

# Global Health Conference of the Americas

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## Scientific Program

**COVID-19**  
**Arboviral Diseases**  
**Immunizations**  
**Drug Resistant Tuberculosis**

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AGENDA  
October 6th

## PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP: "ARBOVIRUSES IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN"

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8:00 am		Getting connected: Login and video & audio settings
8:30 am	Introduction	<p><b>Dr. Carlos Espinal</b> Chair, Department of Health Policy and Management, and Director, Global Health Consortium, Robert Stempel College of Public Health &amp; Social Work, Florida International University, USA</p> <p><b>Dr. Luis Gerardo Castellanos</b> Unit Chief, Neglected, Tropical and Vector Borne Diseases PAHO/WHO, USA</p>
9:00 am	Integrated Management System for Arboviral Diseases: Challenges in the Context of COVID-19	<p><b>Moderator: Dr. José Luis San Martín</b> Regional Advisor, Dengue Prevention and Control, PAHO/WHO, USA</p> <p><b>Keynote lecture: Arboviruses: Global Situation</b> <b>Dr. Raman Velayudhan</b> Unit Head, Veterinary Public Health, Vector Control and Environment Unit (VVE), WHO</p> <p><b>Lecture: Arboviruses: Regional Situation. Analysis through the PLISA.</b> <b>Dr. Gamaliel Gutierrez</b> Technical Officer in Arboviral Diseases PAHO/WHO, USA</p> <p><b>General discussion</b></p>
10:30 am	Break	
10:45 am	Technical Cooperation, Innovation and Partnerships	<p><b>Moderator: Dr. João Bosco</b> Institute of Tropical Pathology and Public Health, Federal University of Goias, Brazil</p> <p><b>Lecture: New Technical Cooperation Modalities for the Patient Care Component of the IMS-Arbovirus during the COVID-19</b> <b>Dr. Jose Luis San Martin</b> Regional Advisor, Dengue Prevention and Control, PAHO/WHO, USA</p> <p><b>Lecture: Modifying an Arboviruses Cohort to answer COVID-19 questions in Puerto Rico</b> <b>Dr. Gabriela Paz-Bailey</b> Dengue Branch, Division of Vector-borne Diseases, National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Diseases U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)</p> <p><b>General discussion</b></p>
12:15 pm	Arboviral Diseases: Clinical Management	<p><b>Moderator: Dr. Romeo Montoya</b> Advisor, Health Surveillance, Disease Prevention and Control, PAHO/WHO Paraguay</p> <p><b>Lecture: New Guidelines for the Clinical Management of Arboviral Diseases with the GRADE Methodology</b> <b>Dr. Ariel Izcovich</b> PAHO International Consultant</p>
12:50 pm	Break	

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<p><b>1:20 pm</b></p>	<p>Integrated Management Strategy for Arboviral Diseases in the COVID-19 Era: Country Experiences</p>	<p><b>Moderator: Dr. José Luis San Martín</b> Regional Advisor, Arboviral Diseases Prevention and Control, PAHO/WHO</p> <p><b>Colombia</b> <b>Dr. Iván Mauricio Cárdenas</b> Specialist, Integrated Management System of Endemo-Epidemic Diseases Group, Direction of Promotion and Prevention, Ministry of Health and Social Protection, Colombia</p> <p><b>El Salvador</b> <b>Dr. Rolando Masis</b> General Coordinator, Integrated Management System, Arboviruses. Ministry of Health, El Salvador</p> <p><b>Dominican Republic</b> <b>Dr. Ronald Skewes</b> Chief, National Direction of Epidemiology, Ministry of Health, Dominican Republic</p> <p><b>Mexico</b> <b>Dr. Gustavo Sánchez Tejeda</b> Director, Vector Borne Diseases Program, Ministry of Health, Mexico</p> <p><b>General discussion</b></p>
<p><b>3:20 pm</b></p>	<p>Closing Remarks</p>	<p><b>Dr. Carlos Espinal</b> Chair, Department of Health Policy and Management, and Director, Global Health Consortium, Robert Stempel College of Public Health &amp; Social Work, Florida International University, USA</p> <p><b>Dr. José Luis San Martín</b> Regional Advisor, Dengue Prevention and Control, PAHO/WHO, USA</p>

