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8:00 - 9:00	Registration & Networking Breakfast
9:00 - 9:05	Greetings and Opening Remarks
9:10 - 9:50	Session 1 PDP perspectives on unmet medical needs in malaria, TB, and NTDs
9:55 - 11:05	Session 2 Discovery-stage technologies and innovations to address unmet medical needs
11:10 - 12:05	Session 3 Development-stage technologies and innovations to address unmet medical needs
12:05 - 13:30	Lunch Break (12:05 - 13:30) Lunch Session: Proposal Writing Seminar (12:15 - 13:00) Booth Exhibition (12:05 - 13:30)
13:30 - 13:55	Activity
14:00 - 14:55	Session 4 Partnership matters! Coincidence or destiny? How and where can we meet the right partners?
15:00 - 15:55	Session 5 Partnership matters!- Unlocking the secret of successful partnerships for late-stage projects
15:55 - 16:25	Coffee Break Booth Exhibition
16:25 - 17:20	Session 6 Funders' role and strategy in catalyzing innovations for neglected patients
17:25 - 17:30	Closing Remarks



Greetings and Opening Remarks



Dr. Hiroki Nakatani GHIT Fund

Chair & Representative Director

Dr. Hiroki Nakatani served as Assistant Director-General of WHO from March 2007 to May 2015. He led the largest technical cluster comprising HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, Malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases. During his tenure, the morbidity and mortality of these three major infections showed trends of decline, and a few tropical diseases were on track towards elimination and even eradication in case of dracunculiasis (guinea worm disease). Before joining WHO, he worked at the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan. Dr. Nakatani received his M.D. from Keio University School of Medicine, M.H.P.Ed from the University of New South Wales, and Ph.D. from Keio University.



Ms. Catherine K. Ohura GHIT Fund

CEO & Executive Director

Catherine Kaseri Ohura is CEO & Executive Director of the GHIT Fund -Previously, she served as the Executive Officer and Unit Head of Japan Commercial Operations & Customer Experience at Bristol-Myers Squibb (BMS) K.K. (located in Japan). She also served as Executive Officer and Senior Director, Regional R&D Operations (responsible for Japan, China R&D Operations) at BMS K.K. At BMS (in the US), one of her roles was the Global Lead/General Manager for the BMS Network of Women (B-NOW). In this groundbreaking industry leadership role, she drove business performance at BMS globally by fostering a more powerfully diverse and broadly inclusive people and business strategy. Prior to her role at BMS, Ohura worked in Japanese pharmaceutical company for clinical development, regulatory affairs, quality assurance, pharmacovigilance, and project management. She received her undergraduate degree in chemistry, mathematics, and business from the University of Denver, and a master's degree in regulatory affairs and quality assurance from Temple University School of Pharmacy. She has completed all but dissertation in the PhD program for Project Management at Capella University and is PMP (Project Management Professional) certified.

Session 1: PDP perspectives on unmet medical needs in malaria, TB, and NTDs



Dr. Takushi Kaneko Senior Research Fellow TB Alliance

Dr. Takushi Kaneko is a Senior Research Fellow at TB Alliance, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the discovery, development, and delivery of better, faster-acting, and affordable tuberculosis drugs. He joined TB Alliance in 2007 and has been responsible for overseeing drug discovery research activities between TB Alliance and collaborating pharmaceutical companies and academic institutions. Before joining TB Alliance, he was a Research Fellow in the Antibacterial Drug Discovery Group at Pfizer Global Research and Development Division in Groton, CT (1989-2007). He also managed the Natural Product Discovery Team in Pfizer in Groton. Prior to Pfizer, Dr. Kaneko worked in the Oncology Drug Discovery Group in Bristol-Myers Pharmaceutical Research and Development Division in Wallingford, CT (1977-1989). He earned his BSc degree from the University of Missouri at Columba (1970) and his MS and PhD in organic chemistry from the University of Michigan under Professor J. P. Marino (1974). He later carried out postdoctoral research at Harvard University with Professor Y. Kishi.



