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Preface



On June 12 to 14, 2018, PATH hosted the second biennial Vaccines Against *Shigella* and Enterotoxigenic *Escherichia coli* (VASE) Conference in Mexico City. This conference brought together almost 200 scientists representing 27 countries to participate in a highly collaborative forum to discuss progress in the development of new enteric vaccines. Through 86 abstract-based plenary sessions and posters, in addition to two keynote presentations and 10 interactive workshops, the 2018 VASE Conference aimed to accelerate communication and progress among those working to achieve the goal of licensed vaccines against these two bacterial pathogens. Research presented covered a range of topics, including: the global burden of disease, epidemiology, and health economics; host parameters and genomics that predict responses to infection and disease; preclinical evaluations of vaccine antigens

and models of enteric diseases; and vaccine candidates in clinical trials and human challenge studies. This special issue of *Vaccine* provides an overview of the major topics presented at the 2018 VASE Conference in an effort to share the content of the meeting more broadly with the enteric vaccine field.

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