

## **SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES**

### **Christopher J. Elias**

Dr. Christopher Elias is president and chief executive officer of PATH, an international nonprofit organization that creates sustainable, culturally relevant solutions, enabling communities worldwide to break longstanding cycles of poor health. Dr. Elias leads PATH's work in more than 70 countries in the areas of health technologies, maternal and child health, reproductive health, vaccines and immunization, and emerging and epidemic diseases.

Dr. Elias represents PATH at domestic and international forums, both as a spokesperson for PATH and as an advocate for innovative responses to global health challenges. He was honored as the Schwab Foundation's Social Entrepreneur of the Year for the United States in 2006 and named Global Health Research Ambassador by the Paul G. Rogers Society for Global Health Research in 2007.

Before joining PATH, Dr. Elias was a senior associate in the International Programs Division of the Population Council, where he served as the country representative in Thailand, managing reproductive health programs throughout Southeast Asia. His early career included two years in Thailand working with refugee assistance programs, first as a physician supervising a large pediatric ward in a refugee encampment and then as a medical coordinator for the American Refugee Committee at the Thailand–Cambodia border.

Dr. Elias received his medical degree from Creighton University and his masters of public health from the University of Washington.

### **Richard Greene**

Richard Greene is the Director of the Office of Health, Infectious Diseases, and Nutrition, Bureau for Global Health, United States Agency for International Development (USAID). His office manages programs in maternal and child health, nutrition, avian influenza, health systems, tuberculosis, and neglected tropical diseases. He was named Federal Employee of the Year for 2008 by the Partnership for Public Service.

Prior to assuming his current position, Mr. Greene served as Deputy Director of the Office of Health, Infectious Diseases, Nutrition, Bureau for Global Health. He also served as Chief of the Child Survival Division in the Office of Health and Nutrition, Bureau for Global Programs; Deputy Chief of the Office of Population, Health, and Nutrition for USAID/Bangladesh; Chief of the Office of Health and Population for USAID/Cameroon; Health Population Development Officer for USAID/Burkina Faso; and Health Development Officer for USAID/Sudan. Mr. Greene also served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Ivory Coast, working with the Expanded Program on Immunization, and as a consultant in numerous countries, including the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Nepal, Ivory Coast, Southern Sudan, Congo Brazzaville (with CARE), Saudi Arabia (with ARAMCO), Haiti, Mali, Azerbaijan, Belize, Tanzania, Senegal, Madagascar, and Uganda, among others.

Mr. Greene received his masters of public health and masters of arts from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA).

**Sadiah Ahsan Pal**

Dr. Sadiah Ahsan Pal is a professor of obstetrics and gynecology in Karachi, Pakistan. She is the co-author of the Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care (EmONC) manual published by the National Committee of Maternal and Neonatal Health of Pakistan, of which she is a member. Dr. Ahsan has organized workshops and meetings on diverse topics related to obstetrics and gynecology and lectured at various institutions in Pakistan on subjects related to maternal and neonatal health.

Dr. Ahsan taught obstetrics and gynecology at Baqai Medical University, Karachi, where she was named Best Female Teacher/Role Model in 2005. She is a member and fellow of the Royal College of Obstetricians & Gynecologists (RCOG) in the United Kingdom, and has served on its representative committee for Pakistan. Dr. Ahsan also received the Traveling Fellowship Award from the RCOG in 1998. She is a member of the Society of Obstetricians & Gynecologists of Pakistan, the Midwifery Association of Pakistan, and the editorial board of the Journal of the Pakistan Medical Association. Dr. Ahsan serves as a consultant for The Concept Fertility Center in Karachi, and works in an advisory capacity and as a trainer for EmONC, and several national and international organizations in Karachi.

Dr. Ahsan is a graduate of Dow Medical College and St. Joseph's College for Women, both in Karachi.