

ACGH Newsletter

ASTMH Committee on Global Health

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ACGH at the ASTMH Annual Meeting
Join us at the 2023 Annual Meeting!
Hyatt Regency Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, USA
There's still time to [register!](#)



You're invited,

ACGH members! (limited seating)

**ASTMH Committee on
Global Health (ACGH)
Council Meeting**

Wednesday, October 18, 2023,
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm Columbian -
Concourse Level (West Tower)

Be a part of the Global Health Symposia

**ACGH Symposium I: Effectively Communicating Sensitive Issues
in Global Health: Lessons from the Field**

Friday, October 20, 1:45 pm - 3:30 pm (CT), Grand Ballroom A
Course Co-Chairs: James Colborn, PhD, MSPH; Yazoumé Yé, PhD, MPH

**ACGH Symposium II: From Concept to Practice: How to
Sustainably Democratize/Decolonize Global Health**

Friday, October 20, 4:00 pm - 5:45 pm (CT), Grand Ballroom A
Course Co-Chairs: Maria Elena Bottazzi, PhD; Katherine Wolf, MPH

**Pre-Meeting Course: Effectively Communicating in Global Health:
The Science of Public Engagement and Lessons from the Field**

Wednesday, October 18, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm (CT), Michigan 1C - Concourse Level (East Tower)

Learn expert public engagement strategies, explore didactic and pragmatic tools for effective scientific communication, and gain specialized tools tailored to global health work from public health professionals. Course Co-Chairs:

James Colborn, PhD, MSPH, Senior Malaria Advisor, Clinton Health Access
Hannah Bialic, MSc, Public Engagement Manager, Wellcome Centre for Integrative Parasitology

Workshop: Climate Fresk: Empowerment in Action

Let's understand the physics, causes, and consequences of climate change.

Wednesday, October 18, 1 - 4 pm (CT), Michigan 1A - Concourse (East) (registered attendees only – now full)

Co-Sponsored by [Malaria No More/Forecasting Healthy Futures](#)



This workshop offers a collaborative learning experience focused on understanding the science, causes, and consequences of climate change. Discover climate change-work links and boost awareness of climate-health solutions.

Ponder to Probe: A Cosmopolitan Debate and Peer-Networking Session

Thursday, October 19, 5:15 pm - 7:00 pm (CT), Roosevelt 3B - Concourse Level (East Tower)

Immerse yourself in a dynamic cosmopolitan debate, connect with peers, and explore the theme of climate change & health.



We're seeking volunteers for the ACGH Table at the TropMed Booth.

Connect with conference attendees and join us for 2-hour shifts!
Interested members, please e-mail Dr. Fabu Moses Stuart at fabu_md@hotmail.com.

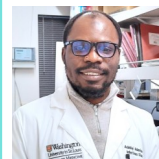
Advocacy Action!

Amidst global health funding shifts related to COVID-19 and climate change, it is crucial not to overlook the persistent threat of malaria—a disease that has endured for centuries and continues to impact millions. In 2021 alone, there were 247 million new cases of [malaria](#) and 619,000 related deaths worldwide. Unfortunately, progress against this disease has slowed, and [climate change](#) is expected to increase the number of people at risk in the future. More concerning, the [funding gap](#) between the amount invested in malaria response and the amount needed has increased from US\$2.6 billion to US\$3.8 billion in 2021.

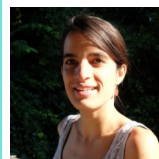
Join us in fighting malaria or any global health issue that is affected by climate change by investing in prevention, integrating climate action, raising your voice, and plunging into an Advocacy Action by [attending a Climate Fresk](#) with your friends or [facilitating a Climate Fresk workshop](#) for your colleagues.



Meet our ACGH Travel Award Recipients!



Adebisi Adeniran, DSc,
Washington University
School of Medicine,
MO, USA



Manuela Carrasquilla, PhD,
Max Planck Institute for
Infection Biology, Germany

Contribute to Global Health discussions & share your [#TropMed23](#) experience on Twitter by engaging with [@ASTMH](#) & [@ASTMH ACGH](#). 

Congratulations to the ACGH Award for Research Support Winners!

Sarah Boudova, MD, PhD, *Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine, Thomas Jefferson University, PA, USA*
Dr. Boudova's research seeks to examine the effects of iron deficiency during pregnancy on malaria parasitemia and gametocytemia. Her research will help address critical questions about the influence of routine prenatal care on the risk of malaria transmission, which will become increasingly important as malaria elimination and eradication efforts continue to expand. The hope is that the data generated from this study can be used to advocate for a greater level of inclusion of pregnant women in malaria elimination efforts. The ACGH Award supports the acquisition of essential laboratory reagents.



