

# World Day for Safety and Health at Work 2008

“My life, my work, my safe work: Managing risk in the work environment”

Pan American Health Organization

April 30, 2008 11:00am – 12:30pm

**Speaker: Dr. Christina Beato**  
**Introduction of Dr. Devra Davis**

We are very pleased to have with us today a world-renowned expert in cancer. Dr. Devra Davis' impressive career spans academia, public policy and research. As the former Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Health in the Department of Health and Human Services, she has counseled leading officials in the United States, United Nations, World Health Organization, and World Bank. She served as a Lead Author of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change—the group awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007. In addition, Dr. Davis has also authored more than 170 publications in books and journals ranging from the Lancet, Journal of the American Medical Association and the New York Times.

Honored for her research and public policy work by various national and international groups, she is member of both the American Colleges of Toxicology and of Epidemiology. She was honored by the Betty Ford Comprehensive Cancer Center and the American Cancer Society with the Breast Cancer Awareness Award, commended by the Director of the National Cancer Institute for Outstanding Service, and has recently been appointed a Global Environmental advisor to Newsweek Magazine.

Her 2002 book, *When Smoke Ran Like Water*, was designated a National Book Award Finalist and her recent book, *The Secret History of the War on Cancer* has been similarly well-received. Dr. Davis is currently the Director of the world's first Center for Environmental Oncology at the University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute and Professor of Epidemiology at the University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of Public Health.

In light of World Day for Safety and Health at Work, today she will speak to us about “How Cancer is Caused by our Workplaces and Environment – And What We Can Do About It”. Please welcome Dr. Davis.