

46th Advisory Committee on Health Research of the Pan American Health Organization (ACHR)

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PAHO/WHO HEADQUARTERS
WASHINGTON, DC



AGENDA & OBJECTIVES

Purpose

To efficiently advance the Policy on Research for Health and enhance its ownership by Member States and the Pan American Health Organization.

Key Points

- ACHR recommendations to implement and monitor the Policy on Research for Health in the region.
- Develop approaches to channel research efforts towards the SDGs.

Objectives

- Facilitate a meaningful dialogue on Research for Health in the region.

Objectives *(continue)*

- Take stock of the contributions and tools developed by the ACHR and PAHO.
- Acknowledge the advocacy role of the ACHR and its members for the Policy on Research for Health
- Coordinate efforts with other regions and stakeholders to have a systematic approach, increase the value of research, and use research to strengthen health systems.
- Exchange feedback to identify the new challenges in public health, and discuss strategic approaches to build on research to achieve and maintain the SDGs.
- Think strategically of the challenges ahead for the next generation of research teams

46TH ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HEALTH RESEARCH OF THE PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION (ACHR)

The Advisory Committee on Health Research

This is a timely opportunity to guide PAHO on how to use research to effectively and efficiently support countries in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); and to review how the Policy and research related activities are influencing health systems in the Americas. The event in Washington is an opportunity to engage technical entities at the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, and take action on the needs and gaps regarding the production and use of research evidence, and the adoption and monitoring of the Policy on Research for Health.

Methodology

Ahead of the meeting, the Secretariat will circulate templates with background information to collect the achievements, challenges, and questions for the ACHR according to each objective of the Policy on Research for Health. The templates will include contributions from ACHR Members, and PAHO entities and staff. There will be individual sessions for the Policy's six objectives comprised of three parts: a seven minute informative session for each objective in which a speaker will share perspectives and key elements for the discussion to follow; a one hour discussion by ACHR members, guests, and PAHO staff; a closing twenty minute summary and list of recommendations resulting from the session. In addition to this, we will have some informative sessions. We welcome your ideas and will devote most of the meeting to deliberations.

A summary of recommendations will be produced towards the end of the event, presented to the Director and her delegates for discussion, and then they will be finalized for approval by ACHR members.

We look forward to your contributions.

Nelly Salgado de Snyder
President 46th ACHR

Luis Gabriel Cuervo
Secretary

Day 1: Monday, 28 November 2016 (PAHO/WHO- HQ Room C)

08:30	<i>Registration desk opens</i>
09:00-9:20	Opening session <i>Remarks from the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau</i> Dr. Carissa Etienne
9:20-10:10	Panel of the new President and ACHR members <i>Presentation and introduction of each ACHR member and PAHO Staff participants. Their role in Research for Health and their contributions to the Policy.</i> Dr. Nelly Salgado de Snyder
10:10-10:20	Adoption of the agenda <i>Appointment of Rapporteur and Report from the 45th Session of WHO's ACHR 2012</i> Dr. Nelly Salgado de Snyder
10:20-10:25	Announcements <i>Logistics, structure of the meeting, and house announcements</i> Dr. Nelly Salgado de Snyder / Dr. Luis Gabriel Cuervo
10:25 - 10:45	<i>Coffee break</i>
10:45-11:00	Links and relevance of the SDGs to research for health <i>Identify the relevance of the Policy on Research for Health for the SDGs</i> Dr. Kira Fortune
11:00-11:20	Report of the 45 th ACHR meeting, 2012 <i>The Secretariat's perspective on the key challenges emerging since the 45th session of the ACHR and a brief insight on integrating the Policy assessment in the Biannual Plan of Work Assessment done with Member States and PASB</i> Dr. Luis Gabriel Cuervo
11:20-11:40	Policy on Research for Health and Health in All Policies <i>How the Policy on Research for Health links with Health in All Policies and the Determinants of Health</i> Dr. Nelly Salgado de Snyder
11:40-12:00	Integrating the Policy on Research for Health in PAHO's systems <i>Inform on the options to integrate the Policy evaluation with the Biannual Plans of Work and other mechanisms at PASB, for the next biennium</i> Mr. Rony Maza
12:00 - 13:30	<i>Lunch break</i>
13:30-14:00	Group photo (Room - TBC)
14:00-14:20	Leveling research capacities to enable all Member States to move forward with the Policy <i>Building capacities through existing collaborating centers and networks to engage countries and maximize resources. The example of OAS</i> Ms. Karen Gladbach / Dr. Luis Gabriel Cuervo
14:20-16:00	Objective 1 - Quality <i>Discuss options to promote the funding of priority research; linking the need for SDG related research</i>

