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Notice the New Banner at the Top?

Beginning with this issue of *ASTMH News* we have a new banner at the top. The new look

is part of our continuing efforts to maintain a fresh face for the Society. As always, your comments on this or anything else are welcome to editor Doug Dusik at ddusik@astmh.org.

PRESIDENT JULIE JACOBSON HOSTS BILL FOEGE DURING FIRST IN A SERIES OF FIRESIDE CHATS

Discussion Centered on #Courage, #Compassion, #Culture



ASTMH President Julie Jacobson, MD, DTM&H, interviewed Bill Foegen, MD, MPH, for an inspiring fireside chat Wednesday about how the elements of courage, compassion and culture have influenced Dr. Foegen's life and work. [A recording of the conversation is available on our YouTube channel.](#)

As an epidemiologist in the campaign to eradicate smallpox in the 1970s, Dr. Foegen developed the "ring vaccination" approach that led to the campaign's success. A global public leader for decades, he has served as Director of CDC, Executive Director of The Carter Center, founder of the Task Force for Child Survival and Development, and Senior Medical Advisor for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Wednesday's fireside chat was hosted by ASTMH and the Focus Area for Compassion and Ethics (FACE) at the Taskforce for Global Health. Dr. Jacobson plans on having more fireside chats during the year of her presidency.

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[View the Fireside Chat](#)



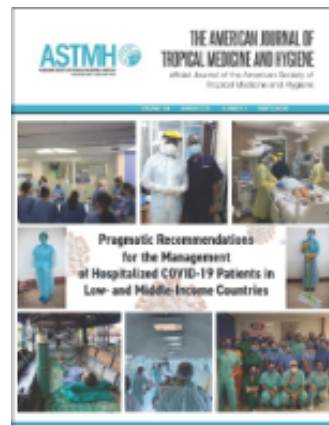
THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF
TROPICAL MEDICINE AND HYGIENE

NEW SUPPLEMENT OFFERS GUIDANCE ON COVID-19 MANAGEMENT IN RESOURCE-LIMITED SETTINGS

A new supplement offering guidance on severe COVID-19 management in resource-limited settings is now available on the *Journal* website. [Pragmatic Recommendations for the Management of Hospitalized COVID-19 Patients in Low- and Middle-Income Countries](#) was coordinated by a COVID-LMIC Task Force headed by Alfred Papali, MD, of Atrium Health, Charlotte,

NC, and Marcus Schultz, MD, PhD, of Mahidol University, Bangkok, Thailand; University of Oxford, United Kingdom; and Amsterdam University Medical Centers, The Netherlands.

"We've been working with an international group of healthcare workers from or with experience in LMICs to provide readers a series of sets of recommendations for the care of critically ill hospitalized COVID-19 patients," Dr. Schultz said. "The articles give us great insights into what might be needed to improve the outcome of critically ill COVID-19 patients in resource-limited settings. Some advice may even apply to critically ill patients not having COVID-19."



ISABELLA QUAKYI, LUDLOW MEDALIST, NAMED BY NEWSWEEK FOR DEFYING ODDS AND CHANGING SCIENCE FOREVER



Congratulations to member Isabella Quakyi, BSC, MSC, PhD, FGA, who was named by *Newsweek* as one of the [7 Women Scientists Who Defied the Odds and Changed Science Forever](#). Dr. Quakyi, who received our [Clara Southmayd Ludlow Medal](#) in 2019 (left), was selected for devoting "her four-decade-long career to tackling malaria, across fields including immunology and vaccine development," specifically helping to develop peptide vaccines partly by cloning a protein secreted by the malaria parasite.

► [Read the Newsweek article here](#)

ASTMH LEADERS IN THE NEWS



[Deadly disease research 'on ice' amid COVID-19, experts warn](#)
President Julie Jacobson, MD, DTM&H, was interviewed.



[Bombshell analysis traces new Ebola outbreak to survivor of West Africa crisis](#)
President-Elect Dan Bausch, MD, MPH&TM, FASTMH, was quoted.

