



## Thailand and ASTMH – A Shared Vision in Tropical Medicine

### ASTMH: Leveraging the Voices of Scientists for Change


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Bangkok, Thailand






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Founded in 1903, ASTMH is the largest international scientific organization of experts dedicated to reducing the worldwide burden of tropical infectious diseases and improving global health.


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**9 March 1903** - The Society of Tropical Medicine founded in Philadelphia by 28 physicians.  
**21 March 1903** - Name changed to American Society of Tropical Medicine  
**1952** - Joins with National Malaria Society creating ASTMH



First meeting held at the College of Physicians Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA  
21 March 1904



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### AJTMH November 2016: Editorial: The (International) American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene



The American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (AJTMH) was established in 1937 with the merger of the American Society of Tropical Medicine, formed by 28 American physicians in Philadelphia in 1903, and the National Malaria Society (founded 1902) formed by 28 charity members in 1912. The Society of Tropical Medicine was an exclusively male organization that was established in 1903 to provide a forum for the publication of research in tropical medicine and to coordinate the activities of its members in the United States and abroad. The Society of Tropical Medicine was the largest of its kind in the world and the only one that was open to women. The Society of Tropical Medicine was the largest of its kind in the world and the only one that was open to women. The Society of Tropical Medicine was the largest of its kind in the world and the only one that was open to women.

### First “ASTMH in Kenya” February 9, 2016

Councilor Serap Aksoy led this to fruition  
Host: Kenya Medical Research Institute, preceded the 6th KASH conference

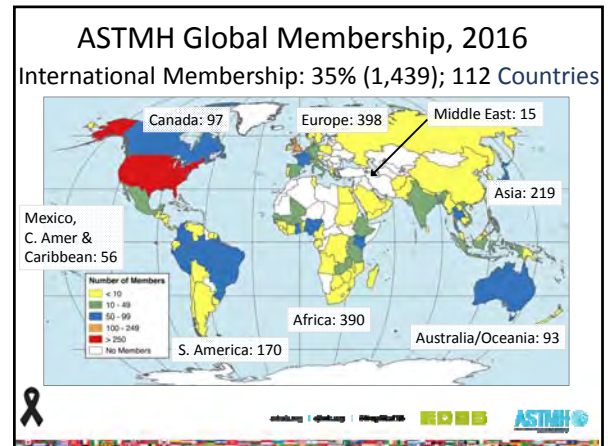
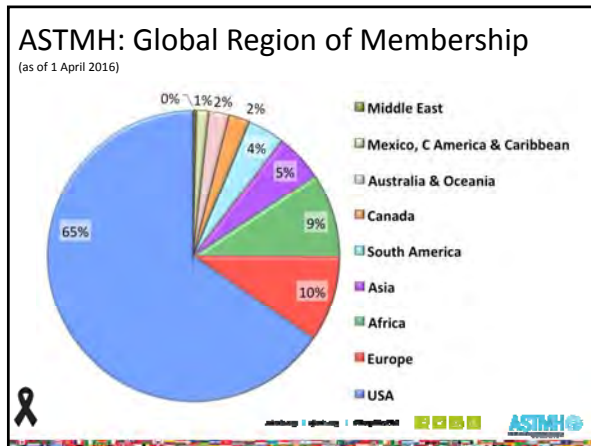






### 6th Annual “ASTMH in Peru” 21- 23 March 2016 Lima, Peru





### ASTMH Global Membership, 2016

Total Membership – 4,248

International Membership – 35% (1,439) across 112 countries

Student/Trainees of total membership – 26%

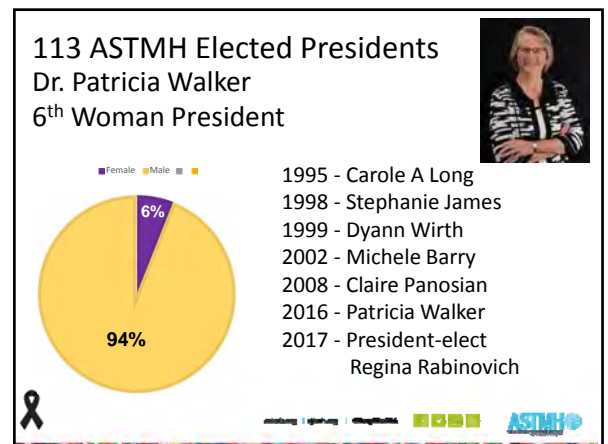
LI/LMI – 12%

### First International Meetings Councilor

**Abdoulaye Djimde, PharmD, PhD**  
Malaria Research & Training Center  
University of Science, Techniques and Technologies  
Bamako, Mali