	Dr. Fernando Muñoz
16:00-16:20	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:20-18:00	Objective 2 - Governance <i>Appraise current capacities on research for health to address countries and PASB's needs for efficient use of existing resources</i> Dr. Jackeline Alger
18:30 – 20:00	Dinner <i>By invitation; ACHR, Specials Guests, Secretariat; Managers</i>

Day 2: Tuesday, 29 November 2016 (PAHO/WHO - HQ Room C)

9:00-10:30	Objective 3 - Human resources <i>Build sustainable human capital and strengthen research networks as integral components of the health work force</i> Dr. Ana Sánchez
10:30- 10:50	<i>Coffee break</i>
10:50-12:20	Objective 4 - Partnerships <i>Engage different research consumers and communities to catalyze development.</i> Dr. Jaime Miranda / Dr. Josefina Coloma
12:20-12:30	Program proposal to address inequities in public health and health services research through alliances and networks Research team
12:30- 13:50	<i>Lunch break</i>
13:50-15:20	Objective 5 - Standards <i>Increase the value of research and reduce its waste</i> Dr. Trudo Lemmens
15:20-15:40	Collaborations on Standards <i>Uptake of research reporting standards (EQUATOR) and building a cadre of epidemiologist to support public health in the Caribbean and Central America</i> Dr. Marshall Tulloch-Reid / Dr. Luis Gabriel Cuervo
15:40-15:50	Collaboration with BMJ <i>Series on the Policy on Research for Health</i> Dr. Carolyn Simpkins / Dr. Luis Gabriel Cuervo
15:50-16:00	Trial Registration and advancing implementation research <i>Progress with trial registration for clinical and observational studies, iPier, and other collaborations to advance implementation research</i> Dr. Francisco Becerra and Dr. Luis Gabriel Cuervo
16:00-16:10	PAHO-ERC <i>Characteristics of research submitted to PAHO's Ethics Review Committee</i> Dr. Carla Saenz
16:10 – 16:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:30-18:00	Objective 6 - Impact <i>Discuss the way forward with knowledge translation platforms and existing tools.</i> Dr. Jorge Maia Barreto / Dr. Tomás Pantoja
18:00-18:15	Wrap-up and summary of the day

Day 3: Wednesday, 30 November 2016 (PAHO/WHO. HQ-Room C)

9:00 – 9:45	Research and the SDGs Challenge <i>Discussing the need for a regional research agenda addressing the SDG challenge</i> Dr. Kira Fortune
9:45 – 10:00	Integrating the Policy on Research for Health <i>Discussion with PAHO staff on the incorporation of the Policy on Research for Health in PAJPH, other Publications, news, and media</i> Dr. Damian Vazquez / Ms. Eliane Pereyra / Ms. Leticia Linn
10:00 – 10:20	<i>Coffee break</i>
10:20 – 12:20	Inter-programmatic discussion to integrate and implement the Policy on Research for Health (<i>Fish bowl</i>) <i>Coordinate team efforts and integrate existing tools between technical areas in order to implement the Policy on Research for Health</i> Fishbowl: Managers from technical areas will have the opportunity of showcasing how their teams tap into research and advance the Policy on Research for Health by delivering a 5-7 min presentation that will be followed by comments and questions from participants who will join the fish bowl to present in one minute maximum their questions, giving them up to three minutes to address them. Dr. Francisco Becerra
12:12-14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:00-15:00	Brief video interviews - ACHR members and guests Audience: Country Members Health Staff and Ministry of Health <i>Engage the audience with the Policy on Research for Health and inform them about its achievements and opportunities towards the SDGs.</i>
15:00 - 16:00	Conclusions for review and approval Dr. Nelly Salgado / Dr. Carissa Etienne / Dr. Francisco Becerra
	<i>ACHR Adjourns</i>
16:30 – 18:30	<i>Reception (drinks and hors-d'oeuvre)</i>