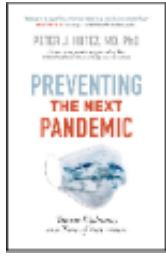


[Vaccines are needed to end the pandemic, prevent serious illness](#)
Board member and *Journal* Section Editor David Hamer, MD, FASTMH, was interviewed.



['It's like we're trying our best to help the virus': A fourth wave is looming if US fails to contain COVID-19 variants, experts say](#)
2011 President Peter Hotez, MD, PhD, FASTMH, was interviewed.

[Fear among health officials of variant spread as Texas reopens](#)
Dr. Hotez was interviewed.



2011 President Peter Hotez, MD, PhD, FASTMH, has written a new book, [Preventing the Next Pandemic: Vaccine Diplomacy in a Time of Anti-science](#), published this month by Johns Hopkins University Press.

2019 PRESIDENT CHANDY JOHN INTERVIEWED BY HEALTH PODCAST ABOUT MALARIA IN CHILDREN



2019 President President Chandy John, MD, MS, FASTMH, was the featured interview last week on [Health Conversations with Anna Smith](#). He spoke about the devastating effects of malaria in children and the collaboration and work his labs perform to reduce the burden that malaria can have on these families. Dr. John is the Ryan White Endowed Chair in Pediatric Infectious Diseases and is Director of the Ryan White Center for Pediatric

Infectious Disease and Global Health at Indiana University.

► [Listen to the Health Conversations with Anna Smith podcast](#)

MEMBER KRISTAN SCHNEIDER FEATURED IN GERMAN NEWSPAPER FOR 3RD-WAVE COVID-19 PREDICTIONS

Member Kristan Schneider, PhD, was featured this month in the German newspaper *Bild* for his mathematical models on COVID-19 infections. A mathematics professor at Mittweida University, Dr. Schneider predicted a third wave of COVID-19 infections locally, even with the lockdown and vaccinations. However, his numbers showed a flatter increase in COVID-19 cases if the current lockdown is extended. Dr. Schneider's primary work is with malaria infections, according to the newspaper.



► [Read the Bild article 3. Welle! So kriegt Sachsen die Kurve](#)

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2021 CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Submission Deadline: [April 21](#)

Submit your abstract by [April 21](#) for the 2021 Annual Meeting, November 17-21, at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center in National Harbor, Maryland, adjacent to Washington, DC.



We are planning an in-person meeting with online aspects.

Click below for information to submit your abstract. Please note important details on:

- Submission details and guidelines
- Selection criteria and acceptance rates
- Selecting the correct submission category

[Download the Guidelines](#)

ASTMH DISTINGUISHED INTERNATIONAL FELLOW NOMINATIONS CLOSE MARCH 22

Each year the Society formally recognizes up to eight individuals who have made eminent contributions to a particular aspect of tropical medicine or hygiene. Candidates must be non-U.S. citizens and well-established in their careers. Nominators must be members; however, self-nominations are allowed from non-members. [View the previous honorees.](#)

Deadline: March 22

[Learn More](#)

AWARDS AND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

ASTMH Young Investigator Awards

American Committee on Arthropod-Borne and Zoonotic Viruses (ACAV) Student/Postdoc Travel Award

American Committee on Clinical Tropical Medicine and Travelers' Health - Clinical Group (ACCTMTH)

ACCTMTH Clinical Research Award

American Committee of Medical Entomology (ACME)

ACME Young Investigator Travel Awards

- ACME Young Investigator Travel Award - Graduate (Masters or Doctoral Career Level in 2021)
- ACME Young Investigator Travel Award - Post-Doctoral (Graduation to have occurred 2019-2021)
- ACME Young Investigator Travel Award - International (Country of primary institution must be non-US)

American Committee of Molecular, Cellular and Immunoparasitology (ACMCIP)

Travel Award for Low and Low-Middle Income (LMIC) Trainees

ASTMH Committee on Global Health (ACGH)

Student/Post-Doc Travel Awards

Deadline: April 21

More Information

Submit Your Application Online

MEMBER MICKEY KROHN, EDITORIAL BOARD OF UNIVERSITY OF BAGHDAD'S AL KINDY COLLEGE MEDICAL JOURNAL

The *Al Kindy College Medical Journal*, published three times annually by Al-Kindy College of Medicine, University of Baghdad, is relaunching after 16 years. The journal will include a wider committee of advisory and editorial board members from Europe and the U.S.