- 1996 joined ASTMH as first-year PhD student
- Has since attended all but two Annual Meetings
- Co-chaired and co-organized multiple scientific sessions and symposia
- Invited to deliver the Commemorative Fund Lecture at ASTMH 2015 Annual Meeting





### First ASTMH Medal Named for Woman Leader in Tropical Medicine

When - 2017


Task Force led by Dr. Patricia Walker

Task Force members has gender balance, international diversity  
Includes: Dr. Watcharapong Piyaphanee

### ASTMH Priorities Include...

- ✓ Commitment to scientific excellence:  
American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene Annual Meeting
- ✓ Provide financial support, especially to international students and trainees and those from Low/Low-Middle Income Countries to attend/participate in Annual Meeting through awards, fellowships and/or other funding mechanisms
- ✓ Facilitate leadership opportunities for international members
- ✓ Establish ASTMH as the leading advocate for strong U.S. federal funding for and adoption of evidence-based policies that promote global health/ASTMH priorities



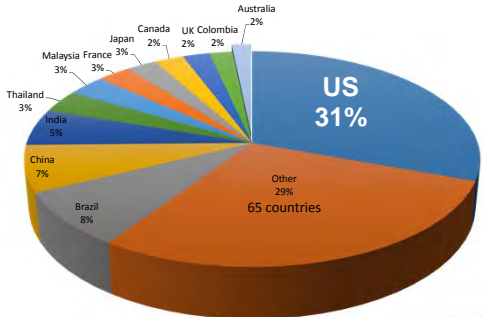

### THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF TROPICAL MEDICINE AND HYGIENE

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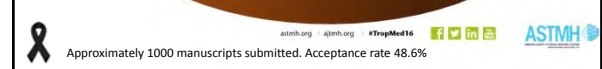
- ✓ Among top-ranked tropical medicine journals in world
- ✓ 2/3 of submissions from outside US
- ✓ average 65,000+ monthly website visits
- ✓ Media coverage includes US and international outlets, such as, *New York Times*, BBC, CNN, *Wall Street Journal*, *Agence France Presse*, social media and blogs




### AJTMH Submitted Manuscripts (2015) by Corresponding Author Country



Approximately 1000 manuscripts submitted. Acceptance rate 48.6%




### 2016 ASTMH Annual Meeting Atlanta, Georgia, USA



"There is still a long way to go with Zika... Science and public health must work hand in hand."

- Carissa Etienne, MBBS, MSc, Director of PAHO  
2016 Keynote Speaker



### Alan Magill Fellowship and Forums in partnership with the **BILL & MELINDA GATES foundation**

- Magill Fellow: Annual \$50,000 award (for two years) supporting mentorship and career development projects in tropical medicine research, clinical care or advocacy
- Only available to L/LMIC members
- Call opened Nov 14, 2016
- Made possible through a generous \$2.5M gift from B&MGF






### International Opportunities\*

- Run for elected positions\* of Councilor and President
- Annual Meeting Travel Award - qualified students, early career investigators and scientists actively working in the tropical medicine field
- Young Investigator Award
- Honorary International Fellow of ASTMH (non-U.S. citizens only)
- Apply for Certificate of Knowledge in Clinical Tropical Medicine and Travelers' Health Examination (CTropMed\*)
- Apply for Fellow of ASTMH\* (FASTMH)



### ASTMH Leaders Visit US Congress Offices




House and Senate, Republican and Democrats:

- ✓ Adequate funding for NIH, CDC, Dep't of Defense, USAID
- ✓ Evidence-based policies



### ASTMH Works with Partner Organizations: Washington DC Briefing on Global Health R&D Features ASTMH Leaders



US Amb. Jimmy Kolker  
Global Affairs

Patrick Kachur, CDC

David Shoultz, PATH


Peter Hotez, Past ASTMH President

Erin Morton, GHTC Coalition Director

19 April 2016



### 26 ASTMH Presidents Tell US Congress: Fund Zika Efforts



"Patchwork and inadequate funding will not do the job – plain and simple."

"...stop this endless cycle of fire alarms at every outbreak."

"We have the ability to affect the trajectory of [Zika]... to not do so is imprudent and reckless."



### Welcome Letters from US Senators Isakson (R) & Perdue (R)





### History Making at 2016 Annual Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> Cuban Delegation, US Embassy in Havana



Prof. Maria Guadalupe Guzman, Head, Virology Department, Instituto de Medicina Tropical Pedro Kouri, Havana



Dr. Jorge Delgado, Deputy Director, Unidad Central de Cooperación Médica, Havana






Thailand and ASTMH –  
A Shared Vision in  
Tropical Medicine

We are eager for stronger international  
collaboration, members and leaders

Goal: Truly international ASTMH Council  
Goal: An international member President  
Goal: Work together for a world free of  
tropical infectious disease



Thank you.  
It is an honor to be here with you.

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