

**XIV MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP  
ON VACCINE PREVENTABLE DISEASES**

2-5 October, 2000  
Foz do Iguaçu, Paraná  
Brazil

**PRELIMINARY AGENDA**

**MONDAY, 2 October, 2000**

08:00 A.M. REGISTRATION

08:30 A.M. OPENING OF MEETING

**Officials to be determined by the Ministry of Health of Brazil**

Remarks by Collaborating Agencies

PAHO	- Dr. Ciro de Quadros
UNICEF	- Dr. Edward Höekstra
USAID	- Ms. Annette Bongiovanni
CDC	- Dr. Jose Cordero
CIDA	- Dr. Christine Whalen
World Bank	-
CVP Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation	- Mr. Alan Brooks
March of Dimes	- Dr. Michael Katz
IDB	- Ms. Astrid Buccio
Red Cross	- Mr. Mathew Chico
Rotary international	- Dr. Archimedes Theodoro

Update of the Global Immunizations Efforts  
and the Global Alliance for Vaccines  
and Immunization (GAVI)

- Dr. Bjorn Melgaard, WHO

09:30 A.M. *COFFEE BREAK*

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**Session 1**

**MEASLES ERADICATION IN THE AMERICAS**

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Chairman: - Dr. Donald A. Henderson,

10:00 A.M. Progress in the Americas - Dr. Hector Izurieta

Recent Outbreaks: Lessons for the Future:

- Haiti	- Dr. Ann Marie Desormeux
- Dominican Republic	- Dr. Zacarías Garib
- Bolivia	- Dr. Rosario Quiroga
- Mexico	- Dr. Jose Ignacio Santos

Discussion and Recommendations

ANDEAN REGION: - Lic. Lucia Helena Oliveira.

CENTRAL AMERICAN REGION: - Dr. Salvador Garcia

SOUTHERN CONE REGION AND BRAZIL:

Brazil  
Argentina

- Dr. Vance Dietz  
- Dr. Expedito Luna  
- Dr. Anibal Reinaldo

CARIBBEAN REGION:

- Dr. Beryl Irons

Discussion and Recommendations

12:30 P.M. *LUNCH (1½ Hrs.)*

02:00 P.M. CONFIRMING THE INTERRUPTION OF MEASLES TRANSMISSION

Is there indigenous measles virus transmission? Country experiences:

Peru - Dr. Fernando Cerna  
Colombia - Dr. Angela Gonzales  
Canada - Dr. Paul Varughese

Defining vaccine-associated cases

- Dr. Hector Izurieta

When can indigenous transmission of measles virus be considered interrupted?

Monitoring Interruption of Indigenous Transmission - Dr. Gaston de Serres  
United States of America - Dr. José Cordero  
How to assess the interruption of indigenous transmission, the Americas Experience - Dr. Héctor Izurieta

Discussion and Recommendations

04:00 P.M. *COFFEE BREAK*

04:30 P.M. REGIONAL LABORATORY NETWORK, VACCINE-ASSOCIATED CASES

Updates on Nomenclature for Wild-Type Measles Viruses - Dr. Paul Rota

Discussion and Recommendations

Global Control and Eradication of Measles

Progress in the Region of the Western Pacific - Dr. Bjorn Melgaard  
Progress in Region of Europe - Dr. Jeffrey Mc Farland  
Progress in the United Kingdom - Dr. David Salisbury  
Progress in Catalunya, Spain - Dr. Luis Salleras  
Progress in France - Dr. Daniel Levy-Bruhl  
Progress in Germany - Dr. Sabine Reiter

Discussion and Recommendations

06:30 P.M. *ADJOURNMENT*

**TUESDAY, October 3, 2000**

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**Session 2**  
**CONTROL OF RUBELLA: GAINING EXPERIENCE**

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- Chairman: - Dr. Michael Katz
- 08:00 A.M. Regional Rubella/CRS Control: Update - Dr. Carlos Castillo
- Review of Country Experiences:
- Advances in the English Speaking Caribbean - Dr. Beryl Irons
  - How close is the USA to reach elimination? - Dr. Susan Reef
  - Chile: Effectiveness of a Female Rubella Campaign - Dr. Claudia Gonzáles
  - Mexico: Stepping Up Surveillance - Dr. Oscar Velázquez
- How can surveillance of CRS be improved:
- How to use clinical data for improving Surveillance of CRS - Dr. Eduardo Castilla
- Lab Issues in Rubella Surveillance: Virus Isolation - Dr. Marilda Siqueira
- Cost Benefit/Effectiveness Analysis: - Dr. Alan Hinman
- Discussion and Recommendations
- 10:00 A.M. *COFFEE BREAK*

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**Session 3**  
**MAINTAINING POLIO ERADICATION IN THE AMERICAS**

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- Chairman: - Dr. Carlyle Guerra de Macedo
- 10:30 A.M. Nine Years without Poliomyelitis in the Americas - Dr. Mauricio Landaverde
- Progress Towards Global Polio Eradication - Dr. Bjorn Melgaard
- Sustaining AFP Surveillance: Country Reports
- Mexico - Dr. Oscar Velázquez
  - Brazil - Dr. Expedito Luna
  - Canada - Dr. Eleni Galani
- Pan American Regional Laboratory Network - Dr. Jorge Boshell
- Containment of Wild Polio Virus: Global plan - Dr. Walter Dowdle
- Containment of Wild Polio Virus: Regional plan - Dr. Mauricio Landaverde
- Stopping Immunization Against Polio: Update - Dr. Steve Cochi
- Discussion and Recommendations
- 12:30 P.M. *LUNCH (1½ Hrs.)*