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## GLOBAL HEALTH CONFERENCE DAY 1: COVID-19

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<b>8:00 am</b>		
<b>8:30 am</b>	<p>Welcome remarks</p> <p>SARS-COV-2: Past, present, and future of Pandemics</p>	<p><b>Dr. Carlos Espinal</b> Chair, Department of Health Policy and Management, and Director, Global Health Consortium, Robert Stempel College of Public Health &amp; Social Work, Florida International University, USA</p> <p><b>Dr. Tomas Guilarte</b> Dean Robert Stempel College of Public Health &amp; Social Work, Florida International University, USA</p> <p><b>Keynote Lecture:</b> <b>Dr. Jha Ashis</b> K.T. Li Professor of Global Health, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health Director, Harvard Global Health Institute</p>
<b>9:30 am</b>	<p>COVID-19 Update: What Are We Learning?</p>	<p><b>Moderator: Dr. Francisco Becerra</b> Regional Adviser, Global Health Consortium, Robert Stempel College of Public Health &amp; Social Work, Florida International University, USA, Former Assistant Director, PAHO/WHO</p> <p><b>Keynote lecture:</b> <b>Kim Simplis Barrow</b> First Lady of Belize and Special Envoy for Women and Children</p> <p><b>Panel:</b> <b>Dr. Jarbas Barbosa</b>, Assistant Director, PAHO <b>Dr. Roberto Bazzani</b>, Senior Program Specialist at the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) of Canada <b>Dr. Anselm Hennis</b>, Director, Non Communicable Diseases and Mental Health Department, PAHO <b>Dr Rebecca Martin</b>, Director of the Center for Global Health (CGH) at the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)</p>
<b>11:15 pm</b>	<b>Break</b>	
<b>11:30 am</b>	<p>COVID-19: Lessons learned in the Subregions of the Americas</p>	<p><b>Introduction and welcome message</b> <b>Dr. Tomas Guilarte</b> Dean Robert Stempel College of Public Health &amp; Social Work, Florida International University, USA</p> <p><b>Dr. Mark B. Rosenberg</b> President, Florida International University, USA</p> <p><b>Keynote lecture:</b> <b>Ivan Duque Márquez</b> President of Colombia</p> <p><b>Panel</b> <b>Moderador: Dr. Mauricio Bustamante García</b> Former Executive Secretary of the Andean Health Organization ORAS <b>Dr. María del Carmen Calle Dávila</b> Executive Secretary, Andean Health Agency ORAS <b>Dr. Alejandro Solís</b> Executive Secretary, Council of Ministers of Health of Central America COMISCA <b>Dr. Joy St. John</b> Executive Director, The Caribbean Public Health Agency CARPHA <b>Dr. Carla Vizzotti</b> Secretary of Access, Ministry of Health, Argentina <b>Dr. Juan Carlos Zevallos López</b> Minister of Health, Ecuador</p>
<b>1:15 pm</b>	<b>Break</b>	

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## WORKSHOP: DRUG-RESISTANT TUBERCULOSIS IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

