



*International Symposium on*  
**Accelerating Research on Multipurpose Prevention Technologies  
for Reproductive Health**

**Session Panelist Biographies** *(in alphabetical order)*

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Nearly 35 years of professional experience in health sector in teaching and health program management at national level. With a background in Community Medicine, he has nearly 19 years of experience from 1992 to 2011 in the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India in various National Health Programs including National Blindness Control Program, Integrated Disease Surveillance Program, National AIDS Control Program, National Program for Prevention & Control of Cancer, Diabetes, CVD and Stroke and National Program for Health Care of the Elderly. He had significantly contributed in planning, strategic management, monitoring, human resource development and resource management of these programs. Dr. Bachani has more than 80 publications in various national and international journals and large number of technical reports and guidelines. Currently, he is Director Professor & Head, Department of Community Medicine at Lady Hardinge Medical College, New Delhi.

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I have been working as faculty in PGIMER in the dept. of Obstetrics & Gynaecology for the last 16 years. Besides clinical work and teaching, I have been involved in research projects including preterm birth, recurrent molar pregnancy, Phase 1 trials with vaginal microbicides, acceptability studies of barrier contraceptives (a collaborative study of the NIH, USA and ICMR, India), HIV and pregnancy and screening for vaginal infections. Currently, I am part of the ICMR reserach group on vaginal microbicides and am keenly intersted in popularizing women controlled methods to prevent both infections and pregnancy.



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Shalini Bharat, Ph.D in Psychology, is currently Professor in the Centre for Health & Social Sciences of the School of Health Systems Studies at the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai. She is also the National Project Director for Round 7 of the Global Fund to fight against AIDS, TB & Malaria on HIV/AIDS Counselling in India. Her research interests include reproductive health, sexuality, gender dimension of AIDS and AIDS related stigma, HIV prevention impact assessment and new methods such as, male circumcision, and health vulnerabilities in the context of migration and mobility. She teaches Qualitative Research Methods and Public Health Ethics to postgraduate students of Health/ Hospital Administration and Public Health programs at the Institute.

Dr. Bharat is member of the Mission Steering Group of National Rural Health Mission, Government of India. She serves on many national and international advisory bodies and research committees She has published widely in peer reviewed journals and is the author of the UNAIDS Best Practice Collection/ Key Material titled, "India: HIV and AIDS Related Discrimination, Stigma & Denial".

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Martha Brady is a Senior Associate at the Population Council where she directs a diverse portfolio of research and program interventions on girls' and women's protection strategies. Ms. Brady has worked in the global health arena for more than 20 years and has broad technical expertise in reproductive health, HIV/AIDS, technology introduction, and behavioral research related to reproductive health products. Martha has worked extensively on access, introduction, and integration of health technologies including: contraceptive implants, IUDs, medical abortifacients, emergency contraception, female condom, and is engaged in work on contraceptive vaginal rings and microbicides. Ms. Brady served as Director of the Expanding Contraceptive Choice program, a global program aimed at facilitating access and introduction of reproductive health technologies into public and private-sector markets worldwide. She has worked from Phase 3 clinical trials, pre-introduction, product launch, up through post-marketing. Brady serves on a number of inter-agency working groups and coalitions, including the International Consortium for Emergency Contraception, Global Health Technologies Coalition (GHTC), Female Health Foundation, and Initiative for Multi-purpose Prevention Technologies (IMPT), Coalition for Adolescent Girls, among others. Ms. Brady holds a master's degree in public health from Columbia University



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Dr. Chandhiok is Deputy Director General (Senior Grade) at the Indian Council of Medical Research, the apex research organization and advisory body to the government of India. She is the program officer for newer HIV prevention technologies and Women's health at the Council. Dr. Chandhiok is a physician by training, specializing in Obstetrics and Gynecology. She has developed the microbicide research program in the country and was the chair of the International Microbicides conference held in India in 2008. Dr. Chandhiok is a member of several international advisory groups, professional bodies and task force committees. She has published extensively in peer-reviewed journals.

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Dr. Nayanjeet Chaudhury is the Research Director for India at Population Services International, a global social marketing organization based in Washington DC and operating in diverse health areas. Dr. Nayanjeet is a physician by training and specializes in public health & community medicine. He is on the board of several national and international bodies working in Public Health. Dr. Chaudhury's major interest is in evidence informed solutions for complex yet grass root level health problems including maternal and child health issues, occupational health conditions and chronic diseases.

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Dr. Chrisman is a AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellow placed at USAID. In her role within the Population & Reproductive Health Office, she serves as a Technical Advisor on various projects for the Biomedical Team within the Research & Technology Utilization Division. These projects support the development of new and improved family planning and reproductive health technologies, including Multipurpose Prevention Technologies.



