

***Preliminary Program***  
(March 29, 2024)

***Vaccine Technology IX***

May 19-24, 2024  
Los Cabos, Mexico

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**Sunday, May 19, 2024**

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| 15:00 – 17:30 | Conference check-in  |
| 17:30 – 18:00 | Opening remarks  |
| 18:00 – 19:00 | <b><u>KEYNOTE</u></b><br><b>The need for manufacturability speed</b><br>Michael Anyadiegwu, CEPI, UK |
| 19:00 – 21:30 | Reception and Dinner   |

## **Monday, May 20, 2024**

07:00 – 08:30 Breakfast Buffet

### **Session 1: Novel Expression Systems and Innovative Platforms**

Chairs: Florian Krammer, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, USA  
Tania Chilima, Pereira Chilima Biotech, Switzerland

08:30 – 08:55 **Lead Speaker**  
**A next generation of COVID-19 vaccine based on the Newcastle disease virus (NDV) vector**  
Weina Sun, Department of Microbiology at the Icahn School of Medicine, USA

08:55 – 09:15 **A Comprehensive Post-COVID-19 Look at Different Vaccine Platforms: Characteristics, Performance, and Economic Considerations**  
Florian Krammer, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, USA  
Tania Chilima, Pereira Chilima Biotech, Switzerland

09:15 – 09:30 **nanoSFERIC™ engineered insect cell expression system: a next-generation virus-like particle platform for robust and safe vaccines**  
Urban Bezeljak, Sferogen, Slovenia

09:30 – 09:45 **Development of a Nanoparticle-Based Nasal Vaccine against SARS-CoV-2**  
Jorge Kalil, Incor, HCFM -Universidade de São PauloSP, Brasil

09:45 – 10:00 **Rapid screening and scaled manufacture of immunogenic virus-like particles in a tobacco BY-2 cell-free protein synthesis system**  
Jorge Armero Gimenez, LenioBio, Germany

10:00 – 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:00 **KEYNOTE**  
**Past, present, and future of vaccine technologies**  
David Kaslow, US FDA Office of Vaccines Research and Review

12:00 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 15:00 **Workshop: A blueprint for accelerating vaccine development and deployment**  
Chairs: Laura Palomares, UNAM, Mexico  
Michael L. King, Scientific Advisory Committee of CEPI, USA

You are developing a new vaccine. Preclinical data looks promising, and a decision is needed to invest your limited resources best. Should you proceed to clinical trials as soon as possible? What are the requirements to proceed to the first-in-human trial? What are the minimum CMC, quality, and analytical requirements to proceed to the different phases of clinical evaluation? Which are the different scenarios determining the vaccine development blueprint? Is your vaccine for emergency/seasonal/routine application? What economic, regulatory, and public health aspects determine vaccine development and deployment? These and other topics related to creating a vaccine development and deployment blueprint will be discussed.

15:00 – 15:30 Coffee Break

**Monday, May 20, 2024 (continued)**

**Session 2 – Vaccine Manufacturing**

Chairs: Stefanie Frank, University College London, Department of Biochemical Engineering, UK  
Jason He, WuXi Biologics, USA

- 15:30 – 16:00      **Lead Speaker**  
**Advancing vaccine production: Leveraging intensification and process integration for rapid development and scale-up**  
Mathias Garny, Univercells Technology, Belgium
- 16:00 – 16:15      **Continuous production of Influenza VLPs using IC-BEVS: a multi-stage bioreactor approach**  
Ricardo Correia, iBET, Portugal
- 16:15 – 16:30      **Intensification of Adenovirus manufacturing by developing a high cell density perfusion process**  
Alena Roßkamp, Sartorius Stedim Biotech GmbH, Germany
- 16:30 – 16:45      **Accelerating recombinant protein vaccine development and manufacturing preparation of Disease X**  
Tshering Sherpa, WuXi Biologics, USA
- 16:45 – 17:00      **Optimization and scale up of suspension Vero cell culture technology towards industrial applications in cost-effective production of viral vaccines and therapeutic viruses**  
Chun Fang Shen, National Research Council of Canada, Canada
- 17:00 – 18:30      Break / Networking
- 18:30 – 20:00      Dinner
- 20:00 – 22:00      **Poster session 1 (Odd numbers)**  
Chairs:  
Laura Cervera Gracia, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain  
António Roldão, iBET, Portugal  
Diego Fontana, Laboratorio de Desarrollo Biotecnológico, Facultad de Bioquímica y Ciencias Biológicas, Argentina

