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Summary of Biographies

Paul Farmer, Medical anthropologist and physician. A founding director of Partners In Health, an international charity organization that provides direct health care services and undertakes research and advocacy activities on behalf of those who are sick and living in poverty, Dr. Farmer and his colleagues have successfully challenged the policymakers and critics who claim that quality health care is impossible to deliver in resource-poor areas.

Paul Farmer has worked in infectious-disease control in the Americas for nearly two decades and is a world-renowned authority on tuberculosis treatment and control. He is an attending physician in infectious diseases and Chief of the Division of Social Medicine and Health Inequalities at the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, and medical director of a small hospital, the Clinique Bon Sauveur, in rural Haiti. Dr. Farmer has pioneered novel, community-based treatment strategies for infectious diseases (including HIV/AIDS and multidrug-resistant tuberculosis) in resource-poor settings. He has also written extensively about health and human rights, and about the role of social inequalities in the distribution and outcomes of readily treatable diseases.

Paul Farmer began his lifelong commitment to Haiti when still a student, in 1983, working with villages in Haiti's Central Plateau; the following year he began medical school at Harvard, and two years later helped found Zanmi Lasante (Creole for Partners In Health), serving as its medical director from 1991 to the present. Boston-based Partners In Health was founded in 1987. Zanmi Lasante-- which has grown from a one-building clinic in the village of Cange to a multiservice health complex that includes a primary school, an infirmary, a surgery wing, a training program for health outreach workers, a 104-bed hospital, a women's clinic, and a pediatric care facility-- has pioneered the treatment of both multidrug-resistant tuberculosis and HIV in Haiti. This role was key in helping Haiti qualify in 2002 among the first group of countries awarded money from the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria; Haiti was actually the first country in the world to receive these funds and begin employing them to fight disease.

Mercedes Weissenbacher, Médica. Doctora en Medicina de la Facultad de Medicina, Universidad de Buenos Aires.

Investigadora Superior del Consejo Nacional de Investigaciones Científicas y Técnicas.

Miembro Académico Titular de la Academia de Ciencias Médicas de Córdoba.

Miembro Correspondiente Nacional de la Academia Nacional de Medicina.

Miembro Honorario Nacional de la Asociación Médica Argentina.

Ex Directora del Centro Nacional de Referencia para el SIDA.

Ex Profesora Titular del Departamento de Microbiología, Facultad de Medicina, Universidad de Buenos Aires.

De 1990 a 1993: Coordinadora de Investigación en SIDA de la Organización Panamericana de la Salud/Organización Mundial de la Salud, Washington DC, Estados Unidos. De 1994 a 1995: Asesora Interpaís en SIDA para el Cono Sur, Organización Panamericana de la Salud/Organización Mundial de la Salud, Montevideo, Uruguay. De 1996 a 1999: Asesora Interpaís en SIDA para el Cono Sur, Programa Conjunto de las Naciones Unidas sobre el VIH/SIDA (ONUSIDA), Montevideo Uruguay.

Durante su carrera científica ha publicado 136 trabajos de investigación, principalmente en el campo de la fisiopatología, prevención y tratamiento de la fiebre hemorrágica argentina; interferón en infecciones virales oculares; etiología viral de infecciones respiratorias agudas en niños; HIV/SIDA y factores de riesgo en poblaciones vulnerables de Latinoamérica y Argentina. Ha publicado 13 capítulos de libros, obtenido más de 70 subsidios en Argentina y en el extranjero y dirigió becarios, tesis y investigadores.

Rosa María Alfaro Moreno, Licenciada en educación con estudios de doctorado. Comunicadora en la práctica y la producción intelectual y pública desde hace 30 años. Fundadora de la Asociación de Comunicadores Sociales Calandria. Fundadora de la Veeduría Ciudadana de la Comunicación Social y actual Secretaria Ejecutiva. Autora de libros: "De la conquista de la ciudad a la apropiación de la palabra", "Una comunicación para otro desarrollo", "Interlocución Radiofónica", "Ciudadanos de a de veras", "Hacia una nueva ley de Telecomunicaciones y más allá de ella", además de otros libros compartidos. Innumerables artículos en revistas y libros latinoamericanos, peruanos, norteamericanos y europeos. Estudios de opinión pública y cultura política desde la aplicación de encuestas. Consultora nacional e internacional. Desde hace 24 años es docente en La Facultad de Comunicación de la Universidad de Lima. Actualmente asume la coordinación en la especialidad "Comunicación y desarrollo". Enseñó diez años en la Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos.

Brendan Bain, PhD., a former Wellcome Trust Research Fellow in Infectious Diseases. He has been a pioneer Clinical Infectious Disease Teacher, Trainer and Consultant Physician (Attending Physician) at the University of the West Indies (UWI) and the University Hospital of the West Indies (UHWI), Mona, Jamaica since 1980. He has served as an advisor on Pharmaceuticals and Infectious Diseases to the Jamaican Ministry of Health over the same period.