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Dr. Charles Mowbray Discovery Director DND*i*

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Session 2:

Discovery-stage technologies and innovations to address unmet medical needs



Dr. Atsuko Ochida

Associate Director Drug Discovery Chemistry Laboratories Neuroscience Drug Discovery Unit, Research Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Limited

Dr. Atsuko Ochida is an associate director of Neuroscience Drug Discovery Unit at Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Limited. She obtained her Ph.D. in organic chemistry at Hokkaido University in 2006. After working at Stanford University as a postdoctoral fellow (B. M. Trost Lab), she joined Takeda in 2007 and she has gained experience and expertise in medicinal chemistry, chemical technology and leading projects. With 12 years of experience across various therapeutic areas including diabetes, obesity, inflammatory diseases and autoimmune disorders, she has been involved in overall drug discovery process including hif finding, lead generation/optimization and preclinical stage. Since 2017, she has been working on several drug discovery projects funded by GHIT through external partnerships. One of the programs she is involved in is Booster consortium being led by DND*i* aimed to generate lead molecules targeting Chagas disease and Leishmaniasis. She is also leading chemistry activities on hit-to-lead programs targeting generation of antimalarials and antituberculosis agents in collaboration with MMV and TB Alliance respectively.



Prof. Leann Tilley

Redmond Barry Distinguished Professor and Georgina Sweet Australian Research Council Australian Laureate Fellow The University of Melbourne

Prof. Leann Tilley is Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at the Bio21 Institute, University of Melbourne. Leann was awarded a Georgina Sweet Australian Laureate Fellowship from the Australian Research Council to develop new therapies for malaria parasites. As part of the Laureate program, Leann's laboratory is implementing new imaging modalities, including cryo Electron Microscopy. Leann believes that the development of novel and effective antimalarial drugs will require innovative approaches involving Academic/ Private/ Public partnerships. Her lab is using 3D structural analysis of cells and molecules, correlative 'omics approaches, molecular genetics and modelling approaches to rationally design new antimalarials. Leann is working with colleagues from Takeda Pharmaceuticals and Medicines for Malaria Venture to discover new parasite-specific compounds that target proteastasis.



Dr. Erica Pasini

Senior Scientist Department of Parasitology Biomedical Primate Research Centre (BPRC)

Dr. Erica Pasini is a senior scientist in the Department of Parasitology at the Biomedical Primate Research Centre (BPRC), Rijswijk. After her MSc in Pharmaceutical Chemistry and a Ph.D. in Malaria Drug Development from Milan University (Italy), Erica moved to the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine to expand her knowledge on malaria and perfect her biochemistry skills. In 2004, she moved to her current position driven by a desire to contribute to the discovery/development of drugs and vaccines against malaria using non-human primate (NHP) models. At BPRC she became a leader in the application of 'omics technologies to the field of malaria. Aside of 'omics, Erica is interested in hematopoiesis and blood stage culture of malaria parasites (chiefly P. vivax), the modeling of cerebral malaria in NHPs and the understanding of malaria immunity.



Dr. Yimin Wu

Scientific Advisor PATH's Malaria Vaccine Initiative (MVI)

With over 25 years in malaria research and 15 years in malaria vaccine development, Dr. Yimin Wu serves as an scientific advisor in PATH's Malaria Vaccine Initiative (MVI). leading, coordinating, and facilitating multiple research and translational projects on malaria vaccine development. Prior to joining MVI, Yimin was the head of the Product Development Unit in the Malaria Vaccine Development Branch at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), USA, from 2003 to 2015. She directed and managed the life cycle of the development of malaria vaccine candidates from manufacturer release to preclinical and clinical evaluations, including regulatory submissions of INDs and IMPDs. She also led formulation research to improve immunogenicity of malaria vaccine candidates, led research and development of field-based assays to evaluate vaccine efficacy in malaria-endemic regions, and led multi-site/multi-country testing of clinical specimens. Prior to NIAID she headed the Malaria Program at the American Type Culture Collection, where she conducted malaria research and served as the inaugural director of the Malaria Research and Reference Reagent Resource Center, known as MR4 by the malaria research community. She earned her BM at Shanghai University of Chinese Medicine and Ph.D at Southern Methodist University.

