

ASTMH Announces Newly Elected Society Leadership

October 31, 2018 – The American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene announced Chandy C. John, MD, FASTMH, as its new president today at the Society’s 67th Annual Meeting in New Orleans. Dr. John is the Ryan White Professor of Pediatrics and director of the Ryan White Center for Pediatric Infectious Disease and Global Health at Indiana University.

He succeeds Regina Rabinovich, MD, ExxonMobil Malaria Scholar in Residence, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. Joel Breman, MD, DTPH, FASTMH, Senior Scientist Emeritus with the Fogarty International Center, National Institutes of Health, is President-Elect.

The Society also welcomed four new board members, including two seats created last year to represent students, trainees and post-docs. Koya C. Allen, PhD, MSPH, of the U.S. European Command Headquarters, U.S. Department of Defense, DE (Germany), and Anna Uehara, MSc, PhD (Candidate) of Duke-NUS Medical School, Singapore, were elected to fill the newly created positions.

They join new board members Albert Icksang Ko, MD, Department Chair and Professor of Epidemiology (Microbial Diseases) and of Medicine (Infectious Diseases), Yale School of Public Health, and Miriam Laufer, MD, MPH, Professor of Pediatrics, Medicine and Epidemiology and Public Health at the Center for Vaccine Development and Global Health at the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

“The Society welcomes Dr. Allen and Ms. Uehara to the Board as we expand our leadership to recognize the substantial portion of early-career members in ASTMH,” Dr. Rabinovich said. “We also look forward to the commitment Dr. Ko and Dr. Laufer will provide to the Society’s mission, and to Chandy’s leadership during the next year as we work internationally with our members and partners around the world.”

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