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Ms. Cohen leads PATH's work in microbicide delivery and also serves as the Co-Chair of the PATH Research Ethics Committee. Ms. Cohen has eleven years of experience conducting research and development of reproductive health and HIV prevention technologies, including microbicide delivery methods, the woman's condom, and diagnostics for sexually transmitted infections. In this capacity, she has managed the design and implementation of numerous biomedical and social science research studies with partners in Latin America, Southeast Asia and the United States. Since 2009, she has also served on the steering committee for the Initiative for Multipurpose Prevention Technologies. For the last five years, Ms. Cohen has served as the Co-Chair of the PATH Research Ethics Committee, where she reviews all of PATH's biomedical and social science research to ensure protection of human research participants.

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Hema Divakar is a consultant obstetrician and gynecologist from Bengaluru in India. After a distinguished career spanning 25 years, she becomes the President of the Federation of Obstetrics and gynecology societies of India in 2013 representing more than 29 thousand professionals. Hema has a keen interest in scaling up high value interventions to benefit the most marginalized women and families in India. She leads many innovative programs aimed at improving quality of care especially at the front lines.

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Dr. R.R. Gangakhedkar is Deputy Director in Division of Clinical Science at the National AIDS Research Institute in Pune, a premier AIDS research organization in India. He has been working in the field of HIV/AIDS over 23 years. He is a clinician and works on HIV management as well as prevention, comprehensively. He has been extensively involved in development of prevention and control strategies for the National AIDS Control Program in India since inception. He is member of many international and national expert groups on HIV infection and sexually transmitted infections. He has been involved in development of national guidelines on antiretroviral therapy among adults as well as children, management of opportunistic infections, sexually transmitted infections and reproductive tract infections, and prevention of mother-to-child transmission. He played a key role in development of the program on prevention of mother-to-child transmission and first antiretroviral therapy guidelines from professional association (Association of Physician of India) in Asia. Additionally, he is involved in various activities related to development of research capacity. He has published extensively in peer-reviewed journals.



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Dr. Jaideep Gogtay completed his medical graduation (M.B., B.S) from Grant Medical College and Sir J J Group of Hospitals in Mumbai. He went on complete his MD in Pharmacology from the KEM Hospital in Mumbai. Since 1994 he has been working with Cipla Ltd and is currently Head of Global Medical Services. He has closely been involved in the development and introduction of antiretroviral drugs for HIV/AIDS, cardiovascular drugs and inhaled medications and new delivery systems for respiratory diseases. He has participated and spoken at several forums and has been actively involved in educational activities. He has been closely involved in several clinical trials for asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). His participation in HIV/AIDS workshops has been with health ministries of several countries and non government organizations like Medicins Sans Frontier (MSF). He was a member of the Association of Physicians of India guidelines 2005 on 'Antiretroviral Therapy' and the 2008 update and has over 17 publications.

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Dr. Gupta is a Senior Scientist and Deputy Director at National Institute of Immunology, a premium research institute funded by Department of Biotechnology, Government of India. Dr. Gupta is trained as biochemist and specialized in the area of Reproductive Immunology. His major area of interest pertains to understanding the molecular basis of fertilization and role of cytokines during implantation, development of contraceptive vaccine, antibody engineering and microbicides based on natural/semi-synthetic compounds. Dr. Gupta is a Fellow of all the four National Science Academies, recipient of several prestigious national awards and member of various Task Force Committees. He has ~145 publications in the peer-reviewed journals.



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Dr. M.E. Khan is a highly skilled and widely recognized social scientist with programmatic and research expertise in FP, MCH, and HIV and AIDS in several Asian countries. He leads reproductive health and FP research activities in Population Council, Delhi office. Earlier he was Regional Director of Frontiers Program of Population Council and was responsible of Asia and Near East countries. He is an expert of Operations Research and contribute by developing and testing models to improve accessibility and quality of services to all people. He also helps program managers to modify policies and scale up interventions at the state and national levels in Bangladesh, India, Pakistan and Nepal.

Throughout his career, Dr. Khan has had a particular interest in capacity building and training in operations research. Most recently, he has been instrumental in developing a range of training tools, and has partnered with WHO's Reproductive Health and Research (RHR) department to build professional research capacity in Egypt, Pakistan, Thailand, and Vietnam, and researchers from several countries in Central Asia and Eastern Europe.