ACHR Members



Dr. Nelly Salgado de Snyder is the appointed President of the Advisory Committee on Health Research (ACHR) of the Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO). Dr. Salgado de Snyder has an outstanding career in research. She is a professor and researcher at the National Institute of Public Health in Mexico (INSP), where she also directs the Global Health Program. She has conducted numerous research projects and has published over 100 journal articles, books and book chapters on topics such as international migration, aging, poverty and social determinants of health. She holds the highest level (Level 3) at the Sistema Nacional de Investigadores de Mexico, and is a member of Mexican Academy of Scientific Research. ACHR

member since 2014.



Dr. Jackeline Alger is a parasitologist working at the Department of Clinical Laboratory, Hospital Escuela Universitario, in Tegucigalpa, the main public health hospital in Honduras. She is a faculty member of the Scientific Research Unit, Faculty of Medical Sciences, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Honduras (UNAH). She combines clinical laboratory, teaching and research activities, with mentoring grade and postgraduate students and faculty members doing research for health, building intersectoral bridges and promoting international collaboration and networking to advance scientific research in Honduras. ACHR member since 2010.



Dr. Jorge Maia Barreto was Secretary for Science and Technology of the National Council of Municipal Health Secretaries of Brazil (2006-2012) and coordinator of Knowledge Management for Science and Technology in Brazilian Ministry of Health. He also coordinated the EVIPNet Brazil (2013-2014), of which he is a member since its foundation (2008). Since 2014 Jorge Barreto is a researcher in Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (Fiocruz), focusing on KT, EIPM and PHC, and coordinates the graduate program in Public Health Policy in Government School of Fiocruz. He is a PhD in Public Policies and specialist in Health Systems Management, Health Economics and Health Technology Assessment. ACHR member since 2014.



Dr. Josefina Coloma has worked in transferring scientific capacity to Latin America since 1993. She has a BS in Biology from the Catholic University in Quito, Ecuador and a PhD in Microbiology and Molecular Genetics from the University of California, Los Angeles. She co-funded the Sustainable Sciences Institute (SSI), served on its Board of Directors since 2000 and was named Executive Director on 2008. She is also Faculty Researcher at the Division of Infectious Diseases, School of Public Health, at the University of California Berkeley where she has been Co-investigator and Principal Investigator in several studies for almost two decades. Most of her projects involve working closely with international field teams in all research aspects: from study

design, compliance to implementation and management. Her research has covered Dengue and Zika studies involving clinical, epidemiological, community-based and information technology for health projects mainly in Nicaragua and Ecuador. In addition, she has served as advisor to Ministries of Health in Central and South America, the OAS and WHO. ACHR member since 2014.



Dr. Trudo Lemmens is Professor and Scholl Chair in Health Law and Policy at the University of Toronto Faculty of Law. He holds cross appointments in the Dalla Lana School of Public Health, the Faculty of Medicine, and the Joint Centre for Bioethics.

His research sits at the interface of law, ethics, and professional governance. Currently, his research focuses on the complex interaction between law, other governance tools, and ethical norms and values in the context of health care, biomedical research, health product development, and knowledge production. ACHR member since 2006.