## **Tuesday, May 21, 2024**

07:00 – 08:30 Breakfast Buffet

### **Session 3: Nucleic Acid-based Vaccines**

Chairs: Shobha Vasudevan, Harvard University, USA  
Sudha Chivukula, Sanofi, USA

08:30 – 09:00 **Lead Speaker**  
**Empowering Vaccine Efficacy and Distribution: Harnessing Machine Learning for Structural Optimization and Advanced Formulations to Enhance Accessibility**  
Jason Zhang, Zipcode Bio, USA

09:00 – 09:20 **Tackling mRNA Vaccine Manufacturing Optimization From Vaccine Production to Its Purification**  
Sara Sousa Rosa, Department of Biochemical Engineering, University College London, UK

09:20 – 09:40 **Genetic engineering of influenza A virus defective interfering particles towards improved antiviral efficacy and potential use as a live vaccine**  
Tanya Dogra, Max Planck Institute for Dynamics of Complex Technical Systems, Germany

09:40 – 10:00 **Integrated platform for the rapid development of Thermostable VLP and CircRNA VLP vaccines**  
Prabuddha Kundu, Premas Biotech, India

10:00 – 10:30 Coffee Break

10:30 – 12:00 **Workshop: Advanced training of vaccine manufacturing workforce for sustainable pandemic preparedness**  
Chair: Amine Kamen, McGill University, Canada

For better pandemic preparedness, governmental authorities and international organizations are heavily investing in building local capacities for vaccine and biomedicines manufacturing. Training of work force remains a key success factor for the sustainable operations of these capacities and their effectiveness for rapid response to emerging or re-emerging infectious diseases.

Highly qualified personnel in biomanufacturing are needed globally, therefore concerted efforts should be deployed to address these needs.

This workshop invites for discussions of recent training initiatives deployed by different organizations in US, Canada, and Europe through academic and not-for profit organizations, as well as WHO initiatives. Importantly, recent initiatives in Africa, exemplified by the human capital development strategy at “Institut Pasteur de Dakar” will be presented.

The goal of the workshop, beyond sharing good practices and supporting material, is to promote collaborative efforts in creating value for the effective training of a new generation of vaccine manufacturing workforce building on integration of all training models and platforms.

- Introduction: Amine Kamen

## Tuesday, May 21, 2024 (continued)

- African Initiative: Senegal example of building capacity and developing human capital to meet the needs of African countries, Amadou Alpha Sall, General, Institut Pasteur of Dakar, SenegalUS perspective with the National Institute for Innovation in Manufacturing Biopharmaceuticals (NIIMBL), Kelvin Lee, NIIMBL, USA
- WHO academy and the NVI initiative in Asia, Alice (Eunju) Lee, IVI International, Korea
- Vaccine work force training in Mexico, Laura Palomares, UNAM, Mexico

Short presentations from each organization (10 min) followed by questions and an open floor for discussion (30 minutes)

12:00 – 13:30

Lunch

### **Session 4: One Health**

Chairs: Diego Fontana, Laboratorio de Desarrollo Biotecnológico, Facultad de Bioquímica y Ciencias Biológicas, Universidad Nacional del Litoral; CONICET, Argentina  
Abby Patterson, Boehringer-Ingelheim, USA

13:30 – 14:00

**Lead Speaker**  
**TBD**  
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14:00 – 14:15

**Enhancing purification of Adenovirus-like particles (Addomer) for snakebite therapy**  
Raquel Arinto-Garcia, iBET, ITQB NOVA, Portugal

14:15 – 14:30

**Process optimization for recombinant Marburg Virus Glycoprotein production using Drosophila S2 Cells**  
Sven Göbel, Max-Planck Institute; John A. Burns School of Medicine, University of Hawaii at Manoa, USA

