breakout Sessions & Discussion of Workshop Questions

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10:30 – Collaborations with Industry & Product-Development Partnerships

Moderator: **David Cook**, *Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer, International AIDS Vaccine Initiative*

Panelists will discuss the challenges facing a ND biotech startup company compared with those of working within an academic environment; more productive collaborations among Universities and Product-Development Partnerships (PDPs); forging effective partnerships between biopharmaceutical companies and academic labs interested in developing ND tools.

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

11:45 – Coffee, Breakout Sessions & Discussion of Workshop Questions

12:30 – Lunch & Special Workshop Sessions

Session A: Barry Bunin, *Chief Executive Officer, Collaborative Drug Discovery.*

Web-based technologies built to accelerate for-profit and not-for-profit drug discovery will be demonstrated. Archival, mining, and collaboration tools are available for pre-clinical chemical and biological drug discovery, including small molecule, enzyme, cell and animal bioactivity data from both low-throughput and high-throughput screens. CDD Public hosts valuable data for parasitic and other neglected diseases donated by academic and industry donors and is freely available to the research community.

2:30 – Funding: Sources, Trends & Policy Proposals

Moderator: **William Rodriguez**, *Founder, Dakari Diagnostics; past Chief Medical Officer, Clinton Foundation.*

Panelists will discuss the present state of worldwide, all-sector funding available for innovative and product-driven ND research, as well as projected trends and policy recommendations (based in part on the results of the G-FINDER ND funding studies); opportunities for US federal support for ND research; current and projected ND funding by the philanthropic sector; alternative approaches to funding R&D in the face of market failure.

- **Javier Guzman**, *Director of Research, Policy Cures; Co-Author, G-FINDER Report Series*
- **John Rogers**, *Preclinical Parasite Drug Development Program Officer, Parasitology & International Programs Branch, National Institute of Allergy & Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health.*
- **Neil McDonnell**, *Deputy Director of Strategy, Global Health Program, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.*
- **Kevin Outtersen**, *Associate Professor of Law, Boston University; Editor-in-Chief, Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics.*

4:00 – Coffee, Breakout Sessions & Discussion of Workshop Questions

4:40 – **Trainee Perspectives: Sara Crager | Sandeep Kishore, MD/PhD Candidates,**
Yale University School of Medicine | Weill-Cornell Medical College

5:00 – **Reception: Wine, Cheese, Informal Discussion & Networking**



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