# Virology and tropical medicine: then, now, and whither

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# **Topics**

#### Arbovirology

- 'Then'
  - Exploration of viruses in the Natural World
  - Pre-armed with knowledge

#### 'Now'

- Exploration of virus structure and viruses in the world of the Cell
- Smarter but more vulnerable in a changing world

#### 'Whither'

– Striking a balance: Back to Basics

## **The Past**

Exploration Ecological and epidemiological studies Virus isolation

Basic science Hypothesis-driven research

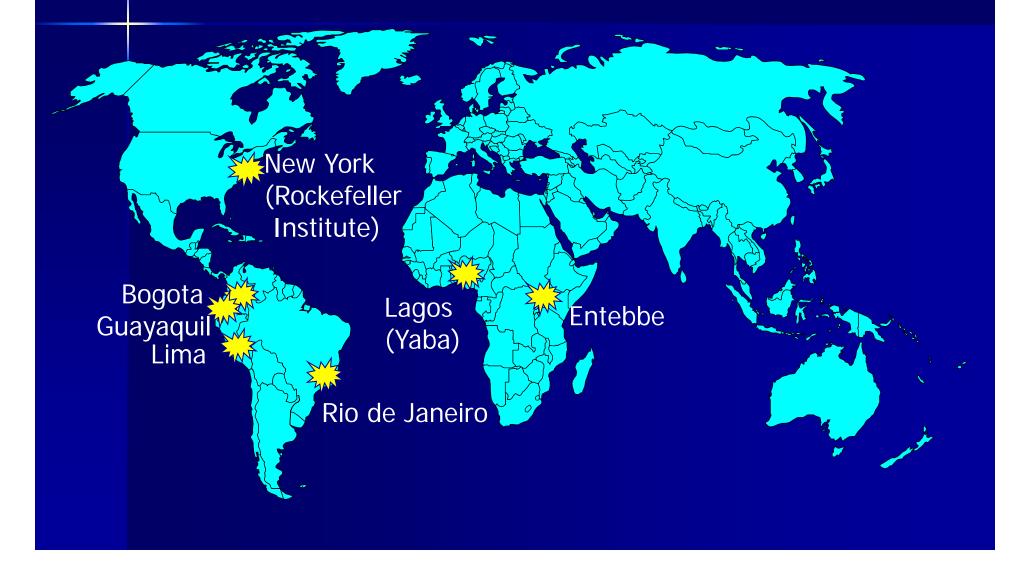
## Rocketeller Foundation Virus Research

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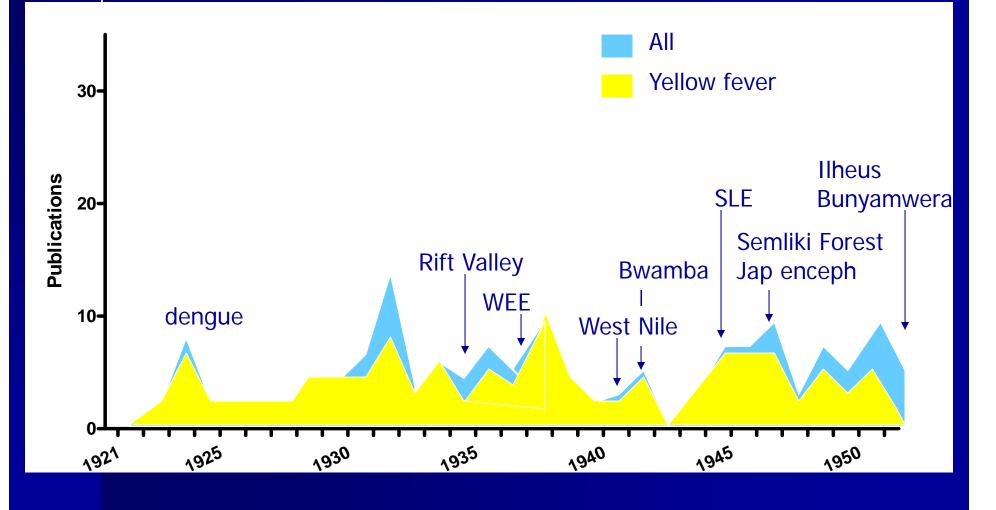