"It is essential for medical education and healthcare in Iraq and neighboring countries to expand their reach in terms of scientific publications," said Michael A. "Mickey" Krohn, MD, MSc, an ASTMH member and one of the new members of the journal's editorial board. "Expanding international readership and international contributions will be a critically important method to improve public health and medical education while sharing data from Iraq with international communities."



More information is available at <https://jkmc.uobaghdad.edu.iq>.

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ISTM CONFERENCE GOES VIRTUAL, [MAY 19-22](#)

ASTMH has had a long connection with ISTM, sharing many members and leaders including Lin Chen, MD, FASTMH, ISTM President and an ASTMH member for 25 years. This year, ISTM's Biennial Conference, May 19-22, 2021 will be completely virtual. The largest international gathering of travel medicine specialists and practitioners will attend in an interactive world with avatars and live components, including 24/7 social networking opportunities, exhibitor hall hours and lively conversations. More information is [available on the ISTM website](#).

JHMRI TO HOST ANNUAL MALARIA DAY ON APRIL 23 'Lightning Talks' Call for Abstracts Due March 31

Johns Hopkins Malaria Research Institute will host its annual World Malaria Day Symposium on April 23. The full-day virtual scientific symposium will include speakers and three-minute lightning talks. The deadline for the Call for Abstracts for the three-minute lightning talks is March 31. [Information is available here at the website.](#)



Did You Know:

#TROPMED20 E-POSTERS AVAILABLE THROUGH MAY 31

The e-posters presented at the 2020 Annual Meeting will be available through May 31, 2021 for registered attendees. Use this opportunity to browse the Poster Hall and view posters of interest. Navigate your way through the Poster Hall using these links at the top of the e-poster page:

- Posters by Session
- Poster Hall Gallery View
- Poster Directory with Topics

[Click here to view the 2020 e-posters](#)



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2021 Annual Meeting

GAYLORD NATIONAL RESORT AND CONVENTION CENTER
NATIONAL HARBOR, MARYLAND, USA

November 17-21

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#TROPMED21 SPONSORSHIP, EXHIBITOR AND ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES

Sponsor, exhibit, advertise with the annual gathering for the largest international scientific organization of experts dedicated to reducing the worldwide burden of tropical infectious diseases and improving global health. [Information about sponsorship and advertising is now available.](#)

Exhibitor information: coming soon!

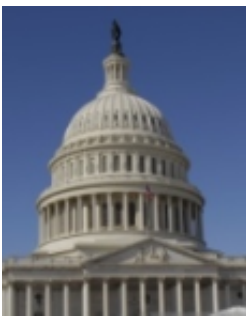
To begin a conversation on sponsorship and advertising opportunities, contact Rebecca Hamel, rhamel@astmh.org.

INTERESTED IN HOSTING A SPONSORED SYMPOSIUM?

Did you know that a Sponsored Symposium was among the top 10 most-viewed sessions at the 2020 Annual Meeting, held virtually? A Sponsored Symposium, held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting, allows you to develop the format and content to deliver a unique session to your target audience. Receive a special time slot that avoids conflict with ASTMH scientific and educational programming, and build connections with leaders in tropical medicine and global health. [Information about Sponsored Symposia is now available.](#) Contact Rebecca Hamel, rhamel@astmh.org, to get involved.

