Thailand and ASTMH – A Shared Vision in Tropical Medicine

ASTMH: Leveraging the Voices of Scientists for Change
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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.

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

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

First “ASTMH in Kenya” February 9, 2016
Councilor Serap Aksoy led this to fruition
Host: Kenya Medical Research Institute, proceeded the 6th KASH conference

6th Annual “ASTMH in Peru”
21-23 March 2016
Lima, Peru
ASTMH: Global Region of Membership

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 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

ASTMH Elected Presidents

113 ASTMH Elected Presidents

Dr. Patricia Walker
6th Woman President

1995 - Carole A Long
1998 - Stephanie James
1999 - Dyann Wirth
2002 - Michele Barry
2008 - Claire Panosian
2016 - Patricia Walker
2017 - President-elect
Regina Rabinovich
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

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

2016 ASTMH Annual Meeting
Atlanta, Georgia, USA

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

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: 1st 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
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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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