While on sabbatical leave in 1989-1990, he was appointed National HIV/AIDS Staff Trainer for hospital and laboratory personnel, Ministry of Health, Jamaica, with financial support from USAID. In that capacity, he designed and led a series of on-site workshops and seminars for all categories of staff in the 21 public hospitals of Jamaica and their associated microbiology and pathology laboratories. He led the first national educational workshops on HIV/AIDS for health care personnel in Belize and the Cayman Islands.

He was Programmes Director of the Centre for HIV/AIDS Research, Education & Services (formerly called 'The Family Centre') at UHWI between 1993 and 1997. In August 1999, he

started an out-patient clinic for persons living with HIV/AIDS at UHWI and has inspired the commencement of a similar clinic at the Kingston Public Hospital.

In 2002, he was named Lead Coordinator of the UWI HIV/AIDS Response Programme (UWI HARP) by the UWI Vice-Chancellor. He is the inaugural director of the Regional Coordinating Unit of a Caribbean HIV/AIDS Regional Training (CHART) Network, which includes centers in the Bahamas, Barbados, Haiti and Jamaica. He is the leader of the UWI delegation to the Pan-Caribbean Partnership on AIDS (PANCAP).

Dr Bain's research interests are: reinforcement of safe sexual practices in the context of HIV/AIDS/STI prevention and the development of reliable, low-cost methods of diagnosing and monitoring HIV disease progression. He is co-author of the book, *Education and HIV/AIDS in the Caribbean* (UNESCO and Ian Randle Publications, 2005).

Euclides A. Castilho, Physician, PhD in Epidemiology. Full Professor of Preventive Medicine, School of Medicine, University of Sao Paulo, Brazil. He undertook training in Epidemiology/Biostatistics in the University of Valle, Cali, Colombia, and in the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, US. He is the former Vice President of the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation in Brazil and former Deputy Director of the Brazilian National AIDS Program. In 2001-2002, he chaired the Evaluation Supervisory Panel/Five-Year Evaluation of UNAIDS. Juror on the 2004 Gates Award Committee. Member of the Brazilian AIDS Commission. Member of the National Commission for Population and Development, Brazil. Since the very beginning of the AIDS epidemic in Brazil, he has conducted research on AIDS epidemiological patterns.

Jane Galvão, Ph.D., has been actively involved in HIV/AIDS programs in her native Brazil since 1988. She has consulted through the World Bank, UNAIDS, Family Health International, and the Synergy Project. Dr. Galvão completed her Ph.D. at the State University of Rio de Janeiro in 1999. In Brazil, she worked for a number of years with non-governmental organizations dedicated to AIDS policy such as the Institute of Religious Studies (ISER), and the Brazilian Interdisciplinary AIDS Association (ABIA), and from December 1999 until January of 2001, she worked with the National AIDS Program, at the Brazilian Ministry of Health in Brasília. She then undertook a postdoctoral fellowship in the Fogarty International AIDS Training Program, School of Public Health, University of California, Berkeley. Her research focused on access to HIV/AIDS treatment in developing countries, with emphasis on Brazil. From December 2002 to July 2004 she was a researcher and postdoctoral fellow at the Institute for Global Health, at the University of California, San Francisco. Since September 2004 she has been working in New York with the International Parenthood Federation/Western Hemisphere Region (IPPF/WHR), as a Senior Program Officer for HIV/AIDS/STI, working with organizations in the Latin America and the Caribbean Region affiliated with IPPF/WHR.

Dr. Galvão has authored and coauthored numerous publications and articles on AIDS, health, and human rights, both in Brazil and internationally, including an article in the *Lancet* about access to AIDS treatment in Brazil. A forthcoming article regarding access to treatment for HIV/AIDS as a human right will be published in 2005 in the *American Journal of Public Health*.

Penny J. Hitchcock, PhD., a Senior Fellow at the Center for Biosecurity. Prior to joining the center she was a technical staff member and group leader at Los Alamos National Laboratory. She is the former Chief of the Sexually Transmitted Diseases Program at the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Dr. Hitchcock began her career at the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) Rocky Mountain Laboratories where she worked on the pathogenesis of gonorrhea and chlamydial infection. She continued her research efforts in sexually transmitted diseases as an Associate Professor at the University of Tennessee's School of Medicine. In 1989, Dr. Hitchcock returned to the NIH to help establish the Sexually Transmitted Diseases Program; she later served as Chief of that program. During her ten year tenure, she fostered innovative research programs that creatively combined biomedical, behavioral, clinical, and epidemiological research strategies to prevent and control STDs. Dr. Hitchcock's twenty year career in sexually transmitted diseases has been devoted to achieving public health goals including prevention of 1) infertility; 2) adverse outcomes of pregnancy; 3) reproductive tract cancer; 4) other chronic STD sequelae; and 5) human immunodeficiency virus infection. In June 2001, Dr. Hitchcock was given the American Sexually Transmitted Diseases Association's Achievement Award for her leadership and advocacy for STD research and for STD prevention and control programs. Currently, Dr. Hitchcock is a member of Dr. David Satcher's National Advisory Committee for Responsible Sexual Behavior. She is also the director of PASA - *Prevent AIDS and STDs in Adolescents* - an organization dedicated to the sexual health of adolescents.

