

MARIA C. FREIRE

In mid-September 2001, Dr. Maria C. Freire (American) became chief executive officer of the Global Alliance for TB Drug Development.

From 1995, until her appointment as Chief Executive Officer of the Global Alliance for TB Drug Development, Dr. Freire built and directed the Office of Technology Transfer (OTT) of the U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH). She was responsible for the central development and implementation of technology transfer policies and procedures for the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), and for the patenting and licensing services for the NIH and the Food and Drug Administration.

A native of Lima, Peru, Dr. Freire obtained her Ph.D. in Biophysics from the University of Virginia and completed post-graduate work in immunology and virology at the University of Virginia and the University of Tennessee, respectively. Upon completion of her post-graduate work, Dr. Freire was awarded two consecutive Congressional Science Fellowships through the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Dr. Freire has been active on a number of national and international boards and committees, and is the recipient of numerous awards, including the DHHS Secretary's Award for Distinguished Service and the 1999 Arthur S. Flemming Award. In 1997 Dr. Freire was selected as a member of the Senior Executive Service of the United States of America. Prior to her appointment at the NIH, Dr. Freire established and headed the Office of Technology Development at the University of Maryland at Baltimore and the University of Maryland Baltimore County.