

2007 Year in Review

Convened by the Sabin Vaccine Institute in December 2006, the Pneumococcal Awareness Council of Experts (PACE) is a working group of the world's leading experts in infectious diseases and vaccines whose mission is to raise awareness of pneumococcal disease and advocate for its prevention through vaccination.

Thanks to the help of our partners and supporters around the globe, PACE met with tremendous success in this, our inaugural year. Following are highlights of our accomplishments in 2007.

PACE Convenes Leading Policymakers at Geneva Briefing

April 2007 | Geneva, Switzerland

Participants from IGOs, NGOs and the private-sector joined PACE at a policymaker briefing in Geneva to learn about PACE's awareness-raising efforts. The meeting served as the basis for the year's efforts to reach policy leaders across the globe about the threat posed by pneumococcal disease and the possibilities for prevention.



Ciro A. de Quadros, PACE Co-chair and Executive Vice President, Sabin Vaccine Institute at Washington, D.C., launch

PACE Kicks Off Its Global Effort at Washington, D.C., Launch

May 2007 | Washington, D.C.

PACE convened supporters and members of the media for the formal launch of the global effort in Washington, D.C. Officials from World Health Organization (WHO), Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), National Institutes of Health (NIH), United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Program for Appropriate Technology in Health (PATH), U.S. Coalition for Child

Survival and World Bank were among the participants at the briefing, which led the day's vaccine-related news and generated coverage on NBC Television, Univision (Spanish language) Television and National Public Radio.



Dr. Maria Luisa Ávila accepts PACE's Global Leadership Award on behalf of Costa Rica's Ministry of Health

Costa Rica's Ministry of Health Receives PACE Global Leadership Award

May 2007 | Washington, D.C.

PACE presented Dr. Maria Luisa Ávila, Costa Rican Minister of Health, with PACE's Global Leadership Award in recognition of Costa Rica becoming the first Latin American country to introduce pneumococcal vaccines through a national immunization program. The Global Leadership Award will be given annually to countries that demonstrate leadership in and commitment to combating pneumococcal disease.



PACE Council Member Pavla Krizova at Czech Republic launch

Top Prague Officials Gather as PACE Launches in the Czech Republic

November 2007 | Prague, Czech Republic

Reporters from the Czech Republic's major media outlets and representatives from key professional societies and the Czech Ministry of Health joined PACE for its official launch in the region, which came as the Ministry of Health considered the routine implementation of pneumococcal vaccinations for Czech infants. Following the launch, PACE member Pavla Krizova made a presentation at parliament about the impact of pneumococcal disease and the Council's efforts to encourage prevention. A decision from the Ministry on vaccine implementation is expected in the coming months.

PACE Op-Eds Published in Bangkok and Seoul During Key Symposia

November/December 2007 | Bangkok, Thailand/Seoul, Korea

An op-ed authored by PACE Co-chair Dr. Ciro A. de Quadros and Council Member Dr. Ron Dagan was placed in the *Bangkok Post*—the leading daily English-language newspaper in Thailand—on the first day of the 5th World Congress of the World Society for Pediatrics and Infectious Diseases (WSPID) conference in Bangkok, Thailand.

A second op-ed co-authored by PACE Co-chair Dr. Orin Levine, PACE Member Dr. Lulu C. Bravo and International Vaccine Institute (IVI) Deputy Director-General Dr. Luis Jodar was placed in Seoul's *Joongang Ilbo*—a leading Korean daily newspaper—to reach opinion leaders and those attending the IVI Symposium in Seoul, Korea. Both op-eds advocated for the implementation of routine pneumococcal vaccinations worldwide, making the case that recent advances in funding for the vaccine prove the time to act is now.

28 Societies Sign PACE Global Call to Action

To date, 28 professional societies representing more than a dozen countries have signed PACE's Global Call to Action, which calls upon governments; international Institutions; officials in philanthropy; vaccine manufacturers; and other leaders in health, science and related fields to work together to make sure that safe, effective vaccines are made widely available at affordable, sustainable prices. Participating societies include the following:

American Academy of Otolaryngology—Head and Neck Surgery
 American Society for Microbiology
 Brazilian Medical Association
 Brazilian Society of Immunizations
 Brazilian Society of Infectology
 Brazilian Society of Pediatrics of São Paulo
 Brazilian Society of Pneumology and Phthisiology
 Czech Medical Association of Jan Evangelista Purkyn member organizations, including:
 Czech Allergy and Clinical Immunology Society
 Czech Pediatric Society
 Czech Pneumological and Physiological Society

Czech Society for Epidemiology and Microbiology
 Czech Society for Infectious Diseases
 Czech Society for Medical Microbiology
 Czech Society of Neonatology
 Czech Vaccinology Society
 Society of General Pediatrics
 Dominican Society of Infectology
 Dominican Society of Pneumology
 European Society for Pediatric and Infectious Diseases
 Federation of South African Infectious Disease Societies
 Kenya Pediatrics Association
 Latin American Society of Infectious Diseases
 Meningitis Research Foundation
 Paediatric Society of New Zealand
 Pediatric Infectious Disease Society
 Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene
 Union of National African Pediatric Societies and Associations
 World Society for Pediatrics and Infectious Diseases

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