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ASTMH ANNOUNCES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, KAREN A. GORALESKI

Deerfield, IL (September 2, 2010) – The American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (ASTMH) has named Karen A. Goralesski as its executive director. With a strong track record of executive management, Goralesski brings solid strategic leadership and experience in national global and public health research advocacy efforts. She will join ASTMH on September 20.

“We look forward to drawing on Karen’s leadership experience in public health policy and association management,” said Edward T. Ryan, MD, president, ASTMH. “Her expertise in engaging both health professionals and policy-makers makes her the perfect person to build on ASTMH’s current momentum and advance the Society’s core missions and the cause of global health.”

“I am honored to be able to work with Ed Ryan and other ASTMH leaders to advance the society’s very important mission and extend its accomplishments even further on important health issues that affect not only Americans, but all citizens of the world,” said Goralesski. “ASTMH is a highly regarded organization, and I look forward to applying what I have learned in more than 20 years working at the national level in the non-profit world.”

Prior to joining ASTMH, Goralesski was vice president, public health partnerships at Research!America, a non-profit public education and advocacy alliance. Goralesski led Research!America’s global and public health advocacy efforts, developing and implementing a national strategy that engaged researchers in targeted outreach to elected officials and other decision-makers about the need for increased U.S. investment in global health research. ASTMH is a member of Research!America.

Goralesski has also served in executive roles at the American Medical Association and the American Hospital Association. As chief of staff to the AMA’s senior vice president for professional standards, her responsibilities included strategic planning, coalition building, program development, and policy analysis on issues such as tobacco cessation, youth violence, substance abuse, violence against physicians and organ donation. As associate director of the American Society for Health Care Marketing and Public Relations at the AHA, she planned, managed and evaluated professional educational programs, and directed its national professional award program. Goralesski is a Chicago native.

About ASTMH

The American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, founded in 1903, is a worldwide organization of scientists, clinicians and program professionals whose mission is to promote global health through the prevention and control of infectious and other diseases that disproportionately afflict the global poor.

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