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<b>1:45 pm</b>	Introduction	<p><b>Dr. Carlos Espinal</b> Chair, Department of Health Policy and Management, and Director, Global Health Consortium Robert Stempel College of Public Health &amp; Social Work Florida International University, USA</p> <p><b>Dr. Rafael López Olarte</b> Advisor, Tuberculosis Prevention, Control and Elimination HIV, Hepatitis, Tuberculosis and Sexually Transmitted Infections – HT Unit, Department of Communicable Diseases and Environmental Determinants of Health, PAHO/WHO</p>
<b>2:00 pm</b>	Challenges for MD-resistant TB control and elimination	<p><b>Moderator: Dr Eduardo Gotuzzo</b> Instituto de Medicina Tropical Alexander von Humboldt, Perú</p> <p><b>Lecture: <i>Epidemiological and programmatic situation of drug resistant TB in the Americas and the impact of COVID 19</i></b> <b>Dr. Rafael López Olarte</b> Advisor, Tuberculosis Prevention, Control and Elimination, PAHO/WHO</p> <p><b>Lecture: <i>New WHO consolidated guidelines on diagnosis and treatment of drug resistant TB</i></b> <b>Dr. Oscar Bernal</b> Advisor, Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis Prevention and Control, PAHO/WHO</p> <p><b>General discussion</b></p>
<b>3:00 pm</b>	<b>Break</b>	
<b>3:10 pm</b>	Research and Country Experiences	<p><b>Moderator: Dr. Massimo Ghidinell</b> Unit Chief HIV, Hepatitis, Tuberculosis and Sexually Transmitted Infections, PAHO/WHO, USA</p> <p><b>Lecture: <i>Operational research on Short, all-Oral Regimens for Rifampicin-resistant Tuberculosis (ShORRT) and progress in the Region – WHO/TDR and PAHO</i></b> <b>Dr. Corinne Merle,</b> Scientist, Research for Implementation. WHO.</p> <p><b>Country experiences:</b> <b>Colombia: <i>Integrated community support for MDR-TB patients and adjustments during the pandemic</i></b> <b>Ms. Karen Rivas,</b> Civil Society representative.</p> <p><b>Perú: <i>Ambulatory treatment of XDR-TB and adjustments during the pandemic</i></b> <b>Dr. Julia Rios,</b> National Program Manager</p> <p><b>General discussion</b></p>
<b>4:45 pm</b>	Closing Remarks	<p><b>Dr. Carlos Espinal</b> Chair, Department of Health Policy and Management, and Director, Global Health Consortium Robert Stempel College of Public Health &amp; Social Work Florida International University, USA</p> <p><b>Dr. Rafael López Olarte</b> Advisor, Tuberculosis Prevention, Control and Elimination HIV, Hepatitis, Tuberculosis and Sexually Transmitted Infections – HT Unit, Department of Communicable Diseases and Environmental Determinants of Health, PAHO/WHO</p>

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## GLOBAL HEALTH CONFERENCE DAY 2: COVID-19

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9:00 am

SARS-CoV-2: From Vaccine development to vaccination

**Moderators:**

**Dr. José Esparza**

Adjunct professor of Medicine, at the Institute of Human Virology, University of Maryland School of Medicine, USA

**Dr. Maria Aileen Marty**

Department of Translational Medicine, College of Medicine, Florida International University

**Keynote lecture: SARS-COV-2 Vaccine development and scenarios.**

**Dr. Peter Hotez**

Dean, National School of Tropical Medicine

Professor, Departments of Pediatrics, Molecular Virology & Microbiology and Co-Head, Section of Pediatric Tropical Medicine, Health Policy Scholar, Baylor College of Medicine, USA

Director of the Texas Children's Center for Vaccine Development (CVD) and Texas Children's Hospital Endowed Chair of Tropical Pediatrics. US

**Keynote lecture: Vaccine confidence during the COVID-19 pandemic. Misinformation and vaccine confidence.**

**Dr. Heidi Larson**

Department of Infectious Disease Epidemiology

London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, London, United Kingdom.

**Keynote lecture: The value of COVID-19 vaccination**

**Dr. David Bloom**

Clarence James Gamble Professor of Economics and Demography, Department of Global Health and Population, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, USA

**Panel:**

**From vaccine development to vaccination programs: expectations, potential applications and target populations, challenges and expected impact of COVID-19 vaccination**

**Dr. Edwin Asturias** Professor of Pediatrics and Epidemiology, University of Colorado School of Medicine, Colorado School of Public Health. Chairholder, The Jules Amer Chair in Community Pediatrics - Children's Hospital Colorado

**Dr. David Bloom** Clarence James Gamble Professor of Economics and Demography, Department of Global Health and Population, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, USA

**Dr. Peter Figueroa** Technical Advisory Group TAG at PAHO WHO and Professor of Public Health, Epidemiology and HIV-AIDS at the University of the West Indies in Jamaica