William C Gorgas President 1909-10 2<sup>nd</sup> YF Commission, Africa
3<sup>rd</sup> 'West Africa YF Commission' (virus isolated 1927)
New York Virus Laboratory opened (Wilbur Sawver)

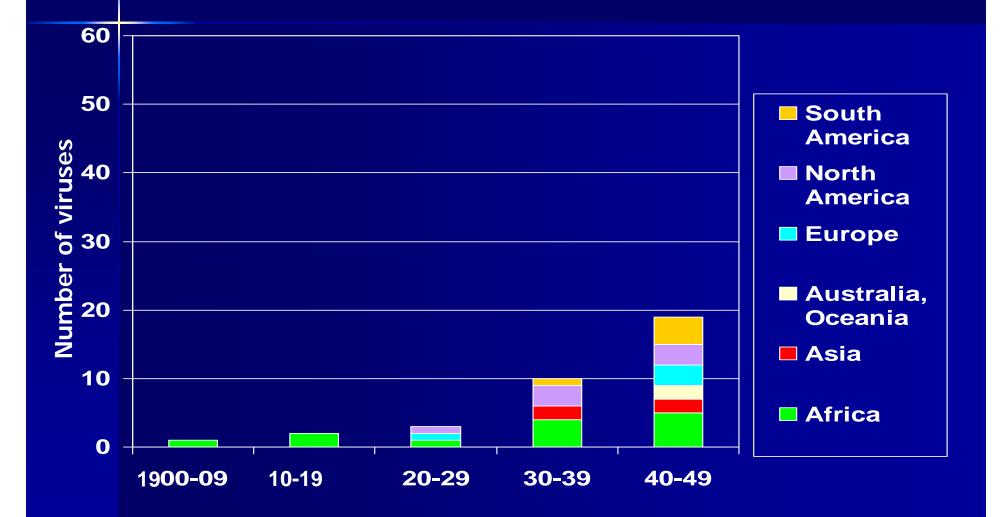
# Rockefeller Foundation Yellow Fever Research 1918-45



## **Am J Trop Med** Arbovirus research—the early years Dominated by YF



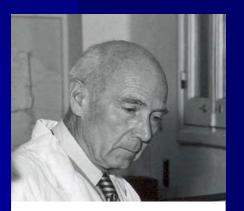
# Arboviruses by initial year of isolation and continent, 1900-49



## **Rockefeller Foundation** Virus Research

- 1939-45 YF programs wind down, overseas staff repatriated
- 1935-45 Evolution of thought regarding virus ecology (Hammon & Reeves); new techniques for virus classification (Casals)

1945



RM Taylor

Richard Moreland Taylor becomes Director, RF NY Laboratories. Staff directed to 'sort out' 30-odd 'new' viruses recovered during YF investigations

Taylor seeks advice of Thomas Rivers Jr and Joe Smadel on direction of future Rockefeller virus research "...the liaison between the field and the laboratory should be consistent and effective."

