

2025 Annual Meeting

November 9
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Toronto, Ontario, Canada

**Opening Plenary Keynote and
Awards Program**



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David Fidock,
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**Welcome and
acknowledgments by**
Davidson Hamer,
Scientific Program Chair

Opening Keynote



Wafaa El-Sadr
ICAP at Columbia University
United States

Wafaa El-Sadr, MD, MPH, MPA, founder and director of ICAP at Columbia University in New York and an international expert in infectious diseases and public health. ICAP is a global health center at the Columbia Mailman School of Public Health that integrates research, education and training, program design, implementation, scale-up and evaluation.

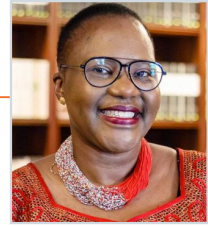
The center has more than 2,500 staff supporting programs that focus on HIV and other health threats in over 40 countries worldwide, mostly in Africa. ICAP's work is centered on health systems strengthening through partnership with governments, non-governmental organizations, civil society groups, academic institutions and communities.

Dr. El-Sadr is also Executive Vice President for Columbia Global, University Professor of Epidemiology and Medicine, Director of ICAP at Columbia University and the Mathilde Krim-amfAR Professor of Global Health at the Columbia Mailman School of Public Health. As the EVP for Columbia Global, she oversees a university-wide initiative that aims at advancing global research, programs and training.

She received her medical degree from Cairo University in Egypt, a Master's degree in public health (Epidemiology) from Columbia Mailman School of Public Health, and a Master's degree in public administration from the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government. She was named a MacArthur Fellow in 2008, a member of the National Academy of Medicine in 2009, a fellow of the African Academy of Sciences in 2018, and a member of the Council for Foreign Relations in 2021.

MWELE MALECELA MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME FOR WOMEN IN NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASES

This award provides a two-year mentorship program with \$15,000 US for learning, networking and skills-building activities. It also includes access to an online communications platform for mentees, mentors and alumna.



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ANNUAL MEETING TRAVEL AWARDS

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These competitive awards – granted to 66 qualified students, early-career investigators and scientists from around the world this year – provide funds to attend and actively participate in the Annual Meeting.

In addition, the ASTMH subgroups each selected and sponsored a total of 16 travel awardees.

YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARDS

These awards recognize the work of young investigators and encourage developing scientists to pursue careers in various aspects of tropical disease research. They took place today. The winners will be listed in the daily newsletter and in the December 2025 issues of the ASTMH monthly newsletter.

ASTMH thanks the following Friends of the Young Investigators



William A. Petri, Jr. in memory of William A. Petri, Sr.

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ACCTMTH CLINICAL RESEARCH AWARD

This award recognizes excellence in clinically-oriented research presented by a student at the Annual Meeting. They also took place today, and will be listed in the daily newsletter and in the December 2025 monthly newsletter.

BURROUGHS WELLCOME FUND - ASTMH POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP IN TROPICAL INFECTIOUS DISEASES

This award provides research support for individuals enrolled in infectious disease fellowship programs who will spend a portion of their time working on research in a tropical or developing area.



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DONALD KROGSTAD AWARD FOR EARLY-CAREER MALIAN SCIENTISTS

This award provides funding scientists from Mali to pursue research in tropical medicine and/or public health with the goal of improving the lives of Malians.



Donald Krogstad



Salif Thaim
USTTB, Mali



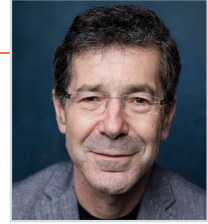
PROFESSOR DOMINIC KWIATKOWSKI FELLOWSHIP

A fellowship for early to mid-career scientists pursuing research that aims to blend laboratory and field work on malaria genomics and currently working and/or living in an endemic country.



[Catherine Bakari Mvaa](#)

National Institute of
Medical Research,
Tanzania



Dominic Kwiatkowski

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2025 ALAN J. MAGILL FELLOW

The Alan J. Magill Fellowship supports mentorship, career and /or leadership development projects for early- to mid-career ASTMH members in low/low-middle income countries.



[Antoine Dara](#)

PharmD, PhD, USTTB,
Mali

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Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative, Kenya

[Yazoume Ye](#)

CESMEL Health, United States

ASTMH DISTINGUISHED INTERNATIONAL FELLOWS

This designation formally recognizes individuals who have made eminent contributions to a particular aspect of tropical medicine and hygiene. Only non-United States citizens are eligible for this honor.



