

Dear ACME members,

On May 4<sup>th</sup>, as part of the ASTMH mid-year council meeting activities, members of the ASTMH executive and sub-group councils participated in the Society's 2015 Hill Day. Organized into small groups, we visited the offices of senators and representatives from our respective states to advocate for issues important to our Society. To time our meetings with specific items in the President's budget and the "21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures bill", which are currently being reviewed and considered by the House and the Senate, our key "asks" for this year's Hill Day were to increase funding for the NIH, CDC, DoD, and USAID, and release restrictions on government employee travel to scientific meetings. ACME members Rebekah Kading and Steve Higgs (also ASTMH chair-elect) visited the offices of Sen. Gardner, Sen. Bennet, and Rep. Polis of Colorado, and Sen. Roberts, Sen. Moran, and Rep. Huelskamp of Kansas. They are pictured below with Jerrica Mathis of the District Policy Group and Senator Pat Roberts, and in front of Rep. Polis' office.



*Please be sure to stay engaged in ASTMH advocacy events and do your part to make opportunities to educate and inform the general public on topics core to ACME member research, training and service!*