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International Vaccine Symposium Agenda Day 1 – Wednesday, September 10th, 2025

Time	Topic	Moderator
1:30 p.m. – 1:40 pm	Introduction	Dr. Carlos Espinal (GHC/DGH, RSCPH&SW, FIU, USA)
1:40 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.	Colombia and the fight against meningococcal disease: a call to action. Presentation of a comprehensive care pathway. <i>(Speakers to be confirmed)</i>	
2:40 p.m. - 3:05 p.m.	2030 Agenda for Immunizations: Progress and Limitations Dr. Daniel Salas (PAHO/WHO, USA)	Dr. Francisco Becerra (GHC/DGH, RSCPH&SW, FIU, Mexico)
3:05 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Prevention of Bacterial Diseases Epidemiological surveillance in invasive pneumococcal disease Dr. Germán Camacho Moreno (SCP, ACIN, Colombia) Advances in the prevention of <i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> infections Dr. Carlos Torres (SCP, SLIPE, Colombia) Strategies for meningococcal disease prevention: Are we making progress? Dr. Wilfrido Coronell (SCP, SLIPE, Colombia)	Dr. Roberto Debbag (SLIPE, SLV, Argentina)

	Discussion	
4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Yellow fever situation in the region and in Colombia Dr. Carlos Álvarez (ACIN, Colombia) Discussion	Dr. Alfonso J. Rodríguez-Morales (SLAMVI, ACIN, Colombia)
5:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	Promoting vaccine confidence through an evidence-based intervention program: a mixed-dose study in Colombia. Dr. Laura Valderrama (CEIP, Colombia)	
5:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Prevention of Vector-Borne Diseases Dengue vaccine Dr. Wilfrido Coronell (SCP, SLIPE, Colombia) Chikungunya vaccine Dr. Edwin Asturias (University of Colorado, USA)	Dr. José Brea (SLV, SLIPE, Dominican Republic)

Day 2 – Thursday, September 11th, 2025

Time	Topic	Moderator (s)
1:10 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Vaccination as a Cornerstone of Public Health The transformative power of vaccines: Polio, chickenpox, and hepatitis A on the global health agenda Dr. María Luisa Ávila-Agüero (SLIPE, SLV, Costa Rica) Added value of vaccines: Beyond effectiveness estimates Dr. Brad Gessner (Consultant, USA)	Dr. María Luisa Ávila-Agüero (SLIPE, SLV, Costa Rica)
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Respiratory Syncytial Virus Prevention – GHC/FIU Study Group Dr. Carlos Torres (SCP, SLIPE, Colombia) Dr. Francisco Becerra (GHC/DGH, RSCPH&SW, FIU, Mexico) Dr. Carlos Espinal (GHC/DGH, RSCPH&SW, FIU, USA)	Dr. Carlos Torres (SCP, SLIPE, Colombia)

	RSV epidemiology in Latin America: Key points for decision-making in prevention program implementation Dr. Ángela Gentile (SLIPE, Argentina) Prevention strategies with monoclonal antibodies: Experiences in Chile, Paraguay, Spain Dr. Juan Pablo Torres (SLIPE, Chile) Maternal immunization in RSV prevention: Argentina's experience Dr. Ángela Gentile (SLIPE, Argentina) Equity concept and its application in RSV control: SLIPE recommendations Dr. Carlos Torres (SCP, SLIPE, Colombia) Expert Panel and Discussion Dr. Ángela Gentile (SLIPE, Argentina) Dr. Flor Muñoz (Texas Children's Hospital, USA) Dr. Carlos Torres (SCP, SLIPE, Colombia) Dr. Juan Pablo Torres (SLIPE, Chile) Dr. Mónica Pujadas (SLIPE, Uruguay)	
4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	Pertussis Reemergence in Latin America Pertussis epidemiology: current situation and regional challenges Dr. Ángela Gentile (SLIPE, Argentina) Pertussis research group: Systematic review of the effectiveness and safety of acellular vaccines in Latin America Dr. María Luisa Ávila-Agüero (SLIPE, SLV, Costa Rica) Panel Discussion	Dr. Cristina Mariño (SCP, SLIPE, Colombia)
5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.	Vaccination through the life course: Benefits and Opportunities for Healthy Aging Panel Discussion Dr. Roberto Debbag (SLIPE, SLV, Argentina) Dr. Pablo Bonvehí (TAG, PAHO/WHO, SLV, Argentina) Discussion	Dr. Robinson Cuadros (COMLAT, Colombia)

Day 3 – Friday, September 12th, 2025

Time	Topic	Moderator (s)
09:50 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.	Global Measles Situation: Are We Going Backwards? Dr. Yvonne Maldonado (Stanford University, USA)	Dr. Edwin Asturias (University of Colorado, USA)
	Special sessions	
10:25 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.	Maternal and Child Health: Experiences in La Guajira, Colombia	Dr. Luis Jorge Hernández (Universidad de los Andes, Colombia)
10:50 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	Health Systems in Latin America and Global Health	Dr. Alex Alarcón (School of Public Health, University of Chile)
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11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.	Vaccines in Latin America Benefits and impact of scientific alliances in vaccine development Dr. María Elena Botazzi (Baylor College of Medicine, USA) Innovations in vaccine production in Colombia Dr. Juan Pablo Rojas Hernández (Vaxthera, Colombia) Dr. Leonardo Arregoces (Bogotá Bio, Colombia) New players in vaccination in Latin America Dr. Pilar Rubio (Biological E, Colombia)	Dr. Pío López (CEIP, Colombia)
12:45 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	<i>Grab your lunch-box</i>	
1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m..	Vaccination Laws in Latin America Findings from the FIU expert working group study Dr. Marisa Aizenberg (University of Buenos Aires, Argentina) Dr. Ignacio Ibarra (PAHO/WHO, USA)	Dr. Francisco Becerra (GHC/DGH, RSCPH&SW, FIU, Mexico)
1:30 p.m. – 1:55 p.m.	Current Outlook and Barriers to Polio Eradication Dr. Edwin Asturias (University of Colorado, USA)	Dr. Luiza Helena Falleiros de Arlant (SLIPE, Brazil)

1:55 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Maternal Immunization: Advances, Innovation, and Impact on Vaccine-Preventable Diseases Dr. Flor Muñoz (Texas Children's Hospital, USA)	Dr. Roberto Debbag (SLV, SLIPE, Argentina)
2:30 p.m.	Closing Remarks	Dr. Carlos Espinal (GHC/DGH, RSCPH&SW, FIU, USA)