Dr. Jaime Miranda has served as Councilor for Latin America & Caribbean of the International Epidemiological Association (2011-2014), as Co-Chair of the Joint Technical Steering Committee of the Global Alliance for Chronic Diseases (2012-2016), and Member of the Working Group of WHO Global Coordination Mechanism on the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases (WHO WCM/NCD) of the World Health Organization (2015-2016), and as President of the Advisory Committee on Health Research for the Pan American Health Organization, World Health Organization (2014-2016). Currently, he is a Research Professor at the Department of Medicine, School of Medicine, and Director of the CRONICAS Center of Excellence in Chronic Diseases, both at Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia (UPCH) in Lima, Peru. ACHR member

since 2014.



Dr. Fernando Muñoz Porras is Chief of Immunizations Department in the Ministry of Health. He was the former Director of the Health Service for the Araucania Region in Chile and former Viceminister of Health, Chile (1994-1998). He also served as attaché for Health issues at the Chilean Mission in Geneva (2008-2010). He is also Associate Professor at the Program of Health Policy and Management in the School of Public Health of the Universidad de Chile. Dr. Muñoz was involved in the creation of the National Fund for Health Research (FONIS), a joint initiative of the National Council for Research and Technology (CONICYT) and the Ministry of Health. ACHR member since 2014.



Dr. Tomas Pantoja is a family physician with an M.Sc. degree in Health Management from Imperial College Management School, London, United Kingdom, and a M. Sc. degree in Evidence-Based Health Care from the University of Oxford, United Kingdom. Currently he is Associate Professor at the Department of Family Medicine of the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile in Santiago, Chile, where he participates in teaching activities for family medicine residents in evidence-based health care and research methodology. He is editor with the Cochrane Effective Practice and Organisation of Care (EPOC) Group and his research interest are related to the methodology of systematic reviews in health policy and systems research, to knowledge translation strategies at the policy-making level and to the use of evidence in making well-informed

choices in primary care. ACHR member since 2010.



Dr. Ana Sanchez is a professor at Brock University. She conducts primary field and laboratory research on neglected parasitic diseases such as soil-transmitted helminths and tapeworm parasites of humans and pigs. Additionally, she works around capacity building and increasing research proficiencies in developing countries. She has been involved with national and international organizations assisting in the prioritization of research and the development of research systems. ACHR member since 2014.

PAHO Executive Management Staff



Dr. Carissa F. Etienne is the Director of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO/WHO). Previously, Dr. Etienne served as Assistant Director-General for Health Systems and Services at the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland. As Assistant Director of PAHO she led five technical areas: Health Systems and Services; Technology, Health Care and Research; Health Surveillance and Disease Management; Family and Community Health; and Sustainable Development and Environmental Health.

In her native Dominica, Dr. Etienne served in high-level posts in Dominica, including Coordinator of the National AIDS Program, Disaster Coordinator for the Ministry of Health, Chair of the National Advisory Council for HIV/AIDS, and Director of Primary Health Care Services.



Dr. Francisco Becerra Posada is PAHO/WHO Assistant Director. Prior to his he was Senior Advisor for Latin America and the Caribbean and Coordinator of the European Union—funded MASCOT project at the Council on Health Research for Development (COHRED). Dr. Becerra has served as Director General of Health Services of the State of Morelos, Mexico; Director for Academic Agreement and Dissemination of the National Coordination Office of Mexico's National Institutes of Health; Assistant Director of the Center for Health Systems Research of the Ministry of Health of Mexico; and Director General of Federal Hospitals in Mexico.

ACHR Secretariat



Dr. Luis Gabriel Cuervo is a medical doctor and specialist in family medicine with a MSc in clinical epidemiologist and biostatistics and a professional career in knowledge translation, biomedical publishing, and research capacity development. He spearheaded the Cochrane Collaboration in Colombia and worked as Senior Scientific Editor for BMJ Publishing Group consulting WHO in the development of evidence-informed selection of essential medicines. Dr. Cuervo is the Senior Advisor for Research Promotion & Development at the Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO). During the past years, his work has focused on developing and advancing global, regional and national policies on research for health, and integrating tools and partnerships to enhance good research governance and knowledge translation that leads to better public health and development.