LeSPAR response to 2016 high level political commitment

The Learned Society Partnership on Antimicrobial Resistance (LeSPAR) welcomes news of global political and pharmaceutical industry support for actions to tackle the threat of resistant infections.

The G7 and G20 summits and the UN General Assembly have now agreed proactive steps to ensure collaboration between nations, accepting the recommendations of the WHO Global Action Plan on AMR and the UK AMR Review. In particular they have agreed:

- Support for all countries to design and implement national action plans
- Initiatives to stimulate research and development of new antimicrobial products
- Public awareness and engagement activities

In line with these agreements, the pharmaceutical industry has published a roadmap with an emphasis on public-private partnership. This guides both the development of new drugs and the management of access to antimicrobials, where and when they are needed.

LeSPAR will continue to work with our collective community of experts to ensure actions are taken in support of these resolutions.

About LeSPAR

The Learned Society Partnership on Antimicrobial Resistance (LeSPAR) is a partnership of seven UK learned societies who have come together to support actions that can mitigate the global challenge of antimicrobial resistance. Collectively, these societies represent around 75,000 scientists.

LeSPAR aims to provide a single, unified voice and mobilise the UK's collective research community in order to enhance understanding and knowledge-sharing between academia, industry and clinicians. The group is focused on taking action, championing best practice and raising awareness of the global challenge of antimicrobial resistance. LeSPAR will achieve these aims by:

- Supporting researchers in creating, sharing and applying knowledge.
- Organising focused events to enable networking and knowledge exchange, and to promote effective collaborations across disciplines and sectors.
- Engaging with government and other funders to achieve policy and funding support for the antimicrobial research community and connecting expertise from our membership to policy-makers.
- Assembling information on relevant resources and meetings.