Richard Allan

*The MENTOR Initiative,
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*Barcelona Institute for
Global Health (ISGlobal),
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*Faculty of Tropical Medicine,
Mahidol University,
Thailand*



Takafumi Tsuboi

*Ehime University,
Japan*

HARRY HOOGSTRAAL MEDAL (ACME)

This medal, named after American entomologist and parasitologist Harry Hoogstraal (1917-1986), honors outstanding lifelong service to medical entomology. Hoogstraal is recognized as one of the world's best-known authorities on tickborne diseases.



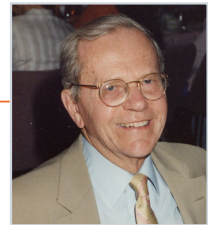
Harry Hoogstraal



Laura Harrington
*Cornell University,
United States*

WILLIAM TRAGER AWARD FOR BASIC PARASITOLOGY (ACMCIP)

This award recognizes a fundamental breakthrough in molecular, cellular or immunoparasitology. It is named in honor of former Society President William Trager, who established *in vitro culture* conditions for Plasmodium parasites.



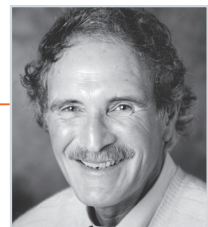
William Trager



John Adams
*University of South Florida,
United States*

MARTIN S. WOLFE MENTORING AWARD (ACCTMTH)

Named in honor of Martin S. Wolfe, a pioneer in the specialty of Clinical Tropical Medicine and Travelers' Health, a founding member of the Clinical Group and its first President, this medal recognizes outstanding achievement in the field of Clinical Tropical Medicine.



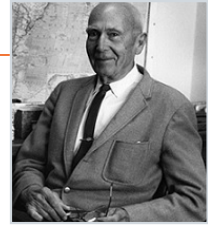
Martin S. Wolfe



Susan McLellan
*University of Texas Medical Branch,
United States*

RICHARD M. TAYLOR AWARD (ACAV)

This award honors Richard M. Taylor, who created the first-ever global research program on arthropod-borne viruses. The award is given every three years to a person who has made outstanding contributions to arbovirology throughout his or her career, and is administered by the American Committee on Arthropod-Borne Viruses (ACAV).



Richard M. Taylor



Scott Weaver
University of Texas Medical Branch,
United States

COMMUNICATIONS AWARD

The Communications Award recognizes excellence in tropical medicine storytelling through the written word. A committee selects one submitted article that enhances the public's understanding and appreciation of tropical medicine research, clinical practice and/or policy.

The Washington Post

March 13, 2025

"The Free-Living Bureaucrat"

By Michael Lewis
The Washington Post

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Democracy Dies in Darkness

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BAILEY K. ASHFORD MEDAL

This medal honors distinguished work in tropical medicine by a mid-career professional. It is named for Col. Bailey K. Ashford (1873-1934), a pioneering physician whose work with North American hookworm and resulting anemia saved many lives in the early 20th century.



Bailey K. Ashford



Gordon A. Awandare
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*University of Utah,
United States*



Fredros Okumu
*University of Glasgow,
United Kingdom*



CLARA SOUTHMAYD LUDLOW MEDAL

Established in 2017, this medal recognizes honorees for their inspirational and pioneering spirit, whose work represents success despite obstacles and advances in the field of tropical medicine. It is named for Clara Southmayd Ludlow, the Society's first female and first non-physician member.



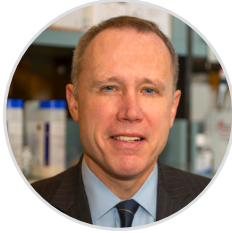
Clara Ludlow



Shyam Sundar
*Banaras Hindu University,
India*

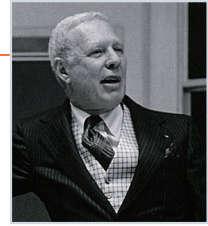
BEN KEAN MEDAL

This medal recognizes a clinician or educator whose dedication to clinical tropical medicine and impact on the training of students, fellows and/or practitioners of tropical medicine is in keeping with the tradition established by Dr. Kean.



[Edward T. Ryan](#)

*Massachusetts General Hospital,
United States*



Ben Kean

WALTER REED MEDAL

Named to honor the U.S. Army physician who famously led the team that discovered the yellow fever mosquito vector, the Walter Reed Medal is awarded every year to recognize distinguished accomplishments in the field of tropical medicine.



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Walter Reed



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*University of Texas Medical Branch,
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