[See topics and speakers from previous sponsored symposia](#)

WASHINGTON, DC UPDATE



ASTMH continues to work with peer organizations to make its views known to Congress and the Biden administration. Letters that ASTMH led or joined include:

- An ASTMH letter to President Biden and Vice President Harris asking them to support data-driven science and outlining ASTMH's global and public health priorities.
- A letter led by the Stakeholder Forum on Antimicrobial Resistance (S-FAR) to the leaders of the House and Senate Appropriations

subcommittees with jurisdiction over AMR programs with AMR funding requests for Fiscal Year 2022.

- A letter led by S-FAR to HHS Acting Secretary Cochran urging him to make AMR a priority for the G7 and recommending a comprehensive, One Health approach to AMR.
- A CDC Coalition letter to the leaders of the House and Senate Labor-HHS Appropriations Subcommittees in support of at least \$10 billion in funding for the CDC in Fiscal Year 2022.

Read more:

- [U.S. Pays WHO Member Dues](#)
- [Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine Authorized](#)
- [COVAX Vaccine Deliveries Begin for African Countries](#)
- [President Biden Orders Supply Chain Review](#)

- [Biden's American Rescue Contains Global Health Funding](#)
- [Stimulus Public Health Funding](#)
- [Ambassador to UN Confirmed, USAID Administrator Nomination Pending](#)

IN MEMORIAM: MCWILSON WARREN



The Society mourns the loss of McWilson Warren, PhD, a long-standing member of the ASTMH who passed away in January of this year at the age of 91. He was Editor-in-Chief of the *American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene* from 1991-1997 and Scientific Program Chair from 1978-1980.

[View the ASTMH memoriams here](#)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

(February 2021) Margaret Baker, Denise Barrera, John Bawa, Sean Beeman, Isabel Byrne, Thais Costa, Jakob Cramer, Brinda Dass, Timothy DeVita, Sabine Dittrich, Philip Downs, Ann Evensen, Taroub Faramand, Zannatul Ferdous, Emily Fiore, Florence Fouque, Marx Genovez, Marie Keith, Beena Koshy, Nathalie Lambrecht, Mazie Larsen, Peter Larson, Michael Lauth, Elyse LeeVan, Kaylee McKay, Le Huu Nhat Minh, Mark Minnery, Mathias Mondy, Michael Moody, Patrick Murphy, Aziza Mwisongo, Sula Ndousse-Fetter, Gabriela Fernanda Oliveira, Herbert Onuoha, Lindsay Parish, Thomas Peto, Anna Roose, Kaitlin Shuping, Natalia Silva, Nathaniel Sisson, Angus Tengbeh, Clare Warrell and Angela Weaver.

Our new members come from Australia, Brazil, Germany, Ghana, India, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Switzerland, Thailand, United Kingdom, United States and Vietnam.

CTROPMED[®] EXAM TO BE HELD ONLINE THIS FALL AT TESTING CENTERS AROUND THE WORLD

The Certificate of Knowledge – CTropMed[®] Examination is moving online starting this year to testing centers throughout the United States and around the world. Those taking the online exam will be able to do so between October 11 - October 24, 2021. Stay tuned for further details.

Key dates to note: Registration will open in early April; registration deadline: June 21.

[Learn More](#)

TROPMED & GLOBAL HEALTH NEWS AND RELEASES

- **CDC's National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious**

Diseases has published the [NCEZID 2020 Progress Report](#), which shines a spotlight on some of the important work the Center performed in 2019.

- The [WHO Guidelines for Malaria](#) bring together the organization's most up-to-date recommendations for malaria in one user-friendly and easy-to-navigate online platform.
- Applications open April 1 for the \$80,000 **Health and Environmental Sciences Institute 2021 Innovation Prize**, which recognizes science-based efforts reducing disproportionate health burdens in underserved populations and/or promoting greater health equity. Deadline is June 30.
- Find out how many cases and deaths have occurred in your country using the [WHO Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Dashboard](#).



ASTMH News features key updates about the Society, as well as topline summaries of relevant tropical medicine, hygiene and global health items. Your feedback is encouraged; please send your comments to newsletter editor [Doug Dusik](#) at ddusik@astmh.org.

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