

Tropical Medicine in the Gulf of Mexico (Trop-G)

Houston, TX, February 22-23, 2018

Thursday, February 22, 2018

Tulane campus at Galleria - 1700 West Loop S #900, Houston, TX 77027

12:00 Noon **Registration and Luncheon**

1:00pm **Introduction and Welcome**
Pierre Buekens and Peter Hotez

1:15pm **Neglected Tropical Diseases in the Gulf of Mexico**
Speaker: Peter Hotez

2:00pm **Current updates on Chagas Disease**
Speakers:
Eric Dumonteil
Claudia Herrera
Maria Elena Bottazzi

3:00pm **Current updates on Arboviruses**
Speakers:
Kristy Murray
Dawn Wesson

4:00pm Break

4:30pm **Global Health and Tropical Medicine**
Speaker: Pierre Buekens

5:00pm **Panel Discussion: “Training for Global Health in Houston, TX”**
Tulane School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine and Baylor College of Medicine - National School of Tropical Medicine will launch Dual Graduate Certificates in Global Health and Tropical Health & Biotechnology. The panel comprised of academics, physicians and trainees will discuss the opportunities and perspectives of these programs to advance Global Health and Tropical Medicine.

Moderator: Maria Elena Bottazzi

Panelists:

Antonie Rice – Baylor-NSTM’s perspective
Luann White – Tulane’s perspective
Jill Weatherhead – A Physician’s perspective
Neima Briggs - A Trainee’s perspective

6:00pm **Networking Reception**

Friday February 23, 2018

Baylor College of Medicine/ Texas Children's Hospital

Howland Auditorium – at the Children's Nutrition Research Center (CNRC), 2nd floor 1100 Bates Street, Houston, TX 77030

9:00am **Welcome and Highlights of Feb 22 Sessions**

Maria Elena Bottazzi and Peter Hotez

9:15am **Panel Discussion:
"Vaccine Research & Development for Neglected Tropical Diseases"**

Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) disproportionately afflict the "bottom billion," the world's poorest people living below the World Bank poverty level. NTD vaccines can be expected to promote both global health and economic advancement. The panel will discuss the development model in the non-profit sector, the importance to "One Health" for vaccine evaluation and testing and will highlight successes and lessons learned from the field.

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Panelists:

Uli Strych – Financing Research & Development for NTD Vaccines
Kathryn Jones – Importance of One Health
Vladimir Cruz – Lessons Learned from the Field

10:30am **Site Visit**

Texas Children's Hospital Center for Vaccine Development
Meet Howland Auditorium –CNRC 2nd floor
Participants will be divided in groups of five for tour of laboratories

11:30 am Break

12:00 Noon **Networking Lunch (CNRC lobby on the 1st floor)**

1:00pm **Closing**