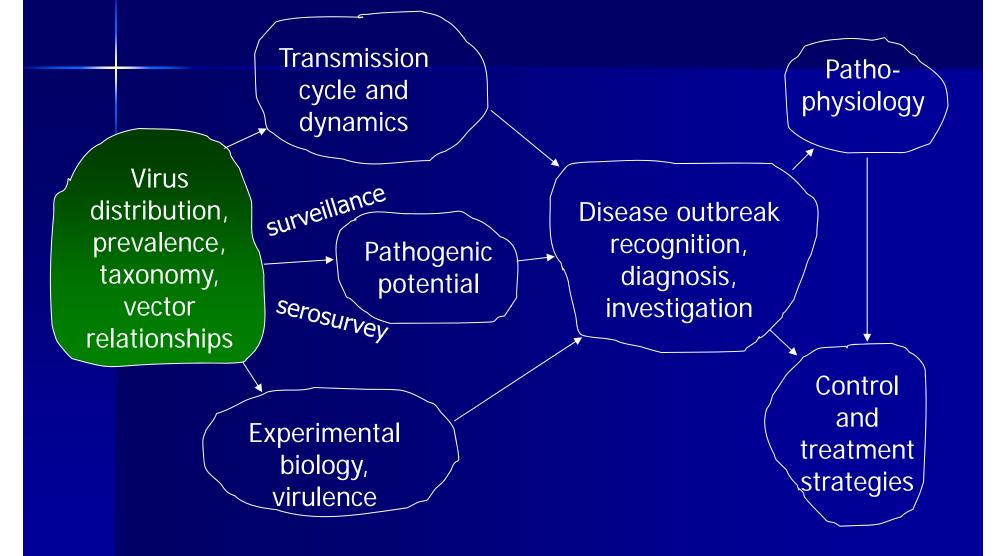


Thomas Milton Rivers Rockefeller Institute "....the Far East, particularly India, as well as ....Africa, may be important areas"... to investigate