In 2001, Dr. Hitchcock broadened her public health focus to other emerging diseases including those that might be used as bioterrorism tools. She worked at the Los Alamos National Laboratory from 2001-2004; there her research focused on forensics, biosurveillance, incident characterization/consequence management and the biosecurity of drinking water. Dr. Hitchcock joined the staff of the Center for Biosecurity in 2004. The Center is an independent, non-profit organization of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. The Center draws upon the expertise of a multidisciplinary professional staff with experience in the government, medicine, public health and bioscience to achieve it's mission: 1) prevent the development and use of biological weapons; 2) catalyze advances in science and governance that diminish the power of biological weapons as agents of mass lethality; and 3) lessen the illness, death and civil disruption that would result if prevention efforts fail. Dr. Hitchcock's work at the Center is focused on development of overarching policies that reduce the risk/impact of bioterrorism AND simultaneously reduce the morbidity, mortality and health care costs associated with other health problems. Her current projects include enhancing the biosecurity of drinking water and of indoor air.

Silvia Panebianco Labbé. Responsable de Apoyo Social del Programa de VIH-SIDA de la Ciudad de México desde Julio 2002. Amplia experiencia en Salud y Derechos Humanos; Discriminación y VIH-SIDA y Bioética; Estigma y Discriminación; y aspectos éticos y legislación relacionada con el VIH-SIDA. Desde 1990 trabaja en SIDA. De 1992 hasta 1997, Jefe del Departamento de Orientación Social y Derechos Humanos del CONASIDA, México. Fue participante en la II Consulta Internacional sobre el SIDA y los Derechos Humanos, convocada por ONUSIDA, y OACNUDH, Ginebra, Suiza. 1996. Participó en la elaboración del Marco Jurídico del VIH-SIDA, Bases Legales Internacionales y Bases Legales Nacionales, para ONUSIDA-México. 1996

Consultora temporal de la OIT, en SIDA y Lugar de Trabajo. 1994

Participó en la elaboración de la Norma Oficial Mexicana para la Prevención y Control de la Infección por VIH, NOM-SSA2-1993, en los aspectos ético-legales y de derechos humanos. 1993

CARGOS HONORARIOS - Secretaria Técnica del Consejo Directivo de la Academia Mexicana de Derechos Humanos. Miembro de la Asociación Internacional de Bioética. Miembro del Comité de Ética del Programa de VIH-SIDA del DF. Miembro del Foro Latinoamericano de Comités de Ética de la Investigación en Salud. Miembro del Comité Técnico de Observación y Vigilancia Ciudadana del VIH-SIDA, MEXSIDA.

Julio Montaner, MD, FRCPC. Director, Clinical Activities at BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS and Professor of Medicine, University of British Columbia. Dr. Montaner has over 20 years experience in HIV/AIDS research and developing and conducting HIV-related clinical trials. He has published extensively with regard to respiratory complications of HIV and the use of antiretroviral therapies. Dr. Montaner has provided leadership developing, implementing and successfully completing several important international studies including the INCAS, the AVANTI series and CAESAR trials. He has also played an important role in the evaluation of alternative therapeutic approaches and has pioneered multiple drug rescue therapy. Dr. Montaner plays a key role in the evaluation and transfer of research advances into clinical practice via the development of the HIV/AIDS Therapeutic Guidelines by a consensus process in the province of B.C. The HIV/AIDS clinical research program is supported by both peer-reviewed and pharmaceutical industry funding and conducts Phase 2b, 3 and 4 clinical trials.

Richard Stern, Ph.D., is Director of the Agua Buena Human Rights Association in San Jose, Costa Rica. He began his work in the field of AIDS as a volunteer at the AIDS Center of Queens County (New York) in 1987. In 1994, Dr. Stern began working as a Psychologist at an out-patient clinic in San José, Costa Rica. The client base was mostly gay men and People Living with HIV/AIDS. Most of his clients were dying for lack of access to adequate medical care and in 1996, he shifted his focus from therapy to "community organization." He became closely involved with a group of Costa Rican PLWA who were trying to obtain access to the "new" AIDS medications. This informal coalition later carried out legal actions which led to universal anti-retroviral access in Costa Rica late in 1997.

After this success, Dr. Stern received requests to travel to other Central American countries to help in similar efforts to organize the community of People Living with HIV/AIDS. From 1998 - 2000 the Association worked without a budget in all seven Central American Countries, and important successes were achieved in El Salvador, Panama and Honduras. As this process continued Dr. Stern published his observations extensively in internet leading to even more opportunities to participate with PLWA in Latin America and the Caribbean in the struggle for treatment access, a struggle that continues to this day. The Association now has four full time employees and works to support in PLWA in human rights and treatment access issues in 17 countries. Dr. Stern has lived in San Jose, Costa Rica since 1989. He is originally from Chicago and has a Doctorate in Clinical Psychology.