



The disease elimination agenda: the role of science, policy and advocacy

Friday 25 September 2015
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- 08:45 **Morning refreshments and registration**
- 09:20 **Welcome**
- 09:35 **Eradication, elimination and control: public health and policy implications – semantics or reality?**
Professor David Molyneux, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine
- 10:00 **Polio eradication: challenges in approaching zero cases**
Dr Guillaume Chabot-Couture, Institute for Disease Modeling
- 10:20 **Closing the gap on blinding trachoma**
Ms Virginia Sarah, International Coalition for Trachoma Control
- 10:40 **The lymphatic filariasis elimination program: a lesson in public health for chronic debilitating diseases**
Professor Charles Mackenzie, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine
- 11:00 **Break**
- 11:30 **Malaria eradication in the past, present, and future**
Professor David Smith, Sanaria Institute for Global Health and Tropical Medicine
- 11:50 **Easier to call for than achieve: political and technical pitfalls in eradication attempts**
Professor Chris Whitty, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine
- 12:15 **Panel discussion**
- 12:45 **Lunch**
- 13:30 **Parallel sessions**
- (i) Interventions/magic bullet**
Convenors:
Dr Bernadette Abela-Ridder, WHO
Dr Dirk Engels, WHO
Mr Sunday Isiyaku, Sightsavers Nigeria
- Focus on the WHO NTD WASH strategy**
Dr Dirk Engels, WHO
- The orphans among the NTDs**
Dr Bernadette Abela-Ridder, WHO
- Highlights from on-the-ground interventions from Sightsavers, Nigeria**
Mr Sunday Isiyaku, Sightsavers Nigeria



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Debunking the notion of a magic bullet: multi-sectoral action, partnerships, contextually embedded approaches, and community ownership, are vital to equitable progress on Neglected Tropical Diseases

Ms Laura Dean, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine

The eSCHISTO test: a simple tool to revolutionise schistosomiasis control and elimination

Ms Lynn Meurs, Institute of Tropical Medicine, Antwerp

Clinical trial data sharing platform: an essential tool for NTDs elimination

Professor Philippe Guerin, WWARN

(ii) Financing

Convenors:

Mr Christopher Fitzpatrick, WHO

Dr Adrian Hopkins, Mectizan Donation Programme

Financing mass treatment for the elimination of neglected tropical diseases

Mr Christopher Fitzpatrick, WHO

Policy considerations when moving from disease control to disease elimination

Dr Adrian Hopkins, Mectizan Donation Programme

(iii) Adherence in practice: learning from success, learning from failure

Convenor:

Dr Melissa Parker, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine

Worm wars and the realities of mass drug administration in East Africa

Dr Melissa Parker, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine

Professor Tim Allen, London School of Economics

What does 'adherence' mean and when should it include policy makers?

Professor Amy Moran-Thomas, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Professor Adia Benton, Northwestern University

15:00 **Reporting back and development of policy position**

16:00 **RSTMH Medals Ceremony and AGM**

The Chalmers Medal will be awarded to Professor Simon Hay

The Christophers Medal will be awarded to Professor Alan Fenwick

Honorary Fellowships will be awarded to Professor Jeremy Farrar and Professor Peter Piot

Drinks Reception

17:00 **Close**