IDSA Convenes New National Stakeholder Group on Antimicrobial Resistance;

Calls for Comprehensive and Coordinated U.S. Strategy

(September 4, 2014, Arlington, Va.)--Today the Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA) launched the U.S. Stakeholder Forum on Antimicrobial Resistance (S-FAR) and released the Forum’s foundational principles. Over 75 national organizations, representing medical and allied health professionals, hospitals and other healthcare facilities, patients and consumers, public health, research and advocacy, industry, and international health organizations have joined the partnership so far. Partners will convene for the inaugural S-FAR meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on October 9, 2014.

“IDSA firmly believes that in order to effectively address the public health crisis of antimicrobial resistance, we must bring together a diverse set of stakeholders to work collaboratively and inform federal policy. We are proud to convene this important group and delighted that so many partners are eager to work with us for the benefit of public health,” said Barbara E. Murray, MD, FIDSA, president of IDSA. “We are encouraged by recent heightened federal interest in antimicrobial resistance, and believe now is a critical time to mobilize strong stakeholder voices to work with government leaders.”

S-FAR was convened on the principle that any U.S. government strategy to address antimicrobial resistance should involve sustained and meaningful engagement with non-government experts and stakeholders throughout the policy development and implementation process.

For a full list of S-FAR partners, visit www.s-far.org.

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Foundational Principles of the U.S. Stakeholder Forum on Antimicrobial Resistance (S-FAR)

We, the undersigned partners of the United States Stakeholder Forum on Antimicrobial Resistance (S-FAR), support the following principles:

- Antimicrobial resistance (AR) is a well-documented and urgent problem of global significance and the U.S. should be a leader in a multi-pronged effort to reduce the negative impact of resistance on human, animal, and plant health.

- The U.S. needs a financed, coordinated, actionable national plan to address AR with measurable goals, timelines, and mechanisms for accountability.

- The U.S. AR action plan and its implementation must be informed by formal, substantive, and regular engagement with non-government experts and stakeholders.
• Government alone cannot effectively address the problem of AR; stakeholders (including healthcare providers, pharmacists, veterinarians, patients & their families, consumers, payers, public health entities, industry, farmers & ranchers, researchers & academia, advocates, and others) are critical partners who can help inform policy, create awareness, and mobilize key constituencies and the broader public to support action.

Signed (as of 9/4/2014),

AdvaMedDx
Alliance for Aging Research
Alliance for the Prudent Use of Antibiotics
American Academy of Pediatrics
American Academy of Physician Assistants
American College of Clinical Pharmacy
American College of Physicians
American College of Preventive Medicine
American Congress of OBGYN
American Dental Association
American Pharmacists Association
American Society for Microbiology
American Society of Nephrology
American Society of Transplant Surgeons
American Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene
American Thoracic Society
American Urological Association
Antibiotics Working Group
Antimicrobial Innovation Alliance
Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology
Association of Public Health Laboratories
Association of State and Territorial Health Officials
Biotechnology Industry Organization
Cempra Inc.
Center for Disease Dynamics, Economics, & Policy
Center for Foodborne Illness
Center for Science in the Public Interest
Consumers Union
Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists
Cubist Pharmaceuticals
Dignity Health
Food & Water Watch
Gerontological Society of America
Health Care Without Harm
Health Watch USA
Healthy Food Action
HIV Medicine Association
Infectious Diseases Society of America
International Centre for Migration, Health and Development
Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future
Keep Antibiotics Working
March of Dimes
Michigan Antibiotic Resistance Reduction Coalition
MRSA Survivors Network
National Association of Chain Drug Stores
National Association of County and City Health Officials
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
National Athletic Trainer’s Association
National Coalition of STD Directors
National Foundation for Infectious Diseases
National Tuberculosis Controllers Association
Natural Resources Defense Council
Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society
Pew Charitable Trusts - Antibiotics and Innovation
Pew Charitable Trusts - Campaign on Human Health and Industrial Farming
Public Health Foundation
Research!America
Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America
Society for Women’s Health Research
Society of Critical Care Medicine
Society of Hospital Medicine
Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists
Southern Research Institute
Stop TB USA
Tetraphase Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
Trust for America’s Health
UPMC Center for Health Security
Zavante Therapeutics Inc.