



**PREBIC
PRETERM BIRTH INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIVE
DEPARTMENT OF REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RESEARCH
WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION**

MARCH OF DIMES

**Geneva, 23-26 April 2006
WHO Headquarters
Salle/Room C**

DRAFT AGENDA

Sunday 23, April 2006

15.00-17.00 Organizing Committee Meeting and meeting with group
 facilitators

Monday 24, April 2006

9.00 - 9.30 Welcome to participants
 Dr Catherine D' Argangues
 Responsible Officer for Research,
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 Dr Jose Villar
 Team leader, WHO Maternal and Perinatal Unit

 Dr Calvin Hobel
 Organizing Committee, PREBIC

9.30 - 10.00 Plenary session: Scheduled presentations
 Dr Michael Katz, March of Dimes
 The role of March of Dimes in preterm birth research

10.00-10.15 Coffee Break

10.15-10.45 Plenary session: Scheduled presentations
 Dr Stephen J Fortunato

	The contribution of PREBIC to preterm birth research: Objectives and commitments
10.45 - 11.00	Dr Pathik Wadhwa US National Children's Study
11.00-11.15	Dr Siobhan Dolan March of Dimes Initiatives
11. 15 - 12.00	Group assignments Interventions/preventions/biomarkers and risk factors: Salle C Genetics: Room M505 International Collaborative: Room M 105 Pathways: Room X10 Definitions: Room X7
12.00-13.30	Lunch
13.30- 15.00	Group session: settings of objectives
15.00- 15.30	Coffee Break
15.30 - 17.00	Plenary session: revision and discussion of objectives (5-10 minute presentation and 10 minutes discussion for each group)
17.00 – 17.30	Dr Alessandro Fulgheri Dr Paolo Baroldi Chiesi: from the commitment to research in neonatology to the creation of a Foundation to improve maternal and newborn health.
18.00	Buffet dinner at WHO cafeteria

Tuesday 25, April 2006

9.00-10.00	Group work on achieving objectives and setting commitments for the future work of each group. Each group will be expected to report on the fulfilment of their commitments at next PREBIC meeting.
10.00-10.15	Coffee Break
10.15-12.00	Group work continued
12.00-13.30	Lunch
13.30- 15.00	Group work continued
15.00- 15.30	Coffee Break

15.30 - 17.00	Plenary session: Group presentations (objectives achieved and commitments for the future)
18.00	Buffet dinner at WHO cafeteria

Wednesday 26, April 2006

8.30 -9.30	Plenary session: summary of group work and plenary discussion
9.30 – 10.00	Plans for future meeting PREBIC Initiatives and PREBIC registry: Ida Vogel
10.00 – 10.30	PREBIC organization President's address: Dr Cal Hobel MD PREBIC Registration: Dr Karla Damus
10.30	Conference adjourns

Proposed groups:

1) Genetics and preterm birth (coordination between other groups and PREGENIA)
Facilitator: Dr Pathik Wadhwa

2) Preterm birth and international health (extension of the PREBIC to collaborations involving developing countries and definition of new research lines to benefit health systems globally)
Facilitator: TBA

3) Definitions
Facilitator: Dr. Bo Jacobsson

4) Pathways
Facilitator: Dr Stephen Fortunato

5) Interventions and preventions/Biomarkers and risk factors
Facilitator: Dr. Poul Thorsen

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