



**ACCTMTH**  
**Clinical Group**

AMERICAN COMMITTEE  
ON CLINICAL TROPICAL MEDICINE  
AND TRAVELERS' HEALTH

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# NEWSLETTER



# WELCOME ADDRESS

Dear Clinical Group members,

I hope you had a wonderful summer (for those in the northern hemisphere).

It's been a pleasure to serve the Clinical Group this year, and I'm grateful to our council for their help in accomplishing many of the goals we set out for the year. In addition to our usual activities, we focused on increasing the clinical content of the meeting, improving opportunities for meeting attendance for colleagues from low and middle-income countries with our new travel grant, and reaching out to trainees through our new internship program. We

also aimed to create opportunities for learning through our webinars and hopefully foster a greater sense of unity among tropical medicine clinicians through this newsletter.

In this second newsletter, you'll see an update about the annual meeting in October and some other information. As you know, the meeting is a great opportunity to connect with fellow members, exchange knowledge, and forge new collaborations. It promises to be an interesting conference with plenty of clinically relevant sessions, a fun-filled Trivia Night, and opportunities for

students and trainees. Please see below for some highlights.

As always, please reach out with any questions or ideas.



Warm regards,  
Dr. Natasha Hochberg,  
President, ACCTMTH  
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# SYMPOSIA AT THE MEETING

If your proposal wasn't accepted this year, please resubmit again next year! The more we submit, the more clinical content there will be.

## CLINICAL GROUP SPONSORED SYMPOSIUM 1

This year's Marcolongo Lecture is titled "DENGUE – The Latest." Dr. Gabriela Paz-Bailey, Dengue Chief at the CDC, will be discussing the latest trends in dengue transmission and risk, efforts related to mosquito control, and vaccine efforts. The Marcolongo Lecture honors Dr. Vincenzo Marcolongo, founder of IAMAT - the International Association for Medical Assistance to Travelers, and is supported by the generosity of IAMAT and the Marcolongo family. This lecture will be followed by the Clinical Group's annual business meeting.

## CLINICAL GROUP SPONSORED SYMPOSIUM 2

In response to Clinical Group members' requests for more practical, clinically focused lectures, we present "Ask the tropical medicine expert." This session will have four speakers who will present different tropical medicine challenges: tropical neurology (cystic lesions), tropical eye infections, exotic skin diseases, and topics in global pediatrics.

## OTHER SYMPOSIA

Please consider attending some of the other clinically relevant symposia including:

1. Clinical Pearls in the Diagnosis and Management of Tropical Infections
2. A Changing World: Practice in Travel Medicine
3. CDC Yellow Book Travel Medicine Update
4. Chagas Disease: Best Practices for Clinical Care
5. What's New in Clinical Tropical Medicine
6. Meet the Professor Sessions

There are many others, so take a look through the program.

# INVITATION TO ATTEND ASTMH UPDATE COURSE

Dear Tropical & Travel Medicine Enthusiasts, Dr. Aisha Khatib & Dr. Wasin Matsee are inviting you to attend the online live ASTMH Update Course in Clinical Tropical Medicine & Travelers' Health scheduled for Sept 23 & 24, 2023. The deadline to register is close. There is a stellar line-up of expert speakers and topics who will be presenting this year. Don't miss it!

Here's the registration link with course agenda:  
<https://www.astmh.org/education-resources/update-course>



# TRIVIA NIGHT!

As the much-anticipated Annual Conference in October draws near, we wanted to remind you of a fun and educational event you won't want to miss – our Trivia Night!

Test your knowledge on all things related to Tropical Medicine and general knowledge in a relaxed and engaging atmosphere. Our trivia night promises not only a chance to challenge yourself and your peers, but also an opportunity to win fantastic prizes!

In addition to the trivia excitement, we encourage you to stop by our Clinical Group table during the conference. Connect with fellow members, share insights, and learn about the latest developments in our field. You'll also get a chance to meet our interns (Praise and Alexis) who have done a fantastic job this year with Clinical Group activities. We look forward to seeing you there!

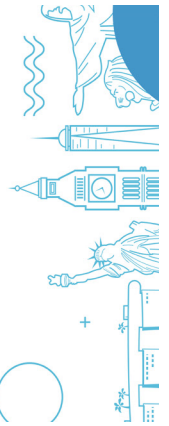






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# ARE YOU LOOKING FOR WAYS TO GET INVOLVED WITH THE CLINICAL GROUP?

