

Leadership Team Meeting Teleconference

10 July 2018

Participants

Leadership team members

- Arielle Cavaliero, Leprosy Project Manager, Novartis Foundation
- Roch Christian Johnson, President, International Leprosy Association (ILA)
- Takahiro Nanri, Executive Director, Sasakawa Memorial Health Foundation
- Taye Letta, Leprosy Prevention and Control Manager, Ministry of Health, Ethiopia
- Mauricio Lisboa Nobre, Technical Advisor, The Brazilian Leprosy Program, General Coordination of Leprosy and Diseases in Elimination (CGHDE)
- José Ramirez, Board Member, International Association for Integration, Dignity and Economic Advancement (IDEA)
- W. Cairns Smith, Emeritus Professor of Public Health, University of Aberdeen
- Bill Simmons (Chair), President & CEO, American Leprosy Missions

Invited guests

- Fareed Mirza, Head of Healthcare Outcomes and Research, Novartis Foundation (Chair, Research Agenda working group)

Secretariat

- David Addiss, Senior Advisor, Global Partnership for Zero Leprosy
- Jessica Cook, Communications Director, Global Partnership for Zero Leprosy
- Courtenay Dusenbury, Secretariat Director, Global Partnership for Zero Leprosy
- Christine Jonesteller, Project Manager, Global Partnership for Zero Leprosy

Invited but unable to attend

- Jan van Berkel, President, International Federation of Anti-Leprosy Associations, (ILEP)
- Erwin Cooreman, Team Leader, Global Leprosy Programme, WHO (observer)
- Anil Kumar, Deputy Director General (Leprosy), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India
- Bart Vander Plaetse, Deputy Director FAIRMED; member of ILEP ITC (Chair, Operational Excellence working group)
- Tanya Wood, CEO, International Federation of Anti-Leprosy Associations (ILEP)

I. Welcome and Update by Leadership Team Chair Bill Simmons**II. Secretariat update**

- Courtenay Dusenbury traveled to India 7-20 June 2018 to learn from ILEP members and government agencies working in Bihar Province, attend the WHO “Review Meeting of Special Projects as Part of Global Leprosy Control,” and meet with Anil Kumar.
- Jessica Cook updated on communications: the first newsletter will go out 11 July 2018. The Leadership Team is encouraged to forward the newsletter to colleagues. The partnership is also now on Twitter (@ZeroLeprosy) and will have a Facebook page later this month.
- Advocacy & Resource Mobilization: the strategy outline has been reviewed by Leadership Team members and will now be developed into a comprehensive document. Courtenay Dusenbury will contact Leadership Team members directly to discuss the strategy. It includes a focus on existing partners, new partners, country programs and others.

III. Research Agenda Working Group

- Fareed Mirza updated on the status of invitations to Research Agenda working group facilitators and advisors.
- Cairns Smith outlined the landscape research review and encouraged the Leadership Team to read it.
- Courtenay Dusenbury explained the process and structure used to develop the working group, which was based upon the Lymphatic Filariasis model from the 2003 research forum.
- Sub-groups will be open to all who are interested, with full representation from scientific disciplines and persons affected and equitable geographic and gender representation.

IV. Operational Excellence Working Group

- Courtenay Dusenbury reported on behalf of Bart Vander Plaetse and Tanya Wood that a strong candidate for Operational Excellence Coordinator has been offered the position and is expected to start work 1 August.
- A coordinating meeting may take place mid-August 2018 and could include the new coordinator, Bart Vander Plaetse, Tanya Wood, Jan van Berkel, a representative from Research Agenda working group and Courtenay Dusenbury. The goal of this meeting is to develop a timeline and define the scope of work.
- The organization of this working group may parallel that of the Research Agenda working group (sub-group facilitators and advisors along with a general open call for members).

V. Updates and comments from Leadership Team members

- Arielle Cavaliero reported on the recent LPEP steering committee meeting.
- Cairns Smith expressed satisfaction with the partnership's progress on the Research Agenda working group.
- Mauricio Lisboa Nobre shared updates from the Brazil Leprosy Programme Meetings.
- In response to a question from Jose Ramirez, Courtenay Dusenbury clarified how participants in the Research Agenda working group were selected. This group had originally been envisioned as 25-28 persons that created a research agenda and circulated it for comments. It is now an open group that will be facilitated in seven key focus areas with numerous consultations over the next two months. Some of the persons nominated by the Leadership Team will be asked to be advisors or facilitators, and the others will be asked to participate in specific sub-groups.
- Bill Simmons noted that the working group process allows for engagement and invites broad participation which is critical for success and to moving the agenda forward.

Action Items for the Secretariat

- Prepare and disseminate Leadership Team call meeting minutes with LT and advisors (also available on team Google drive).
- Share final list of Research Agenda working group facilitators and advisors with the Leadership Team.
- The next monthly conference call will be Wednesday, 1 August. All future calls will be on the 1st Wednesday of each month.