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Dr. Hotez is the recipient of the Henry Baldwin Ward Medal from the American Society for Parasitologists, the Bailey Ashford Medal of the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, and the Leverhulme Medal of the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine. In 2008, he was elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies. In addition, Dr. Hotez is an Ambassador of the Paul G. Rogers Society for Global Health Research, a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics (FAAP), and a member of the WHO Scientific and Technical Advisory Group for Neglected Tropical Diseases. He is the author of over 250 articles, including both technical and papers in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, *Lancet*, *Science*, *PLoS Medicine*, *Washington Post*, and *Foreign Policy*, and he is the author of several books including *Forgotten People and Forgotten Diseases*, *the Neglected Tropical Diseases and their impact on Global Health and Development*, published by the American Society for Microbiology.

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