Here are a few ideas

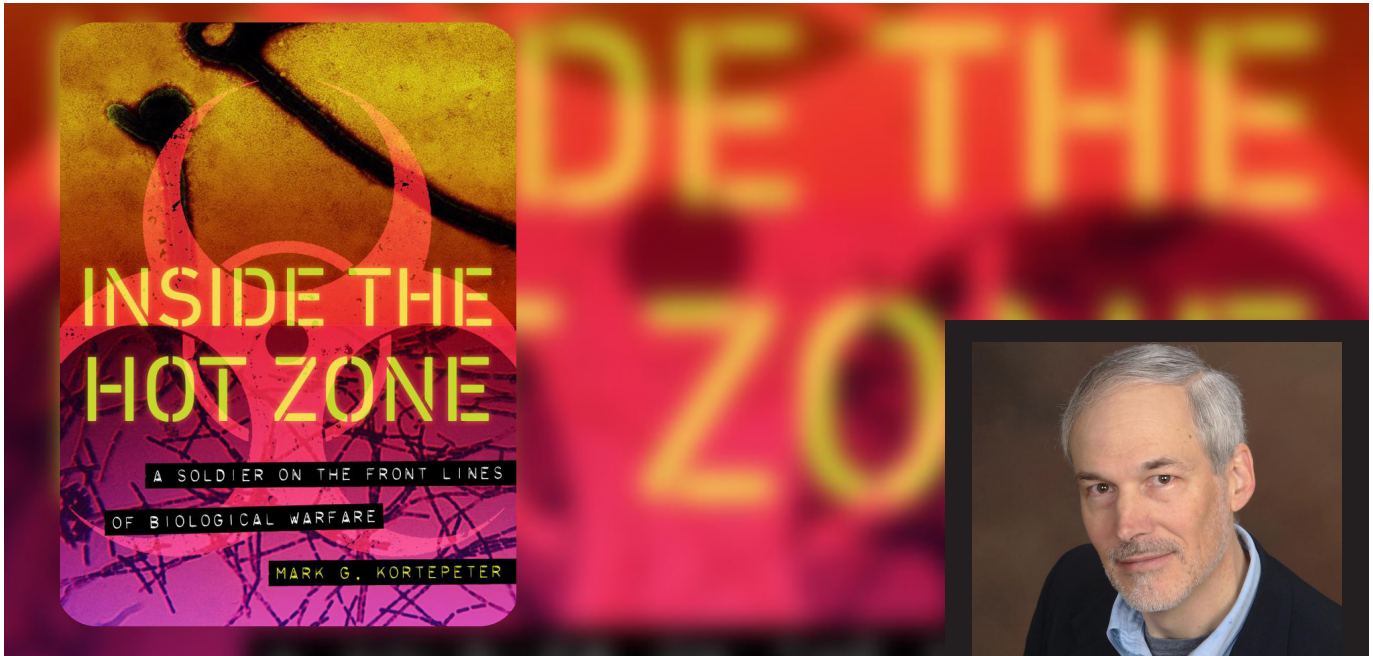
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Volunteer for the speed mentoring event at the meeting. If interested, contact our Student Trainee liaison - Laia Vazquez ([laia.vazquez@isglobal.org](mailto:laia.vazquez@isglobal.org)).

## 02

Are you hosting a clinical tropical medicine webinar that others can attend? Send your information to Buffy Finn ([bfinn@ASTMH.org](mailto:bfinn@ASTMH.org)) and she can send it to our members.

# READER'S CORNER

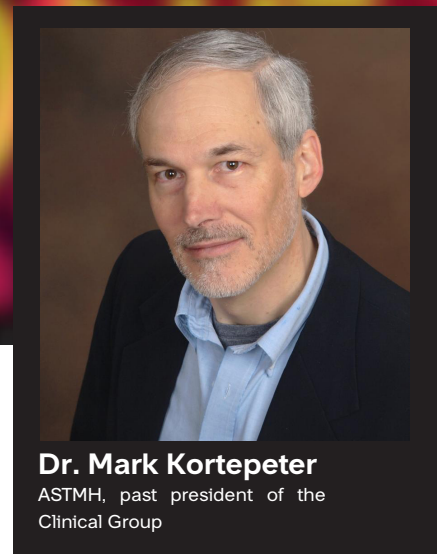


## Inside The Hot Zone

A soldier on the front lines of biological warfare

What really happens “Inside the Hot Zone?” Dr. Mark Kortepeter, FASTMH and past president of the Clinical Group writes an insider’s account of USAMRIID, the Army’s germ warfare defense lab, from anthrax to Ebola, bioterrorism and beyond.

Part thriller and part memoir, the book was a finalist for the 2021 Colby Award for a first-time nonfiction writer, and CBS Studios optioned the film/TV rights. The former director of the national quarantine unit wrote: “Writing in a style reminiscent of *The Coming Plague*, Kortepeter sheds new light on the horrors of bioweapons...His expertise and experiences make *Inside the Hot Zone* compelling reading for anyone interested in scientific, medical, or military thrillers.”



**Dr. Mark Kortepeter**

ASTMH, past president of the Clinical Group

Here is a link to the book: [Inside the Hot Zone](https://www.amazon.com/Inside-Hot-Zone-Soldier-Biological/dp/1640121420/ref=sr_1_1?keywords=inside+the+hot+z&one&qid=1693966225&sr=8-1)  
[https://www.amazon.com/Inside-Hot-Zone-Soldier-Biological/dp/1640121420/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?keywords=inside+the+hot+z&one&qid=1693966225&sr=8-1](https://www.amazon.com/Inside-Hot-Zone-Soldier-Biological/dp/1640121420/ref=sr_1_1?keywords=inside+the+hot+z&one&qid=1693966225&sr=8-1)



## CDC LAB UPDATE

ASTMH leadership and the Clinical Group has worked to highlight the importance of testing for parasitic diseases at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Testing was paused, but we are grateful that the laboratory has now brought back most of the tests that were previously available. The full list of tests available is listed on the CDC Test Directory page.

## ASTMTH CLINICAL DIRECTORY

The ASTMTH clinical directory provides a useful resource for patients and providers around the world who are seeking specialized assistance with tropical diseases. Please consider joining this directory and/or updating your entry by visiting <https://www.astmh.org/education-resources/clinical-consultants-directory>