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**Session 4**  
**NEONATAL TETANUS CONTROL**

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- Chairman: - Dr. Roberto Tapia
- 02:00 P.M. Control of Neonatal Tetanus: Situation in the Region - Dr. Mauricio Landaverde  
Brazil - Dr. Ma. de Lourdes Sousa  
Colombia - Lic. Gladys Ghisays.
- Discussion and Recommendations

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**Session 5**  
**YELLOW FEVER: VACCINATION POLICIES, WHAT IS THE BEST ONE?**

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- Chairman: - Dr. Akira Homma
- 03:00 P.M. Overview of the Americas - Dr. Otavio Oliva  
Surveillance, Laboratory, Vaccination Policies:  
Brazil - Dr. Jarbas B. da Silva  
Trinidad and Tobago - Dr. P. Ramlal  
Peru - Dr. Percy Minaya
- Discussion and Recommendations
- 04:00 P.M. *COFFEE BREAK*

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**Session 6**  
**HAEMOPHILUS INFLUENZAE TYPE B AND HEPATITIS-B VACCINES**

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- Chairman: -Dr. Peter Figueroa
- 04:30 P.M. HAEMOPHILUS *INFLUENZAE* TYPE B  
Global and Regional Status - Dr. José Luis Di Fabio
- HEPATITIS-B*  
Global and Regional Status - Dr. Linda Venczel
- Impact of the use a DPT+Hep.B+Hib on Immunization Schedules:  
Honduras - Dr. Ida Berenice
- Monitoring impact of Hib vaccine in Colombia - Dr. Angela Gonzales
- Discussion and Recommendations
- 06:00 P.M. *ADJOURNMENT*

**WEDNESDAY, October 4, 2000**

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**Session 7**  
**STRENGTHENING THE HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE THROUGH**  
**IMMUNIZATION ACTIVITIES**

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- Chairman: - Dr. Bjorn Melgaard
- 08:00 AM Panel Discussion: Reform and Priority Health Programs
- The case of Immunization - Dr. Fernando Muñoz-
- Discussants:  
World Bank  
Inter American Development Bank  
USAID  
CIDA
- Cost effectiveness analysis of Measles Eradication - Dr. Arnab Acharya
- Discussion and Recommendations
- 10:00 A.M. *COFFEE BREAK*

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**Session 8**  
**VACCINES: RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND QUALITY**  
**CONTROL**

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- Chairman: - Dr. John La Montagne
- 10:30 A.M. New Methods for Development of New Vaccines - Dr. John La Montagne
- Meningococcal C conjugate vaccine: The UK Experience - Dr. David Salisbury
- Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine: Design of a clinical trials - Dr. Rossana Lagos
- The future of Rotavirus vaccine - Dr. Otavio Oliva
- Surveillance for Bacterial meningitis and pneumonias - Dr. Carlos Castillo
- Considerations for the use of other vaccines
- Influenza - Dr. Hector Izurieta
- Varicella - Dr. Carlos Castillo
- Hepatitis A - Dr. Linda Venczel
- Meningococcal and Pnemococcal vaccines - Dr. Jose Luis di Fabio
- 12:30 P.M. *LUNCH (1½ Hrs.)*
- 02:00 P.M. Research and Development of meningococcal group B vaccines:
- Cooperation between three Brazilian institutions - Dr. Vera Simonsen
- Production of Hib Vaccine:
- Cooperation between FIOCRUZ and SmithKline - Dr. Akira Homa
- Development of a semi-synthetic Hib in Cuba - Dr. Vicente Verez
- Discussion and Recommendations

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**Session 9**  
**VACCINES: THEIR SAFETY**

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Chairman: - Joseph Lozos

02:45 P.M. Vaccine Quality:

Never assume that vaccine quality is a given - Dr. Otavio Oliva  
Vaccine licensing and lot release - Dr. Jose Luis di Fabio  
Discussion and Recommendations

Immunization Safety:

Summary of Regional Efforts - Dr. Carlos Castillo  
Summary of Global Efforts. - Dr. Philippe Duclos  
Establishing Causality: Lines of Evidence - Dr. Robert Chen

Discussion and Recommendations

04:00 P.M. *COFFEE BREAK*

04:30 P.M. Country experiences:

Brazil: Monitoring Vaccine Safety in Campaigns  
Use of MMR - Dr. Inês Dourado  
Use of Yellow Fever - Dr. Jarbas B. da Silva  
Guatemala: Case investigation: Measles - Dr. Coralia Cajas  
El Salvador: Case Investigation: MMR - Dr. Ana Chevez

06:00 P.M. *ADJOURNMENT*

**THURSDAY, October 5, 2000**

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**Session 9 continued**  
**VACCINES: THEIR SAFETY**

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Chairman - Dr. Joseph Lozos

08:00 A.M. Intususception - Dr. Miguel Galindo  
Thimerosal - Dr. Philippe Duclos  
Autism - Dr. David Salisbury  
Injection Safety - Mr. Peter Carrasco

Working with the Media and Providing Public - Mr. A. Bianchareli  
and Scientific Information - Dr. M. McCarthy

Discussion and Recommendations

09:30 A.M. *COFFEE BREAK*

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**Session 10**  
**FINAL REPORT**

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Chairman:

Dr. D. A. Henderson

10:00 A.M. 2000 PAHO Immunization Award

10:30 A.M. Conclusions and Recommendations

11:00 A.M. CLOSING OF MEETING

10:00 Am 09/13/00