**Dr. Peter Hotez** Dean, National School of Tropical Medicine. Professor, Departments of Pediatrics, Molecular Virology & Microbiology and Co-Head, Section of Pediatric Tropical Medicine, Health Policy Scholar, Baylor College of Medicine, USA. Director of the Texas Children's Center for Vaccine Development (CVD) and Texas Children's Hospital Endowed Chair of Tropical Pediatrics, USA

**Dr. Cuauhtemoc Ruiz-Matus**, Unit Chief of Comprehensive Family Immunization, Department of Family, Health Promotion and Life Course, PAHO/WHO

**Dr. Roberto Tapia-Conyer** CEO, Carlos Slim Foundation. Permanent professor, University of Mexico School of Medicine

**Mr. Thomas B. Cueni** Director General, International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers & Associations IFPMA, Switzerland

**General discussion**

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## WORKSHOP: IMMUNIZATIONS

Organized by **The Immunization Coalition of the Americas**

Asociación Latinoamericana de Pediatría ALAPE, Sociedad Latinoamericana de Infectología Pediátrica SLIPE, World Society of Pediatric Infectious Diseases WSPID, American Academy of Pediatrics AAP  
International Pediatrics Association IPA

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1:00 pm	Introduction	<b>Dr. Carlos Espinal</b> Chair, Department of Health Policy and Management, and Director, Global Health Consortium, Florida International University, USA
	COVID-19 & Immunizations	<p><b>Moderators:</b>  <b>Dr Edwin Asturias</b> Professor of Pediatrics and Epidemiology, University of Colorado School of Medicine, International Epidemiologist Consultant Colorado School of Public Health. Chairholder, The Jules Amer Chair in Community Pediatrics - Children's Hospital Colorado  <b>Dr. Ana Morice Trejo</b> Former Vice-minister of Health Costa Rica</p> <p><b>Lecture: <i>What we have learned from the Past Pandemics? From history to reality</i></b>  <b>Dr. José Esparza</b> Adjunct professor of Medicine, at the Institute of Human Virology, University of Maryland School of Medicine</p> <p><b>Panel: <i>Impact of COVID-19 on vaccination: Influenza and HPV, pregnant women vaccination (Influenza, Tdap) and infant vaccination</i></b>  <b>Dr. Roberto Arroba</b> Chief, National Immunizations Program, Chief National Influenza, Epidemiology Unit, Health Surveillance Division, Ministry of Health, Costa Rica  <b>Dr. Jose A. Mojica Madera</b> Transmissible Diseases Sub-Direction, Ministry of Health, Colombia  <b>Dr. Ida Berenice Molina</b> Chief, Extended Immunizations Program, Honduras  <b>Dr. Alba María Roperó</b> Regional Advisor on Immunization, Comprehensive Family Immunization Family, Health Promotion, and Life Course, PAHO/WHO  <b>Dr. María Ticona</b> Transmissible Diseases Sub-Direction, Ministry of Health, Colombia  <b>Dr. Carla Vizzotti</b> Secretary of Access, Ministry of Health, Argentina</p>
Break		
3:10 pm		<p><b>Moderator: Dr Roberto Debbag</b> Vice President of SLIPE and Board Member, WSPID, Argentina</p> <p><b>Keynote Lecture: <i>Pneumococcal Invasive Disease in Latin America: Trends and Prevention</i></b>  <b>Dr. María Luisa Ávila Agüero</b> National Children's Hospital "Dr. Carlos Sáenz Herrera", Costa Rica</p> <p><b>Panel: <i>Vaccine Hesitancy and Vaccine Trust. The Role of Social Media and Digital Health.</i></b>  <b>Dr. María Luisa Ávila Agüero</b> National Children's Hospital "Dr. Carlos Sáenz Herrera", Costa Rica  <b>Dr. Naveen Thacker</b> Executive Director-International Pediatric Association IPA. Director, Deep Children Hospital and Research Centre, Gandhidham. Member GAVI CSO Steering Committee  <b>Dr. Rolando Ulloa Gutiérrez</b> Pediatric Infectious Diseases Service, National Children's Hospital "Dr. Carlos Sáenz Herrera", Costa Rica  <b>Dr. María Elena Villar</b> Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Communication, School of Communication and Journalism, Florida International University, USA</p>
4:20 pm	Closing Remarks	<b>Dr. Carlos Espinal</b> Chair, Department of Health Policy and Management, and Director, Global Health Consortium, Robert Stempel College of Public Health & Social Work, Florida International University, USA

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## GLOBAL HEALTH CONFERENCE DAY 3: COVID-19

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8:30 am

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COVID-19: Social and Public Policy: Has the pandemic widened the inequalities gap in the Americas?

