



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR BIOLOGICAL
AND ENVIRONMENTAL REPOSITORIES

REGIONAL MEETING **ISBER 2025**

• Buenos Aires •
September 12-13





WELCOME

The Garrahan Foundation and the Hospital Británico are partnering to hold the ISBER 2025 Regional Meeting in Buenos Aires on September 12 and 13.

International Society for Biological and Environmental Repositories (ISBER) is global biobanking organization that creates opportunities for networking, education, and innovation. ISBER has held conferences in the past in North America, Asia, and Europe. This will be the first time this organization will visit South America and enrich our knowledge of biobanks, a research tool of importance in translational medicine, with the storage of unique and unrepeatable samples for understanding diseases ranging from cancer to rare diseases.

The speakers are members of this society, directors of the Ontario Biobank, the Mayo Clinic, and Johns Hopkins University, with experience not only in creating these but also in developing Good Practice Guidelines for the storage and transfer of samples, not only human but also animal and plant samples. The speakers' CVs are attached.

Our intention is to stimulate the development and collaboration between these BB/BR with the region's Biobanks and their researchers from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Peru, Uruguay, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, and Costa Rica, some of whom are members of the Latin American Tumor Bank Network (REBLAC).

The ad hoc Biobank Commission of the Ministry of Science, Innovation, and Technology developed recommendations for the use of human samples in research, conducted a national survey of the existence of Biobanks (2012), and collaborated on the Ministry of Health's Guide for health research (2020).



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SPEAKERS



Dianne Chadwick, PhD.

Director of the Ontario Tumour Bank at the Ontario Institute for Cancer Research in Toronto, Canada and on faculty at the University of Toronto. Development of a province-wide biobank network. Active member of ISBER, Regional Ambassador for the America. Contributed to the ISBER Best Practices 5th Edition.

Dianne looks forward to an opportunity to meet biobank colleagues and researchers internationally to share experiences and discuss ISBER's key role in making connections, enhancing knowledge exchange, and contributing to repository success.



Gouri Mahajan, MBBS, PhD.

Director of Biorepository and Assistant Professor of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology at the Mayo Clinic, Phoenix, Arizona, USA. Regional Ambassador for the Americas region for the International Society of Biological and Environmental Repositories (ISBER). "Young Scientist Excellence and Lee Holder Award for ions at national and international conferences. Funded projects such as All of Us Research Program (Southern Consortium), Covid 19 Biobank, Mississippi Perinatal Covid 19 Databank.

Her research primarily focuses on biobanking and genomic biomarkers in cancer, including genomic testing and biomarker discovery in translational clinical psychiatry research.



William "Billy" Schleif, Ph.D.

Director-at-Large, Americas (2023-2026) for the International Society for Biological and Environmental Repositories (ISBER). Co-chaired regional and international meetings on its behalf, contributed to the 4th and 5th editions of the ISBER Best Practices for Repositories, and was recognized with the organization's Special Service Award in 2021. Scientific director of the Johns Hopkins All Children's Pediatric Biorepository. Co-director of the Pediatric Biospecimen Innovation Center in the Johns Hopkins All Children's Institute for Clinical and Translational Research in St. Petersburg, FL. Assistant professor of Pediatrics at Johns Hopkins Medicine.



MEETING AGENDA - DAY 1

Friday September 12

8.30 - 9:00 **Registration**

9:00 - 9:10 Welcome: Dr. Alejandro Kohn. Hospital Británico Director.

9:10 - 9:15 Drs. Young and Dávila.

Speakers presentations: Dianne Chadwick, PhD.; Gouri Mahajan, MBBS, PhD.; William "Billy" Schleif, PhD.

9:15 - 9:30 ISBER presentations: Dr. W. Schleif.

9:30 - 11:00 Keynote Lecture: The Value of Biobanks (total duration 1 hour and 30 minutes). Drs. Chadwick, Mahajan, Schleif.

11:00 - 11:30 **Coffee Break**

11:30 - 12:00 Ethical Aspects of Biobanks (25 min).

12:00 - 12:30 Quality Standards for Biobanks (25 min).

12:30 - 14:00 **Lunch Break**

14:00 - 14:30 Biobanks for Rare Disease (25 min + 5 min for questions).

14.30 - 15:00 Sustainability of Research Biobanks (25 min + 5 min for questions).

15:00 - 15:30 **Coffee Break**

15:30 - 16:00 Source Systems for International Collaboration (25 min + 5 min for questions).

16:00 - 16:30 Hospital Biobanks (25 min + 5 min for questions).

16:30 - 17:30 Workshop. Equipos - Sistemas BB/BR.



MEETING AGENDA - DAY 2

Saturday September 13

8.30 - 9:00 **Opening**

9:00 - 10.30 Panel Session: Lessons Learned from Biobanks and Biorepositories (1 hour and 30 minutes).

10.30 - 11.00 **Coffee Break**

11.00 - 12.30 Hospital Biobanks (1 hour and 30 minutes): Hospital Garrahan - Hospital Italiano - Instituto Roffo. BB Chile, BB Perú, BB Brasil.

12.30 **Closure**

Drs. Silvia Kassab - María T. G. de Dávila.



VENUE

Hospital Británico

Ravenscroft Hall
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ACCOMMODATION

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