



Celebrating the Partnership Between the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene and the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

WHEREAS, the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (ASTMH), founded in 1903, is the largest international scientific organization of experts dedicated to reducing the worldwide burden of tropical infectious diseases and improving global health through generating and sharing scientific evidence, informing health policies and practices, fostering career development, recognizing excellence, and advocating for investment in tropical medicine/global health research; and

WHEREAS, the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (RSTMH), since its inception in 1907, has been dedicated to improving tropical medicine and global health through its network of members across the world, by facilitating research, sharing knowledge and expertise, guiding lifelong careers and driving impact as an established and independent Society at the heart of the tropical medicine and global health community by connecting people and organizations involved in this work; and

WHEREAS, the ASTMH and RSTMH have a shared vision of a world free of tropical infectious disease, and a shared commitment to the promotion and dissemination of quality science, providing professional development and training, and serving as an informed voice for evidence-based health policies; and

WHEREAS, the ASTMH and RSTMH, since 1990, have alternated each year in awarding the Donald Mackay Medal for outstanding work in tropical health, especially relating to improvements in the health of rural or urban workers in the tropics; and

WHEREAS, the shared awarding of this medal is done in recognition of the special bond between the two societies to further promote the achievements of Dr. Mackay, who died in 1981 after many years of outstanding work in tropical occupational health, especially on the tea plantations of South Asia;

NOW, therefore, the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene and the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene do hereby proclaim that on this day, November 6th, 2017, at the 66th Annual Meeting of ASTMH in Baltimore, Maryland, USA, both societies reaffirm their longstanding partnership and commitment to further efforts to reach our shared mission.

Simon Cathcart, President of RSTMH

Stephen Higgs, Past President of ASTMH

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