



# **TB Vaccines**

**A Second Global Forum**

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Dr. Richard O'Brien received his Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry from Wheeling Jesuit College and his Doctor of Medicine degree from West Virginia University School of Medicine. In 1970, following his internship in medicine at the University of Maryland Hospital in Baltimore, Dr O'Brien joined the United States Public Health Service. He completed his residency in internal medicine and his pulmonary fellowship at Emory University in Atlanta and postgraduate training in epidemiology at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. In 1979, Dr O'Brien joined the CDC Division of Tuberculosis Elimination (DTBE), serving as the Chief of the Clinical Research Branch from 1982-1991. From 1991-96, he was detailed to the WHO Global Tuberculosis Program in Geneva to serve as head of TB research. Following his return to the CDC DTBE, he expanded research on new TB diagnostics and oversaw the establishment of the TB Trials Consortium (TBTC) for therapy trials of new TB drugs. In January 2004, Dr O'Brien joined FIND (Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics) as Head of Product Evaluation and Demonstration. In this capacity, he has primary responsibility for pivotal clinical trials and demonstration studies of new TB diagnostics. Dr. O'Brien is board-certified in Internal Medicine, Pulmonary Disease, and Preventive Medicine/Public Health. He is an active member of the American Thoracic Society (ATS), served as chair of the ATS Scientific Assembly on Microbiology, Tuberculosis and Pulmonary Infections in 1987-88, and has co-chaired several ATS TB Statement Committees. He has served as chair of scientific advisory committees of the Global Alliance for TB Drug Development and the Union's TB Clinical Trials Program. He regularly participates in meetings of several Stop TB Working Groups, the WHO Strategic and Technical Advisory Group for TB (STAG), and the Core Group of the WHO Global Laboratory Initiative. He has over 100 publications in peer-reviewed medical journals and textbooks and is a member of the Editorial Board of the *American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine*.