**Moderator: Dr Juan Manuel Sotelo**

Vice-President, Global Health International Advisors GHIA President, Development Outcomes Organization DOO

**Setting the scene**

**Dr. Luiz Augusto Galvão**

Health International Relations Center CRIS, Global Health Center, Oswaldo Cruz Foundation FIOCRUZ, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

**Panel:**

**Dr. Ricardo Cortés Alcalá** "Susana Distancia" Campaign, Director General of Health Promotion, Ministry of Health, Mexico

**Dr. Lawrence Gostin** Director, O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law, Georgetown University, USA

**Dr. Luis Guillermo Solis** Former President of Costa Rica. Interim Director, Kimberly Green Latin American and Caribbean Center, Florida International University, USA

**Dr. Heidi Ullman** Officer, Social Affairs, Social Development Division, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean CEPAL

11:00 am

Lecture Series

**Moderator:**

**Dr. Andria Rusk**

Assistant Professor of Research Global Health Consortium, Robert Stempel College of Public Health & Social Work, Florida International University, USA

**Lecture: Digital Health in the Covid-19 and post-Covid-19 era**

**Dr. Roberto Tapia-Conyer**

Director, Carlos Slim Foundation, Mexico

**Lecture: iCloud electronic health records in refugees and displaced populations.**

**Dr. Shadi Saleh**

Associate Vice President for Health Affairs, American University of Beirut and Founding Director, Global Health Institute of Beirut

**Lecture: Large-Scale Reopening during COVID-19 Pandemic: An Index-based Decision Making for Resource-limited Countries**

**Dr. Nasar U. Ahmed**

Associate Professor, Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Robert Stempel College of Public Health & Social Work, Florida International University, USA and

**Dr. Abu S. Shonchoy**

Assistant Professor of Economics Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs, Florida International University, USA

**General discussion**

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## GLOBAL HEALTH CONFERENCE DAY 3: COVID-19

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1:00 pm

COVID-19 and its impact on vector control in the Americas: Challenges and opportunities

**Moderator:**

**Dr. Giovanini Coelho**  
Panamerican Health Organization/ World Health Organization

**Lecture: *Perspectives of vector programs to overcome the challenges in a COVID 19 pandemic scenario***

**Dr. Héctor Gómez Dantes**  
National Institute of Health, Mexico

**Lecture: *Vector control in times of COVID-19: Challenges and opportunities in the control of Aedes borne viruses***

**Dr. Gonzalo Vasquez Prokopec**  
Emory University, US

**Lecture: *Is there a regional capacity to a new vector control reality? How is PAHO supporting the countries?***

**Dr. Haroldo Bezerra**  
Panamerican Health Organization/ World Health Organization

**Lecture: *Facing two epidemics, COVID 19 and Dengue: The real-life experience from a large urban center in Latin America***

**Dr. Fabiano Geraldo Pimenta Junior**  
Secretary of Health of Belo Horizonte , Brasil

**General Discussion**

3:00 pm

Closing Remarks

**Dr. Francisco Becerra**

Regional Adviser, Global Health Consortium, Robert Stempel College of Public Health & Social Work, Florida International University, USA, Former Assistant Director, PAHO/WHO

**Dr. Andria Rusk**

Assistant Professor of Research Global Health Consortium, Robert Stempel College of Public Health & Social Work, Florida International University, USA

**Dr. Carlos Espinal**

Chair, Department of Health Policy and Management, and Director, Global Health Consortium, Robert Stempel College of Public Health & Social Work, Florida International University, USA

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