Session 3: Development-stage technologies and innovations to address unmet medical needs



Prof. Toshihiro Horii

Head Department of Malaria Vaccine Development

Prof. Toshihiro Horii, Head of the Department of Malaria Vaccine Development has worked on development of malaria vaccine particularly the serine repeat antigen 5 of P. falciparum since 1984. Aside from basic studies, he has been actively involved in epidemiological work in several countries (Burkina Faso and Uganda: Solomon Islands, Thailand), animal studies in monkeys and chimpanzee, GMP production, GLP studies, clinical trials and coordination with various regulatory authorities. He is the inventor for NPC-SE36 (formerly BK-SE36) and NPC-SE36/CpG. An awardee of the 2004 Koizumi Prize (from the Japanese Society of Parasitology) and 2014 Aikawa Masamichi Prize (from the Japanese Society of Tropical Medicine), he has continually served as external grant reviewer for The Ministry of Education, Science, Sports and Culture of Japan (MEXT): The ministry of Agriculture. Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF); and New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization (NEDO), Japan; as well as being a recipient of research grants from WHO/TDR, MEXT, AMED, NEDO and GHIT. He has authored/co-authored more than 190 peer reviewed articles/reviews.



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Dr. Abhay Satoskar

Professor and Vice Chair for Research Department of Pathology The Ohio State University

Dr. Abhay Satoskar is a Professor and Vice Chair for Research in the Department of Pathology at The Ohio State University. Dr. Satoskar earned his MD from the Department of Pathology, King Edward VII Memorial Hospital, University of Bombay in Bombay, India and his PhD in the Department of Immunology, University of Strathclyde in Glasgow, UK. He completed his post-doctoral trainings at Max-Planck Institute for Immunobiology Germany and Harvard School of Public Health. Dr. Satoskar's research interests are immunology and neglected tropical infectious diseases such as leishmaniasis and Chagas disease to develop novel vaccines and treatments. A GHIT funded team of international experts led by him has developed a live attenuated vaccine for leishmaniasis. Dr. Satoskar has authored more than 220 publications and he serves on editorial boards of several journals. He served on panels of national and international funding agencies including NIH, NRF (South Africa), and NSERC (Canada). He is also a Visiting Professor at Nagasaki University Institute of Tropical Medicine.

Lunch Session: Proposal Writing Seminar



Dr. Ann Mills-Duggan

Partner, Innovations Division Wellcome

Dr. Ann Mills-Duggan joined the Wellcome Trust in 2010 and currently heads the Innovator Award Fund which supports discovery and development programs worldwide. Prior to joining Wellcome she spent over twenty years in the pharmaceutical industry, most recently with UCB and previously with GlaxoSmithKline and GlaxoWellcome, working in research, licensing, alliance management and life science investing. A biochemist by training Ann is a graduate of the University of Bath and earned her PhD at Imperial College, London. In addition Dr. Mills-Duggan is a member of the Selection Committees for the Global Health Innovative Technology Fund (Japan) and the Research Investment for Global Health Technology Fund (South Korea), is on several UK strategy panels including the Steering Board of the UK's HealthTech and Medicines Knowledge Transfer Network and is a Board Director of Acesion Pharma (Denmark).

Session 4: Partnership matters! Coincidence or destiny? How and where can we meet the right partners?



