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## INVITATION

# Advancing Life-Saving R&D Innovations for People Living with Chagas Disease – The Silent Killer

## Discussion and Reception

Thursday, November 14, 2013  
6:30 - 7:30pm  
PAHO Headquarters, Washington DC  
525 23rd St NW, Room B

**WHAT:** Please join us for an evening panel discussion and reception on developing new and innovative life-saving health tools for patients afflicted with Chagas disease, the leading parasitic killer of the Americas.

**WHEN:** Coinciding with the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (ASTMH) 62nd Annual Meeting, this complementary side event will bring together patients, researchers, clinicians, and policymakers to shed light on the treatment and research needs of people living with Chagas disease.

**WHY:** Chagas disease is a silent killer in Latin America, the US, and internationally. Much more needs to be done today to save the lives of neglected Chagas disease patients, including scaling up screening and treatment, and boosting R&D of new health tools, including drugs, vaccines, and diagnostics.

### Program and speakers will include:

- Dr. Peter Hotez, Sabin Vaccine Institute and Texas Children's Hospital Center for Vaccine Development/National School of Tropical Medicine/Baylor College of Medicine; Past President, ASTMH
- Dr. Isabela Ribeiro, DNDi
- Jenny Sanchez and Dr. Rachel Marcus, LaSocha, US Chagas disease patients association
- Sonia Tarragona, Mundo Sano Foundation; representing the Global Chagas Disease Coalition
- Dr. Luis Gerardo Castellanos, PAHO
- Panel discussion, moderated by Dr. Estrella Lasry, MSF

To RSVP, please contact: [intern@dndi.org](mailto:intern@dndi.org)

To watch the event live online, please visit: [www.livestream.com/paho](http://www.livestream.com/paho)

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This event is sponsored by the Sabin Vaccine Institute, the National School of Tropical Medicine at Baylor College of Medicine, Drugs for Neglected Diseases *initiative* (DNDi), Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), Global Chagas Disease Coalition, Research!America, ASTMH, and PAHO.