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HIV/AIDS RESEARCHERS MEET TO EXPLORE VACCINE DEVELOPMENTS AND ALTERNATE STRATEGIES FOR TREATMENT AND PREVENTION OF AIDS

New York Academy of Sciences Symposium Follows National HIV Vaccine Awareness Day

NEW YORK, May 4, 2010— The Global HIV Vaccine Enterprise and the New York Academy of Sciences will present *HIV/AIDS: Vaccines and Alternate Strategies for Treatment and Prevention*, a daylong meeting at the New York Academy of Sciences on May 19, 2010. One day after National HIV Vaccine Awareness Day, the meeting will convene leaders in HIV vaccine R&D to discuss and propose solutions to the range of challenges they face, including developing HIV vaccines to prevent or control infection, understanding genetic diversity of the virus, and developing predictive models of infection. The symposium will also cover other non-scientific challenges and mechanisms that can be used to reduce HIV transmission now and in conjunction with a future vaccine.

WHAT: HIV/AIDS: Vaccines and Alternate Strategies for Treatment and Prevention

WHEN: Wednesday, May 19, 2010 (9:00 am – 5:30 pm)

WHERE: The New York Academy of Sciences, 250 Greenwich St., 40th floor, New York

WHO: Organized by Sarah Schlesinger, The Rockefeller University; Yegor Voronin, Global HIV Vaccine Enterprise; and Jennifer Henry, The New York Academy of Sciences

Speakers and topics include:

Genetic Diversity in HIV:

- **Dan Barouch**, Associate Professor of Medicine, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and Harvard Medical School
- **Michael Worobey**, Associate Professor, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of Arizona.

Neutralizing Ab Reactions to HIV:

- **Sanjay Phogat**, Principal Scientist, International AIDS Vaccine Initiative
- **Susan Zolla-Pazner**, NYU Langone School of Medicine.

Non-human Primate Models:

- **Louis Picker**, Oregon Health & Sciences University
- **Christopher Miller**, Professor of Pathology, Microbiology, and Immunology, University of California, Davis, School of Veterinary Medicine and Adjunct Professor of Medicine, University of California, Davis, School of Medicine.

Human Clinical Trials:

- **Julie McElrath**, Member of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center and Professor in the University of Washington Department of Medicine
- **Harriet Robinson**, Chief Scientific Officer, GeoVax Inc.
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Ethical Guidelines and Clinical Trials:

- **Jerome Kim**, Deputy Director (Science) and Chief, Department of Molecular Virology and Pathogenesis, Division of Retrovirology Walter Reed Army Institute of Research (U.S. Military HIV Research Program).

The meeting will conclude with a **panel discussion** on the topic, “Where Are We Going and What's Next?” A networking reception will follow.

For more information or to register for the symposium, please go to the conference website at www.nyas.org/AIDS.

Media coverage of this meeting is encouraged. To register, please contact Adrienne Burke at aburke@nyas.org, (212) 298-8655.

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