Deborah Dagit
Deborah Dagit is Vice President and Chief Diversity Officer at Merck & Co. She has responsibility for global equal opportunity employment compliance and for diversity and inclusion, which includes Merck’s newly launched Business Insight Roundtables for Women, African Ancestry, Hispanic/Latino, Native/Indigenous, Differently Able, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender, Asia Pacific, and Interfaith. Organizations such as DiversityInc, Working Mother, and the Human Rights Campaign have recognized Merck for its exemplary work in diversity and inclusion under Ms. Dagit’s leadership. She currently serves on the Boards of the U.S. Business Leadership Network and the Families and Work Institute. Ms. Dagit has authored several publications on diversity issues and earned many awards, including the 2005 Champion of the Year from Out & Equal and the 2004 “Employee of the Year” award from CAREERS & the disABLED magazine.

Nancy Di Dia
Nancy Di Dia is Executive Director and Chief Diversity Officer at Boehringer Ingelheim USA. Under her leadership the company achieved the number 1 position from the Association of Diversity Councils as well as a perfect score on the Corporate Equality Index from the Human Rights Campaign for the best places to work for LGBT for three consecutive years. In 2009, she also received a prestigious recognition of Diversity Champion from the State of Connecticut Society for Human Resources Management Council, and this year she was honored by the Tri-State Diversity Council as one of the most powerful and influential women in diversity. In November 2011, the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center in New York City named her Corporate Leader of the Year. Ms. Di Dia is an active member of the Task Force for Talent Innovation, a think tank and research group of leading global companies focusing on developing best practice models for companies seeking to recruit and retain talent.
AGENDA

SANTIAGO RAMÓN Y CAJAL AWARD

INTRODUCTION
Gary A. Puckrein, PhD
President and Chief Executive Officer, National Minority Quality Forum

RECIPIENTS
Deborah Dagit
Vice President and Chief Diversity Officer, Merck & Co.

Nancy Di Dia
Executive Director and Chief Diversity Officer, Boehringer Ingelheim USA

PRESENTATIONS
Naveen Rao, MD
Lead, Merck for Mothers
“Merck for Mothers Maternal Mortality Initiative”

Mary McCluskey, MD
Chief Medical Officer, Amerigroup
“Innovative Model to Reducing Disparities in Special Populations”

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON AWARD

INTRODUCTION
Richard Umbdenstock
President and Chief Executive Officer, American Hospital Association

RECIPIENT
Truman Medical Centers
Kansas City, Missouri

ACCEPTED BY
John Bluford
President and Chief Executive Officer, and Past Chair, American Hospital Association

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON AWARD

Booker T. Washington started National Negro Health Week (NNHW) in 1915. From 1921 to 1953, NNHW was a program supported by the Public Health Service. National Minority Health Month is a descendant of NNHW. The Booker T. Washington Award recognizes an individual or organization that has made an outstanding contribution to the promotion of wellness in emerging populations.

TRUMAN MEDICAL CENTERS

Truman Medical Centers (TMC) is a not-for-profit, acute-care hospital health system in Kansas City. The TMC Health System includes TMC Hospital Hill, TMC Lakewood, TMC Behavioral Health, the management of the Jackson County Health Department, and a number of primary-care practices throughout Eastern Jackson County. Each year TMC serves nearly 100,000 individual patients who make up more than 520,000 acute and mental-health outpatient visits, more than 20,000 inpatient admissions, and nearly 100,000 emergency-department visits. TMC is the primary teaching hospital for the University of Missouri-Kansas City Schools of Medicine, Nursing, Dentistry, and Pharmacy and specializes in chronic-disease management, family/primary care, orthopedics, women’s health, and trauma services. TMC is also the largest provider of uncompensated care in the state of Missouri, with nearly $120 million in fiscal year 2011 and more than $900 million since 1999.