Joseph E Smadel Formerly RF IHD; US Army

# A model for arbovirus research



# Rockefeller Foundation

**RM** Taylor

# Virus Research

1951 Smith and Theiler visit NAMRU-3 (Cairo) and India

Agreement with US Navy (NAMRU-3) to conduct joint studies, share expenses

1952 Taylor spearheads Cairo effort; Theiler becomes Director NYVL

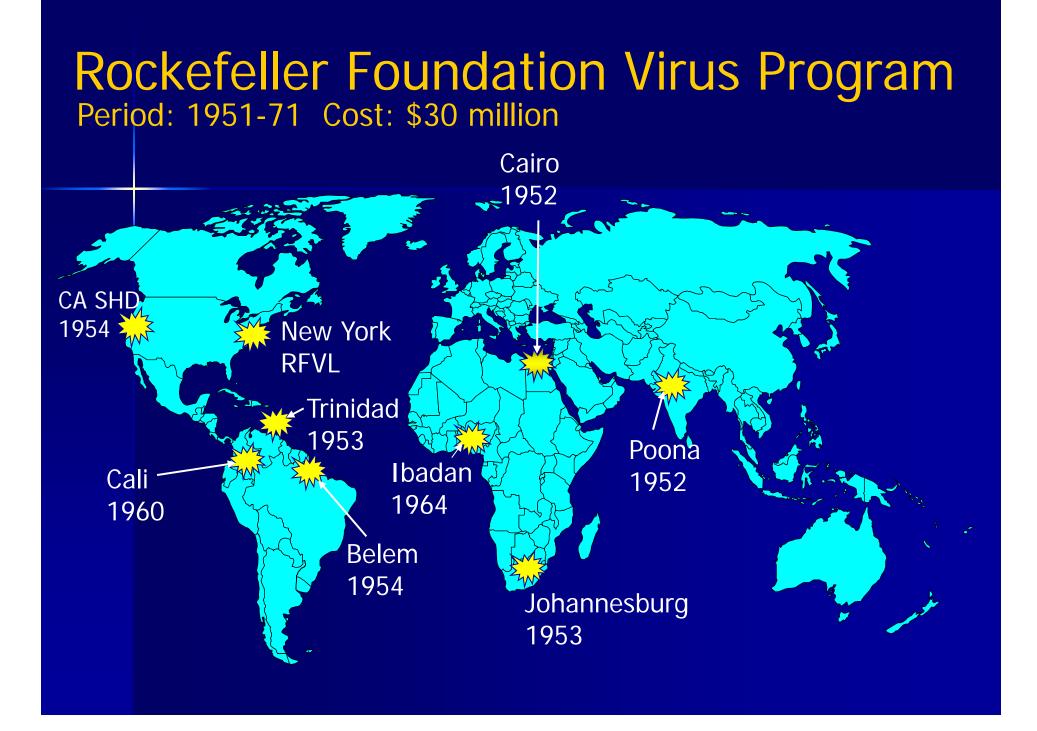
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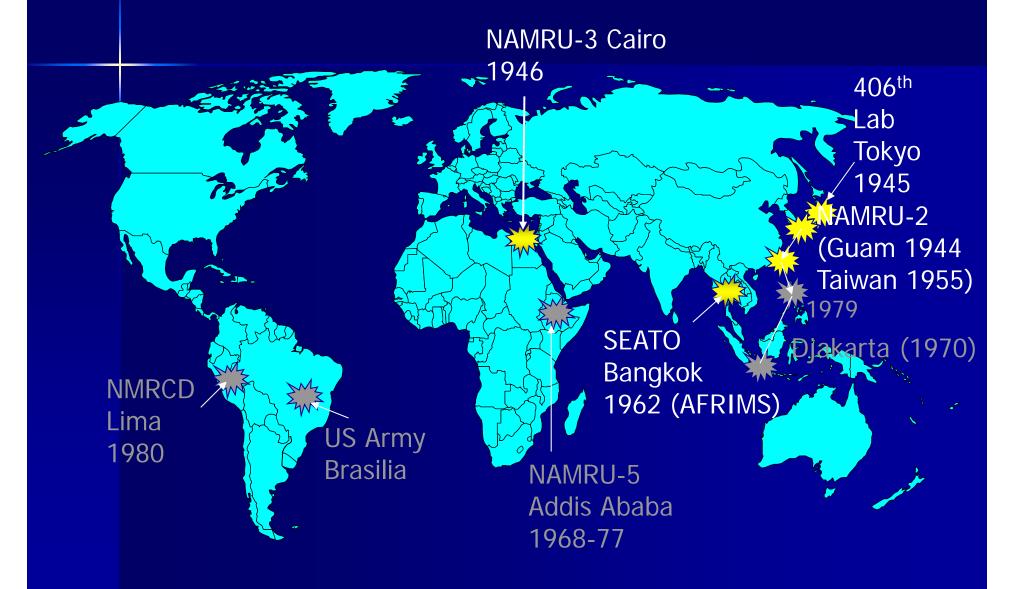
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#### **Military Overseas Laboratories**



#### ECOLOGIC STUDIES OF JAPANESE ENCEPHALITIS VIRUS IN JAPAN

Scherer, W.F. et al

PARTS I - IX

#### 406<sup>th</sup> Medical Laboratory Tokyo



Department of Virus and Rickettsial Diseases, 406th Medical General Laboratory, U.S. Army, Japan

Bird-baited mosquito traps

President 1981



E Buescher

Reprinted from the American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, Vol. 8, No. 6, November 1959

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# **NIH Overseas Research Units**

Joseph B Smadel (1906-1963) Chief Virology and Rickettsiology, NH Middle America Research Unit (MARU)