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Dr. Khera is a Medical Graduate with Post Graduate Qualification in Public Health. He has more than 20 years of experience in Public Health Programme at the National level. Presently, Dr. Khera is serving as a Public Health Consultant and Deputy Commissioner for Child Health and Immunization programme in the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India. Dr. Khera has served in the capacity of Assistant Director General and Technical Programme Manager in National AIDS Control Organization, Government of India for five years. He also served as Technical Programme Manager in the National Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme. Dr. Khera has experience working as an epidemiologist in Sultanate of Oman as well as experience teaching epidemiology at the National Institute of Communicable disease, New Delhi. He has investigated a number of outbreaks of communicable diseases and published more than 50 articles in National and International journals. Dr. Khera is a member of various technical bodies of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, WHO, UNICEF and UNAIDS.



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Suneeta Krishnan is a senior epidemiologist in the Women's Global Health Imperative (WGHI) at RTI International. Dr. Krishnan, a social epidemiologist, conducts research that aims to uncover the pathways through which gender inequities lead to adverse health outcomes and health disparities among women, and to develop and test interventions that promote health and gender equity. Her studies focus on the intersection between gender, sexuality, and adverse reproductive and sexual health outcomes. Dr. Krishnan's work draws upon theories of gender, empowerment, and social and behavioral change; incorporates ethical analysis; and involves the application of qualitative and quantitative methods. She serves as the principal investigator of studies funded by the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development and the Indian Council of Medical Research on gender-based power and prevention of intimate partner violence, HIV, and other adverse health outcomes for women in low-income urban communities in southern India. In recognition of her research and community service, Dr. Krishnan received the 2004 U.S. Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers.

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Manjula Lusti-Narasimhan is a Scientist in the Department of Reproductive Health and Research (RHR) at the World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva. She coordinates the Department's work on strengthening linkages between HIV prevention and sexual and reproductive health including promoting sexual and reproductive health and human rights of people living with HIV. In addition, Dr. Lusti-Narasimhan coordinates WHO's work on microbicides. She has extensive experience in international public health as well as pharmaceutical and clinical research.

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Dr. Manning is a Health Development Officer for the Office of Population and Reproductive Health at the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). She holds a doctoral degree in zoology and completed postdoctoral training in reproductive sciences. She previously served as a Senior Biomedical Research Advisor and Technical Advisor at USAID. She has also worked with the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the Smithsonian Institution's National Zoological Park in Washington, DC. In her current position at USAID, Dr. Manning is primarily involved with the research and development of female controlled methods that protect women against both pregnancy and HIV/STIs.



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Dr. Pachauri is Country Director and Distinguished Scholar, Population Council. From 1995 to 2010, she was Asia Regional Director, Population Council. A public health physician by training, she began her career as a faculty member and helped establish two departments of Preventive and Social Medicine, which was at that time, a new discipline in India. From 1971 to 1983, she conducted international health research with Family Health International. She designed, monitored and evaluated clinical trials on fertility control technologies in Asia, Africa, the Middle East, and Europe. The technologies were subsequently incorporated within national family planning programmes. From 1983-1994, she was in-charge of The Ford Foundation's Child Survival, Reproductive Health and HIV and AIDS Programmes. She has published extensively on policy and implementation issues related to family planning, maternal and child health, adolescents, HIV/AIDS, and sexual and reproductive health. She has also written extensively for the news media. She is a member of several advisory groups and professional bodies.

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Dr Ramesh Paranjape is the Director of National AIDS Research Institute, nodal ICMR Institute for research on HIV/AIDS. He is trained immunologist and started his career with the studies in the field of Lymphatic Filariasis and tuberculosis. He has been engaged in research on HIV and AIDS for last 20 years and has provided leadership to the Institute for last 12 years. He has contributed to HIV research through participation in various nodal committees such as National Advisory Board for HIV Vaccines, technical resource group for research on HIV and AIDS and laboratory services, Armed forces medical Research Committee etc. He has contributed greatly to the HIV vaccine trial agenda in India and facilitated two Phase I vaccine trials in India. He has keen interest in ARV drug resistance testing and surveillance. Immune responses to HIV infection in Indian patients has been one of the interests of Dr. Paranjape. He successfully led the challenging Integrated Behaviour and Biological Assessment survey among 50000 respondents in patients with high risk for HIV infection. He has more than 150 research publications.