Dr. Tomoko Ishino

Associate Professor Division of Molecular Parasitology Proteo-Science Center (PROS), Ehime University

Dr. Tomoko Ishino is an associate Professor in Division of Molecular Parasitology, PROS, Ehime University. She earned her Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical Science (developmental biology) at the University of Tokyo in 2001. She started working on malaria parasites as a postdoctoral fellow in Mie University to elucidate the molecular mechanisms of sporozoite infection of mammalian hosts. She identified totally 7 novel secretory proteins required for sporozoite migration towards hepatocytes, recognition of hepatocytes, or development inside hepatocytes by the reverse-genetics. After working at Institut Pasteur (Dr. Menard lab) for 3 years as a postdoctoral fellow, especially on the liver stage parasite biology, she joined Ehime University in 2009. Her major research interests are: (1) elucidation of molecular mechanisms of sporozoite invasion of target cells; (2) elucidation of molecular mechanisms of sexual-stage development; (3) screening for novel candidates as transmission-blocking vaccine targets. Aside from the research, she was also serving as a senior scientific research specialist, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, from 2011 to 2013.



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Prof. Tomoyoshi Nozaki

Professor Graduate School of Medicine The University of Tokyo

Prof. Tomoyoshi Nozaki, M.D., Ph.D. graduated from Keio University School of Medicine in 1987. He spent seven years of post-doctoral training on Molecular Parasitology at NIH and the Rockefeller University. During his post-doctoral training, he worked on genome plasticity, drug resistance, and virulence mechanisms of Trypanosoma cruzi, causing Chagas' disease and T. brucei, causing African sleeping sickness. When he moved back to Japan in 1996, he started investigation on the virulence mechanisms of Entamoeba histolytica, causing amebiasis, and its unique sulfur-containing amino acid metabolisms, at Keio University. In 1999, he moved to National Institute of Infectious Diseases as a laboratory head, and in 2004, to Gunma University as Full Professor. In 2008, he returned to National Institute of Infectious Diseases as Director of Department of Parasitology. He was also appointed as Professor of University of Tsukuba and Waseda University. In 2017, he was appointed as Professor of Graduate School of Medicine. The University of Tokyo. He is also currently serving as President of Japanese Society of Parasitology. Last 25 years he has been mainly investigating two aspects of amebiasis. He has been working on the virulence mechanisms, mainly focusing on vesicular trafficking, trogocytosis, phagocytosis, and secretion of cytolytic factors. He has also been vigorously working on drug development against amebiasis and malaria targeting essential metabolisms such as sulfur-containing amino acids and coenzyme A biosynthesis and degradation. He is also working on the unique evolution of the mitochondrion-related organelles in anaerobic protists with the prospect of drug development.



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Session 5: Partnership matters!-Unlocking the secret of successful partnerships for late-stage projects



Mr. Fumiya Domoto

Planning and Management Healthcare Policy and CSR Astellas Pharma Inc.

Mr. Fumiya Domoto joined Astellas Pharma Inc. in 2010. He worked on clinical development departments for more than six years and worked for various projects, which include leading global first-in-human oncology study as the clinical program manager. In addition, he worked for global task force to install risk based monitoring and established SOPs and tools to implement it in Astellas. In 2016, he joined Healthcare Policy and CSR department, and has led access to health activities within Astellas and launched multiple access to health initiatives in low and middle income countries as cross-department activities. In his current department, he is in charge of both CSR and Healthcare Policy works as well. He has led CSR activities at corporate level, including update of CSR materiality matrix, creation of integrated corporate report and managed corporate CSR committee as its secretariat. Also, He worked for trade association initiatives at Japan Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association (JPMA) and International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers & Associations, and as JPMA project, he launched a JPMA new flagship initiative to improve proper use of medicines in collaboration with Japanese national hospital and national hospital in Vietnams. He earned a Master of Engineering degree from synthetic chemistry and biological chemistry, Kyoto University in 2010.



Ms. Ryo Kobayashi

Application Specialist In Vitro Diagnostics, Medical Systems Business Division FUJIFILM Corporation

Ms. Ryo Kobayashi is Application Specialist of In Vitro Diagnostics Division, Medical Systems Business Division at FUJIFILM Corporation. In her role, she is engaged with global health related projects with a particular focus on the product launch of Fujifilm SILVAMP TB LAM assay in close collaboration with FIND and GHIT. Prior to the current role, she worked as Local Networks Manager at the United Nations Global Compact, the platform used to advance corporate sustainability in more than 160 countries. There, she led to help companies in the Asian region to understand what responsible business means within a local context and worked to promote the uptake of CSR at the grassroots level. She holds a MPH from the School of Tropical Medicine and Global Health, Nagasaki University.