Godwin Kwakye-Nuako, PhD, *Department of Biomedical Sciences, University of Cape Coast, Ghana*
Dr. Kwakye-Nuako is currently investigating Leishmania-vector interaction in the Volta region of Ghana, an endemic area for cutaneous leishmaniasis. His research will help confirm whether *Culicoides* plays a role in the transmission of *Leishmania (Mundinia) chancei* within these leishmaniasis-endemic communities. The findings of this study will proffer valuable insights for disease control interventions in the affected communities, potentially preventing its spread to neighboring areas, considering the absence of treatment for this disease. The ACGH Award will be utilized to support fieldwork and sample collection for subsequent laboratory analysis.



Marissa Milstein, DVM, PhD, MA, *University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine, MN, USA*
Dr. Milstein is currently engaged in research on arboviral diseases within the Konashen Community Owned Conservation Area (KCOCA), a vast indigenous reserve situated in a remote region of Guyana, South America. Her study employs a mixed-methods approach, combining molecular biology techniques with anthropological methods (ethnography) to investigate mosquito diversity and distribution, mosquito-borne viruses, and Waiwai community's perceptions of mosquitoes and mosquito-borne diseases. This research endeavors to advance our understanding of arboviral diseases within the KCOCA. The ACGH Award will provide essential funding for travel expenses in this challenging and remote area.



We look forward to engaging with you and all ACGH members at [#TropMed23!](#)

Introducing ACGH Incoming President Yazoumé Yé, MS, PhD

Dr. Yé is the Vice President of Malaria Surveillance & Research at ICF, a global consulting and technology services company. With nearly 20 years of experience in health information systems and survey design and implementation, Dr. Yé has established himself as a leader in the field. Currently, he serves as the Technical Director for the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) global project focused on malaria surveillance.



His previous role as Deputy Director for the Global Fund independent evaluation of Phase 1 of the Affordable Medicines Facility, encompassed oversight of eight malaria-endemic countries. During this period, Dr. Yé also assumed leadership of the malaria portfolio within the MEASURE Evaluation project. Before his work with the Global Fund, Dr. Yé held a significant position as a Regional and Technical Coordinator based in Nairobi, Kenya, for the World Health Organization's Special Program for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases. In this role, he focused on the impact evaluation of childhood illnesses in five malaria-endemic countries. Prior to this global position, Dr. Yé was an Associate Research Scientist at the African Population and Health Research Center and was a Guest Scientist at the University of Heidelberg Medical School.

Dr. Yé's research interests include impact evaluation of national-scale malaria control interventions and malaria epidemiology. He has experience providing technical assistance on developing surveillance monitoring and evaluation (SME) strategies and supporting country programs on developing surveillance and routine information systems for malaria. Dr. Yé's dedication to knowledge dissemination is evident in his training of over 400 health professionals in malaria SME from malaria-endemic countries in sub-Saharan Africa. Additionally, Dr. Yé is a member of the board of directors of the African Institute for Development Policy and the scientific advisory board of the Nouna Health Research Center. He also actively contributes as a member of the International Advisory Board of Evidence for Sustainable Human Development System in Africa and has been an active member of the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene since 2010.

Watch the latest ACGH webinar recordings

Climate Change and Global Health: How Is It Affecting Our Work and What Can We Do To Mitigate Its Impact?

initially presented September 14, 2023; available onward at [ASTMH GOTropMEd](#)

ACGH Executive Committee Spotlight



Arielle Dolegui, MPH, is a global health systems specialist with over 15 years of experience and expertise managing multisectoral partnerships to lead, advocate, & deliver evidence-based, locally-owned public health interventions to support program implementation and delivery across various geographies.

Arielle has conducted numerous assessments and program-level evaluations to examine public health systems capacity including analyses of health systems preparedness for an integrated health services delivery platform for siloed disease programs. Recently, at World Vision, Arielle served as Senior Technical Advisor for Health Systems Strengthening leading the technical implementation of the neglected tropical diseases (NTD) portfolio. Arielle was the 2021-2022 Chair of the NTD Non-Government Organization Network (NNN) and currently is serving as a Councilor for the ACGH Executive Committee.

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