

Survey on priorities in Leishmaniasis

Dear colleague

Following on from the success of Worldleish5, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) requested to the conference's organising committee the email addresses of all participants. The email list of attendees to the conference constitutes the largest pool of expertise on leishmaniasis in the world. It is for this reason that PAHO would like to use this pool of knowledge to comprehensively assess the status of leishmaniasis research.

The survey aims to gather information on research priorities/interventions in Leishmaniasis. This information will allow us to develop and update a research agenda for the future. Your answers will remain anonymous and will be analyzed by PAHO.

The questionnaire aims to address three main topics:

1. Successes in the last 5 years (research and interventions).
2. Progress on leishmaniasis research topics and interventions.
3. Elicitation of criteria for research prioritization. This information will support the future prioritization setting.

We kindly ask you to return the questionnaire by **June 30th**. You will be able to complete the questionnaire online and off-line (on the pdf file attached to the introductory email), and submit your responses on-line by just clicking on the "**submit**" button at the end of the questionnaire.

The questionnaire takes about 30 minutes to complete.

In case of doubt or question please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Zaida Yadon (PAHO), email address: yadonzai@paho.org

Thank you very much for your collaboration

Personal details (please note that these questions are compulsory, i.e. you will not be able to submit the form without completing them)

1. Name

2. Surname

3. Affiliation (name of institution/organization)

4. Address of institution/organization

5. Country where you are currently based

6. Position

7. Email address

8. Are you a (tick as many as apply)?

Researcher

Clinician

Policy maker

Officer of Official Institutions

Student

Industry representative

Veterinarian

Medical doctor

Others

9. If you answered "others" in question 8 please specify below

Please note that for the themes "successes in the last 5 years" and "progress on research topics and interventions" we seek answers on research topics (i.e. efforts to increase or improve the evidence) and/or interventions (efforts towards the control of the disease, for example, education campaigns). For questions on "elicitation of research criteria" we are only interested in prioritization of research topics, NOT of interventions.

Successes in the last 5 years

The following questions aim to collect the most relevant **advances or successes** in the **last 5 years**. Your answers must be **based on your current context (i.e. country)**. Please provide a minimum of one and a maximum of three achievements in leishmaniases **research/interventions** for your area of expertise. Please rank them in order of relevance, from first (most relevant) to third (least relevant). You can provide answers for up to two areas of expertise.

10. Please choose your first area of expertise. Your answers to questions 11 to 16 should be related to your first area of expertise

11. First topic by relevance (describe below)

12. Please describe the rationale for your selection of this first topic (i.e. the impact of the topic)

13. Second topic by relevance (describe below)

14. Please describe the rationale for your selection of this second topic (i.e. the impact of the topic)

15. Third topic by relevance (describe below)

16. Please describe the rationale for your selection of this third topic (i.e. the impact of the topic)

17. Please choose your second area of expertise. Please select "not applicable" if you do not want to complete this section for a second area of expertise. Otherwise, your answers to questions 18 to 23 should be related to your second area of expertise.

18. First topic by relevance (describe below)

19. Please describe the rationale for your selection of this first topic (i.e. the impact of the topic)

20. Second topic by relevance (describe below)

21. Please describe the rationale for your selection of this second topic (i.e. the impact of the topic)

22. Third topic by relevance (describe below)

23. Please describe the rationale for your selection of this third topic (i.e. the impact of the topic)

Progress on research topics and interventions

The following questions aim to inform progress. We ask you to identify research topics/interventions for the following classifications:

1. Topics severely under-developed, preventing effective control of leishmaniasis
2. Topics that need moderate development for the effective control of leishmaniasis
3. Topics that allow effective control of leishmaniasis but need further development for efficient and systematic applications
4. Topics that allow effective control of leishmaniasis, are efficient and systematically applied, with an exemplary development.

We ask you to base your answers on your current context (i.e. country).

You can provide answers for up to two areas of expertise

24. Please choose your first area of expertise. Your answers to questions 25 to 28 should be related to your first area of expertise

25. Add here (and describe briefly) **research topics/areas of intervention** "severely under-developed, preventing effective control of leishmaniasis"

26. Add here (and describe briefly) **research topics/areas of intervention** that "need moderate development for the effective control of leishmaniasis"

27. Add here (and describe briefly) **research topics/areas of intervention** that "allow effective control of leishmaniasis but need further development for efficient and systematic applications"

28. Add here (and describe briefly) **research topics/areas of intervention** that "allow effective control of leishmaniasis, are efficient and systematically applied approaches. An exemplary development."

29. Please choose your second area of expertise. Please select "not applicable" if you do not want to complete this section for a second area of expertise. Otherwise, your answers to questions 30 to 33 should be related to your second area of expertise.

30. Add here (and describe briefly) **research topics/areas of intervention** "severely under-developed, preventing effective control of leishmaniasis"

31. Add here (and describe briefly) **research topics/areas of intervention** that "need moderate development for the effective control of leishmaniasis"

32. Add here (and describe briefly) **research topics/areas of intervention** that "allow effective control of leishmaniasis but need further development for efficient and systematic applications"

33. Add here (and describe briefly) **research topics/areas of intervention** that "allow effective control of leishmaniasis, are efficient and systematically applied approaches. An exemplary development."

Elicitation of criteria for research prioritisation

The following questions aim to identify criteria for prioritization of research topics **ONLY** (like those identified in the previous questions).

We ask you to answer these questions based on your current context (i.e. country).

You can provide answers for up to two areas of expertise

34. Please choose your first area of expertise. Your answers to questions 35 to 38 should be related to your first area of expertise

Please provide the four most relevant prioritization criteria (e.g. cost-effectiveness), from most relevant (1) to least (4)

35. Criterion 1

36. Criterion 2

37. Criterion 3

38. Criterion 4

39. Please choose your second area of expertise. Please select "not applicable" if you do not want to complete this section for a second area of expertise. Otherwise, your answers to questions 40 to 43 should be related to your second area of expertise.

Please provide the four most relevant prioritization criteria (e.g. cost-effectiveness), from most relevant (1) to least (4)

40. Criterion 1

41. Criterion 2

42. Criterion 3

43. Criterion 4

44. Given your current context (i.e. country), please provide the greatest threat affecting the effective control of leishmaniases

Thank you very much for your responses.