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Bobby Ramakant serves as the Director (Policy and Programmes), Citizen News Service (CNS) and received the World Health Organization (WHO) Director-General's WNTD Award in 2008. He is also a member of Microbicides Society of India and ICMR's Microbicides Expert Group. He manages the Asia Pacific platform for online dialogue on HIV (SEA-AIDS) since 1996. He is a Fellow of National Press Foundation US, Advocacy Institute US, and HIV Vaccine 2012. He has written extensively in Hindi and English print and online media and other publications such as The Lancet, Asian Tribune, Asia Sentinel, The Nation (Thailand), Weekly Blitz, The Independent (Bangladesh), Tehelka, The Hindustan Times, Central Chronicle, Women's Era, Femina, AP Times, The Pioneer, The New Indian Express, Deccan Chronicle, Deccan Herald, The Statesman (India), News Blaze, American Chronicle (US), Modern Ghana, South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC), The Monitor (Uganda), among others. He has co-authored books/ publications on tuberculosis patients' perspective (UP state government award winning, Hindi), tobacco health hazards (UP state government award winning, Hindi), motherhood (Hindi), haemorrhoids or piles (English, Hindi), childhood pneumonia (Hindi, English, Urdu), childhood TB (English), Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) and HIV report, TB, HIV and Malaria issues (English, French, Russian and Spanish), among others. His writings has got acknowledged by awards such as WHO Medal (Greece, 1996), Original Crystal Map Honour (Japan, 1998), Pundit PN Misra Young Literary Writer Award (2000), Rotary International's Vocational Excellence Award (2006), News Blaze Writers' Achievement Award (2010), among others.

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Dr. Saxena is a Research Professor at the Centre for Policy Research (CPR) where he is also involved in research studies related to the national population and health programs. He also serves as Chair of the Indian Council for Medical Research's (ICMR) Microbicides Experts Group (MEG), focusing on national and global collaborative research and development efforts on microbicidal drugs. Dr. Saxena has served the ICMR for 20 years, as Chief of the Reproductive and Nutrition Research Division as well as the Additional Director General. There, he developed the national programmes for research in human reproduction, and established a network of collaborating research centers called the Human Reproduction Research Centres (HRRCs). He also established a Toxicology Review Panel for pre-clinical studies, and the Central/Institutional Ethical Committees for Human Research for clinical trials. Prior to joining ICMR, Dr. Saxena served as a Consultant Endocrinologist for WHO's Special Programme for Research in Human Reproduction in Geneva, Switzerland and Thailand. He is an internist and received training as a Reproductive Endocrinologist at Harvard Medical School in Boston and Karolinska Institute in Stockholm. Most recently, on November 8, 2011, Dr. Saxena was awarded a Life Time Achievement Award for scientific contributions in Reproductive Health by the Diczfaluzy Foundation, an international board of trustees.

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Dr Bulbul Sood, Country Director, Jhpiego, an affiliate of Johns Hopkins University, at Baltimore is a public health professional with more than 35 years' experience of which 23 years have been working in the Medical College in Delhi as Professor of PSM. She has proven skills in strategic planning, organization, coordination and management. With experience in International Health and Development, she is able to take programs forward in a holistic manner and is respected in the field for her knowledge and wisdom. She has strong reproductive health technical expertise, extensive program management experience and is well recognized and respected in the field of FP, Maternal Health and reproductive health both in India and internationally. Dr Sood is part of Family Planning Medical Eligibility decision making committee of WHO and USAID over last several years, member of the INFO Editorial Advisory Committee of Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health Center for Communication Programs, peer reviewer for the articles by division of Reproductive Health and Research, CDC, Atlanta and member of several Technical Advisory groups of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.

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Amongst many he received the National Award in Bio-Medicine, Basanti Devi Amirchand Prize of ICMR, National Lecturer UGC, JC Bose Award Life Sciences, FICCI Award, Sunderlal Hora and Golden Jubilee Commemoration Medals of INSA, Jalma Trust Prize in Leprosy, Rameshwardas Birla National Award, Glaxo oration NAMS, Ranbaxy Research Award, Mastrionni-Segal Award, Friedrich von Siemens Lecture.

He has been the President of the Indian Immunology Society, Endocrine Society of India, Indian College of Allergy & Applied Immunology, Association of Clinical Biochemists of India & Indian Academy of Vaccinology. Elected as the President of International Society of Immunology of Reproduction and first President of the Federation of Immunological Societies of Asia-Oceania.

Prof. Talwar was conferred Padma Bhushan by President of India & Officier de la Legion d'Honneur by President of France.

He has published over 600 publications in reputed Journals. He is editor & author of 10 books & Monographs. His notable research contributions are Immunotherapeutic Vaccine for Leprosy, Birth Control Vaccine, and Development of Polyherbal Microbicides for Reproductive Health of Women.

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Dr. Bethany Young Holt directs the Coalition Advancing Multipurpose Innovations (CAMI), an international consortium of biotech developers, researchers, health advocates and clinicians working in the area of HIV/STI prevention and reproductive health. CAMI serves as Secretariat to the Initiative for Multipurpose Prevention Technologies (IMPT). Dr. Holt is also a Principle Investigator (PI) with the Public Health Institute, which houses CAMI. She received her PhD in epidemiology from the University of California Berkeley and has over 20 years of experience working in reproductive health and HIV/STI prevention in the U.S. and internationally. She founded CAMI in 2001 to help bridge the silos between family planning, STI and HIV prevention and advance a more holistic approach towards women's health.



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