14:30 – 14:45

**T-cell immunogenicity of an MVA-based vaccine candidate against Middle East Respiratory Syndrome in humans**  
Leonie Mayer, University Medical Center Hamburg Eppendorf, Germany

14:45 – 15:00

**Development of a vaccine candidate against dengue and Zika viruses by presenting a mimotope on the capsid of adeno-associated virus serotype 8**  
Arturo Liñan, Instituto de Biotecnología, UNAM, Mexico

15:00 – 22:00

**Activities**  
**Dinner at a hotel restaurant of your choice**

## **Wednesday, May 22, 2024**

07:00 – 08:30 Breakfast

### **Session 5: Analytical Technology and Vaccine analytics**

Chairs: Isabelle Knott, GlaxoSmithKline, Belgium

Laura Cervera Gracia, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain

08:30 – 09:00

#### **Lead Speaker**

#### **Analytical Characterization in an Era of Precision Vaccinology**

Julia O'Neill, Direxa Consulting LLC, USA

09:00 – 09:15

#### **Cytokine secretion as fast in-process control for live virus potency**

Johanna Bacher, acib, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Austria

09:15 – 09:30

#### **More adenovirus, more quickly & better quality**

Shawkat Hussain, Jenner Institute, UK

09:30 – 09:45

#### **A rationale design of a pneumococcal multi-epitope vaccine: from immunobioinformatics to bench-scale**

Victor Alves, University of Sao Paulo, Butantan Institute, Brasil

09:45 – 10:00

#### **Strengthening product viral safety while streamlining the testing package: Sanofi vaccine development and implementation of high-throughput sequencing for adventitious virus detection**

Carine Logvinoff, Sanofi, France

10:00 – 11:00

Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:00

### **KEYNOTE**

#### **Animal, Human and Environmental Health, they are all connected**

Albert Osterhaus, University of Veterinary Medicine Hannover, Germany

12:00 – 13:30

Lunch

13:30 – 15:00

### **Workshop**

#### **Bringing Vaccines to the Market – this is how we do it.**

Chair: Manon Cox, NextWaveBio, USA

Taking a vaccine candidate from idea through to commercialization is quite a journey. This interactive workshop features four to five vaccine innovators who will each share their product development plans in five minutes. An expert panel with broad vaccine development expertise will challenge and provide valuable advice on all aspects linked to vaccine development and supporting business model.

15:00 – 15:30

Coffee Break

### **Session 6: Formulation and Stability**

Chairs: Jeffrey Blue, MSD, USA

António Roldão, iBET, Portugal

15:30 – 16:00

#### **Lead Speaker**

#### **Improving vaccine efficacy through rational formulation design**

Dennis Christensen, CRODA Pharma, Denmark

**Wednesday, May 22, 2024 (continued)**

- 16:00 – 16:15      **Tee mixing as an alternative method to form stable emulsion based adjuvants**  
Marissa Bradley, MSD, USA
- 16:15 – 16:30      **Formulation optimization focused on safety and thermostability of a single-vial bivalent Sudan Ebola virus and Marburgh Virus Vaccine**  
Axel Lehrer, University of Hawaii, USA
- 16:30 – 16:45      **Multivalent MVA-vectored vaccine elicits EBV neutralizing antibodies in rhesus macaques that reduce EBV infection in humanized mice**  
Ivana Reidel, Beckman Research Institute of City of Hope, USA
- 16:45 – 17:00      **Development of a broadly protective neuraminidase-based Influenza Virus vaccine**  
Irene Hoxie, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, USA
- 17:00 – 18:30      Break / Networking
- 18:30 – 20:00      Dinner
- 20:00 – 22:00      **Poster session 2 (Even numbers)**  
Chairs:  
Laura Cervera Gracia, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelonna, Spain  
António Roldão, iBET, Portugal  
Diego Fontana, Laboratorio de Desarrollo Biotecnológico, Facultad de Bioquímica y Ciencias Biológicas, Argentina



