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**UAEM University Neglected Disease and Innovation Symposium**

Saturday, Nov 20, 2010

Hosted by the Program on Information Justice and Intellectual Property  
American University, Washington College of Law, Room 603  
4801 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington DC 20016

**Agenda**

The program will consist of brief panels that will allow for a great deal of open discussion and deliberation. We hope that ample brainstorming and conversation will bring about ideas for future policy and advocacy to most effectively leverage university resources in advancing an innovative and just medical innovation ecosystem.

**8:30 – Registration, Coffee and Breakfast**

**9:15 – Welcome – Ethan Guillen**, *Executive Director, Universities Allied for Essential Medicines* and **Sean Flynn**, *Director, Program on Information Justice and Intellectual Property*

**9:40 – Panel and Discussions: Setting the background**

This panel will set the background for the current state of affairs in academia with regard to R&D, technology transfer and the place of the university in the innovation environment.

**Moderator: Aria Ilyad Ahmad**, *UAEM – University of Toronto*

**Gloria Tavera**, *NIH Research Fellow, UAEM*, on the current state of ND research at universities: a trainee's perspective

**Mukul Ranjan**, *National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases*, on academic technology transfer at the NIH

**John W. Erickson**, *Sequoia*, on the place of academia in the innovation system

Discussion

**11:00-11:15 – Coffee and cookies**

**11:15 – Panel and Discussion on Universities, ND, Product Development Partnerships (PDPs) and Industry Collaborations**

This panel will cover specific strategies and barriers to effective collaboration with PDPs and industry, progressive approaches to intellectual property, and ways university policy can encourage a healthy innovation and access environment to facilitate the flow of innovation to application in the developing world.

**Moderator: Laura Musselwhite**, *UAEM – Duke Medical School, Johns Hopkins School of Public Health*

**Kishor Wasan**, *University of British Columbia*, bringing products from university lab to developing country markets

**Rita Khanna**, *Aeras Global TB Vaccine Foundation*, on university partnerships with PDPs (I)

**Neeraj Mistry**, *Sabin Vaccine Institute*, on university partnerships with PDPs (II)

**Stephen Hoffman**, *Sanaria*, on best practices in collaborating with academia.

Discussion

## 1:10 – Lunch and networking

## 1:50 – Panel and Discussion on Emerging Innovation Resources and the University

This panel will highlight innovative R&D programs and resources available for universities to finance and sustain ND research.

**Moderator: Karolina Maciag**, *UAEM - Harvard Medical School/MIT-HST*

**James Love**, *Director, Knowledge Ecology International*, on global innovation models and their relation to the university context

**Paul Wilson**, *Assistant Professor of Clinical Population and Family Health, Columbia University*, on innovative strategies to ensure access and innovation models

**Paul Converse**, *Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine*, how to improve resources within the university for neglected diseases

**Sandeep Kishore**, *Weill-Cornell Medical College, UAEM*, on students and ND research

Discussion

## 3:40 – Coffee and cookies

## 3:50 – Panel and Discussion: Universities and Open Source Methods

This panel will explore the role and use of open source publishing and R&D methods with an eye to applications in the university environment and ways in which universities can add to such efforts.

**Moderator: Ankush Sharma**, *Sana and UAEM – University of Michigan*

**Heather Joseph**, *Executive Director, SPARC*, open-access publishing

**Zakir Thomas**, *Open Source Drug Discovery Network*, on open source methods, securing government support for open source and collaboration with universities

**Rebecca Goulding**, *Open Health Initiative*, recent open source R&D trends

**Matt Todd**, *The Synaptic Leap*, on open biomedical research

Discussion

## 5:30 – Group Discussion of Day



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**6:00 – Closing: Ethan Guillen**

**Wine and cheese reception**

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