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The Global Health Research Congress will be launched in June 2009 and held in conjunction with the Pacific Health Summit and other related meetings in Seattle, WA. The Congress will complement these meetings by bringing together key researchers, policy makers and funding agencies to discuss the most important recent advances in global health research and the next best directions forward. Its timing, just prior to the Pacific Health Summit, is chosen so that research advances and likely future directions can help inform policy discussions. This effort builds on the success of the Pacific Health Summit in drawing key participants, shaping dialogue and forging collaborations.

A key principle behind the Congress is to make sure that policy is informed by the most current research, and that the most current research has the opportunity to shape policy. The content of the Congress will be cross-field and will focus on the most important research progress that occurred within the last year. The meeting will be structured to facilitate dialogue amongst invitees in order to identify the best next steps and future directions for global health research. The program will be developed in conjunction with the over-arching theme of the Pacific Health Summit (e.g., TB in 2009) but will not be exclusively focused on TB or the themes chosen in subsequent years. We plan that nearly 200 invited participants and speakers will attend the Congress.

The Congress will provide a novel venue for leading scientists, funding organizations and policy leaders to discuss the most critical biomedical research results and the most important research directions in several critical areas of global health. The format will consist of moderated panels that begin with high-level data presentations followed by interactive discussion among the panelists and the audience. A portion of the Congress will be devoted to small breakout sessions on topics that will be selected based on input of participants and is intended to allow for deeper discussion in specific areas.

The Congress will be managed by an Organizing Committee, initially chaired by Dr. Ken Stuart, President and Director of the Seattle Biomedical Research Institute (www.sbri.org).

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