The disease elimination agenda: the role of science, policy and advocacy
Friday 25 September 2015
The Royal Society, London

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
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