## **Thursday, May 23, 2024**

07:00 – 08:30

Breakfast

### **Session 7: Regional development and manufacturing of vaccines**

Chairs: Leda Castilho, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ), Brasil  
Raman Rao, Hilleman Labs, Singapore

08:30 – 09:00

#### **Lead Speaker**

#### **Accelerating Access to Sustainable Vaccine Adjuvant Technology**

Chris Fox, Access to Advanced Health Institute, USA

09:00 – 09:15

#### **The regional manufacturing of and open access to poly ICLC (Hiltonol®) for human and veterinary vaccines**

Andrew Simpson, Orygen Biotecnologia, Brazil

09:15 – 09:30

#### **A new academia-industry partnership enabling sustainable and responsive vaccine manufacture**

Martina Micheletti, University College of London, UK

09:30 – 09:45

#### **Avian Influenza H5n1 and H7n3 vaccine candidates, from Design to Evaluation**

Leandro Alberto Nuñez Muñoz, CINVESTAV, Mexico

09:45 – 10:00

#### **Anti Covid-19 Soberana vaccines: two immunogens, one process**

Tammy Boggiano, Center of Molecular Immunology, Cuba

10:00 – 10:30

Coffee Break

10:30 – 12:00

#### **Workshop: Global Health Strategies – engaging through meaningful partnerships**

Chairs: Rajeshwari Adhisheshan, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, India  
Tarit Mukhopadhyay, MSD, USA

Vaccination is considered the most successful healthcare initiative in disease prevention, but achieving universal coverage is still beyond reach. Partly due to the disruptive nature of the Covid-19 pandemic, latest trends indicate a backsliding on childhood vaccinations. According to UNICEF 23 million children missed out on basic childhood vaccines through routine health services in 2020.

This workshop will provide a valuable forum for stakeholders in the vaccine technology field to share their experiences, learn from one another, and identify ways to work together more effectively.

This interactive workshop will cover four broad themes.

1. The importance of partnerships in global health: discussion on the role of partnerships in promoting health equity and improving health outcomes, particularly in low- and middle-income countries.
2. Successful partnership models: The workshop will showcase successful partnership models from past vaccine development and delivery initiatives. Participants to examine the factors that contributed to the success of these partnerships and identify ways to replicate them in future projects.

## **Thursday, May 23, 2024 (continued)**

3. Challenges and opportunities in partnerships: Participants explore the challenges that arise in partnerships, such as conflicting priorities, and resource constraints and how best to address these challenges and capitalize on the opportunities that partnerships provide.
4. Best practices for engaging in meaningful partnerships: The workshop could provide participants with practical tips for engaging in partnerships and outline some of the funding opportunities and priorities for partnerships in global health.

12:00 – 13:30

Lunch

### **Session 8: Devices and Delivery**

Chairs: Megan Polidano, Vaxxas, Australia

Martina Micheletti, University College London, UK

13:30 – 14:00

#### **Lead Speaker**

#### **Advances in alternative routes of vaccine administration, and continued challenges**

Tanima Sinha, Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA), USA

14:00 – 14:20

#### **Injectable core-shell particles deliver prime-boost immunization in a single shot**

Romain Guyon, University of Oxford, UK

14:20 – 14:40

#### **Understanding the enhanced immune responses to High-Density Microarray Patch vaccination through spatial transcriptomics and antibody repertoire analysis**

David Muller, School of Chemistry and Molecular Biosciences, University of Queensland, Australia

14:40 – 15:00

#### **Microarray patch delivery of unadjuvanted recombinant spike protein vaccine induces potent and broad-spectrum immune responses in a phase I clinical study**

Alexandra Depelsenaire, Vaxxas, Australia

15:00 – 16:30

Coffee Break and networking

16:30 – 17:30

Poster short talks

17:30 – 18:30

#### **KEYNOTE**

#### **Enabling vaccine technologies to save more lives**

Katey Owen, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, USA

18:30 – 19:00

Closing  
Conference Chairs

19:00 – 22:00

Banquet

## **Friday, May 24, 2024**

07:00 – 10:00

Breakfast, Checkout and Departures