

NOTE TO THE MEDIA

Stop TB Partnership and Kochon Foundation announce recipients of 2008 award for distinguished achievements on combating tuberculosis

17 October 2008 – Paris, France – Dr Jaime Bayona of Socios En Salud Sucursal Peru (SES) and Prof Denis Mitchison will share this year's Kochon prize, which is awarded annually to persons, institutions or organizations that have made a highly significant contribution to combating tuberculosis (TB). The selections were announced at the opening ceremony of the World Conference of the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease, held at the Palais des Congrès in Paris today.

Dr Jaime Bayona is the Founding Director of SES, a Lima-based organization that has had an important impact on policies for prevention and treatment of drug-resistant TB and HIV and provided training and technical assistance around the world. Dr Bayona is a leader in international health and social medicine, an authority on programmatic approaches to the control of multidrug-resistant TB and a long-time advocate for community-based primary care.

Prof Denis Mitchison has had a distinguished career in TB research. In 1947 he engaged in pioneering studies on streptomycin at Brompton Hospital as one of three people on the original bacteriological committee. In 1956 he was appointed director of the Medical Research Council Unit for Research on Drug Sensitivity in Tuberculosis at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School in Hammersmith (now Imperial College). In that role he was responsible for the design of groundbreaking randomized trials in Madras, India comparing inpatient and outpatient treatment of TB – the first major studies of home care. In 1985 Dr Mitchison retired from his position but has continued an active career in TB research.

The winners will each receive the Kochon Medal and will divide the prize money, an award of US\$ 65 000. There were also [two award recipients](#) last year: the Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee and the Ministry of Health of the People's Republic of China.

The Kochon Foundation is a non-profit foundation registered in the Republic of Korea. The Prize was established in 2006 in honour of the late Chairman Chong-Kun Lee, founder of both the Foundation and Chong Kun Dang Pharmaceutical Corporation in Korea.

The Stop TB Partnership, which is hosted by WHO in Geneva, Switzerland, consists of more than 700 international organizations, countries, donors from the public and private sectors, and nongovernmental and governmental organizations that are working together to eliminate TB.

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