Dr. Remco de Vrueh Senior Program Manager Lygature

Dr. Remco de Vrueh joined Lygature as Senior Program Manager in 2013 and co-leads the Neglected Tropical Diseases project portfolio. Currently, he coordinates the Pediatric Praziquantel Consortium and the DTECT-Schisto partnership. Since he obtained his PhD in drug delivery in 1999, he fulfilled project management positions within the pharmaceutical industry, health research funding agencies and the Dutch Medicines Evaluation Board. He has also worked as senior consultant for a communication consultancy & PA consultancy firm with a strong focus on corporate social responsibility and sustainability. This diverse background helps him to initiate new public-private partnerships and to keep these on course during implementation. He enjoys his role as partnership broker and consolidating sometimes different perspectives into one vision. Throughout his career Dr De Vrueh has valued sharing his knowledge through teaching at various Universities, mentoring colleagues as well as Master students, providing numerous presentations at meetings and co-authoring more than 30 scientific papers and book chapters.



Dr. Emmanuel Moreau

Senior Scientific Officer, IVD Technology Development Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics

Dr. Emmanuel Moreau joined FIND in February 2018 as Senior Scientific Officer – Technology Development. He is in charge of managing R&D initiatives in the Tuberculosis program and acting as project manager for the Fujifilm – FIND co-development of the Silvamp TB LAM assay. Dr. Moreau has extensive experience in all aspects of the IVD product life cycle, having spent a decade working for major clinical diagnostics companies such as bioMérieux (France) and Philips Minicare Diagnostics (The Netherlands). He led the development of several IVD-grade immunoassays for central laboratory platforms and point-of-care devices for patient bedside testing. Dr. Moreau's expertise includes assay feasibility, design & development, transfer to manufacturing & validation, as well as support to clinical trials, regulatory compliance and market access. Dr. Moreau holds a PhD in Immunology from Université Paris 5 – René Descartes (France) and a RAPS certification for Regulatory Affairs.

Session 6: Funders' role and strategy in catalyzing innovations for neglected patients



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Ms. Lara Pandya

Strategic Partnerships Officer European & Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP)

Ms. Lara Pandya graduated from the University of Bristol, where she completed both her bachelors and Master of Science in Geography. She subsequently obtained a Master's in Public Health with the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM). She has prior experience in hospital administration and international clinical trial management, in addition to having worked in resource development at the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI) and in the project management of European Union-funded grants at the Amsterdam Institute for Global Health and Development (AIGHD). Lara is a Strategic Partnerships Officer at the European & Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP), having formerly been an EDCTP Project Officer from 2007 to 2010. She is responsible for building and managing partnerships with key public and private stakeholders, particularly in the areas of HIV and neglected infectious diseases, and for facilitating the coordination of European national research programmes on infectious diseases. She has a personal interest in research uptake into policy and ensuring access to health innovations in low- and middle-income countries.



Mr. Masahiko Noda

Managing Director Department of International Affairs Japan Agency for Medical Research and Development (AMED)

Mr. Masahiko NODA is the Managing Director of the Department of International Affairs at the Japan Agency for Medical Research and Development (AMED), which was established on April 1st 2015. He previously joined the p reparatory office for launching AMED in 2014. Mr. NODA graduated from Shinshu University, Graduate School of Science (M.Sc.). He joined the Research Development Corporation of Japan (JRDC) in 1982. He served as an official at the International Affairs Division of the Science and Technology Agency (STA) for two years from 1988. In 1990, he joined the Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST). He participated in the planning and launching of the National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation (Miraikan), as well as the Center for Research and Development Strategy (CRDS) and the Center for Low Carbon Society Strategy (LCS). He also served as special staff at the Council for Science and Technology in 2000 and for the Millennium project of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) in 2001. In 2012, he joined the School of Engineering at the University of Tokyo in order to support their research management.

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