

## **Monday evening session, 11 July: the Disease Control Priorities Project**

(Note that this session has been moved from Saturday, 9 July)

The Disease Control Priorities Project (DCPP) is a joint venture of the Fogarty International Center of the US National Institutes of Health, the World Bank and the World Health Organization, housed at the Fogarty Center and financed by in-kind contributions from the three partner institutions and by grants from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The Project, which is directed by nine editors, has enlisted more than 300 authors to analyze public health and clinical interventions to control specific diseases, conditions and risk factors and to improve the performance of health facilities and systems. In early 2006 the World Bank will publish, through Oxford University Press, three volumes of the Project's findings: *Disease Control Priorities in Developing Countries*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, which will report the epidemiological, clinical and economic analyses of interventions; *Priorities in Health*, a short summary in less technical language; and a volume on the *Burden of Disease* by disease and risk factor.

The iHEA session will present material drawn from three chapters of *Disease Control Priorities in Developing Countries*: chapter 1, which provides an overview of progress in health and its economic value; chapter 15, which describes the methods of economic analysis, particularly cost-effectiveness calculations, used in the various chapters; and chapter 2, which summarizes the cost-effectiveness results. The session speakers will be Philip Musgrove, Ramanan Laxminarayan and Jeffrey Chow, whose biographical sketches follow—

**Philip Musgrove** is one of the nine editors of the Disease Control Priorities Project (DCPP) at the Fogarty International Center of the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland, and has served as the project's Chief Economist, reviewing all the economic analyses. He is trained in economics and has worked on health issues for 23 years. He is the lead author of the DCPP methodological chapter describing how cost-effectiveness analysis was used in the project, and co-author of four other chapters, on Stunting, Wasting and Micronutrient Disorders; Community Health and Nutrition Programs, Inherited Disorders of Hemoglobin, and one chapter on Tropical Diseases.

**Ramanan Laxminarayan** is a Fellow at Resources for the Future (RFF) in Washington DC and is trained in economics and public health. He is the lead author of the Disease Control Priorities Project's summary chapter evaluating the cost-effectiveness of roughly 100 clusters of personal and population-based interventions to lower the burden of ill health in developing countries. He is also the lead author on the chapter on Drug Resistance and has contributed to five other DCPP chapters.

**Jeffrey Chow** is a Research Associate at Resources for the Future (RFF) in Washington, DC, where he works on a variety of topics ranging from health to energy to deforestation. He is a contributor to multiple chapters of the Disease Control Priorities Project (DCPP), including as co-author of the summary chapter comparing the cost-effectiveness of interventions described in the disease-specific chapters. He also performed the cost-

effectiveness analyses for the chapters on Neurological Disorders, Diarrheal Diseases, Helminthic Infections, and Childhood Respiratory Infections.