1962 Pacific Research Section

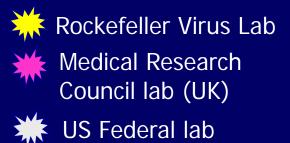
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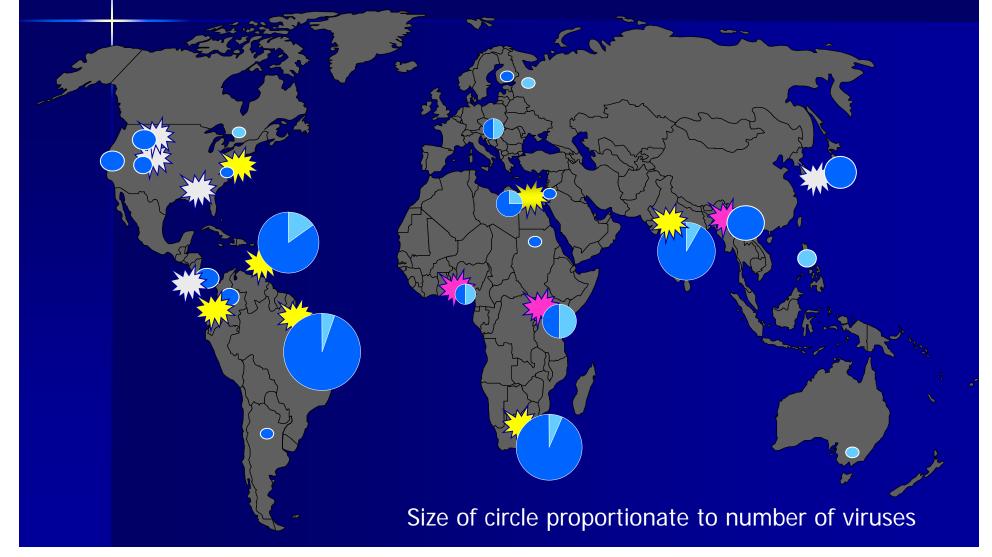
> Alexis Shelokov Henry Beye Director 1957-61 Director 1961-64

Leon Rosen President 1976

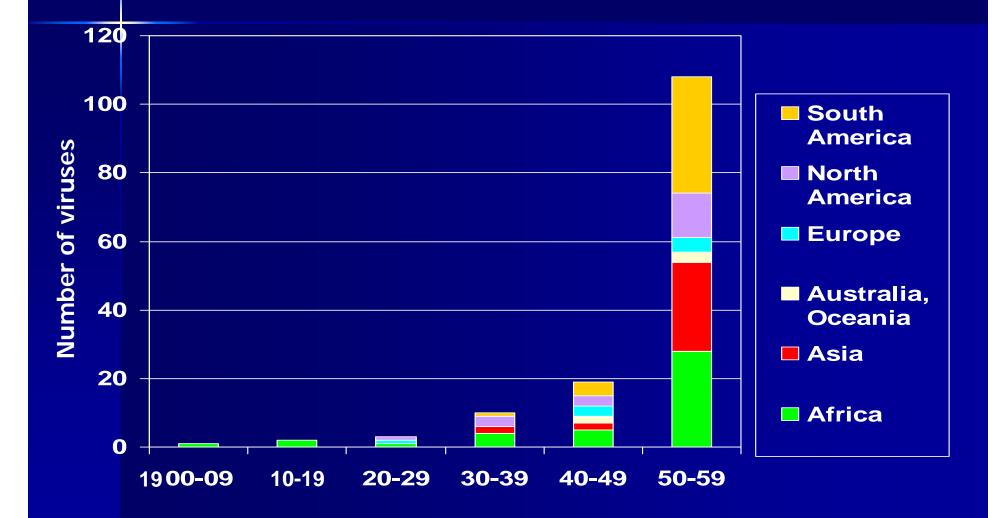
#### New arboviruses 1950-59

#### Arthropod or vertebrate — human





# Arboviruses by initial year of isolation and continent



## Serological classification 1950s Jordi Casals-Ariet 1911-2004

Antigenic groupings defined by HI, CF, neutralization
e.g., Group A, B, C viruses





INHIBITION WITH ARTHROPOD-BORNE VIRUSES

D. H. CLARKE AND J. CASALS

TECHNIQUES FOR HEMAGGLUTINATION AND HEMAGGLUTINATION-

The Rockefeller Foundation Virus Laboratories, New York, N.Y.

ANTIGENIC CLASSIFICATION OF ARTHROPOD-BORNE VIRUSES

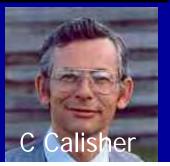
Proc. 6th Int. Congr. Trop. Med. and Malar., 5: 34-47, 1959

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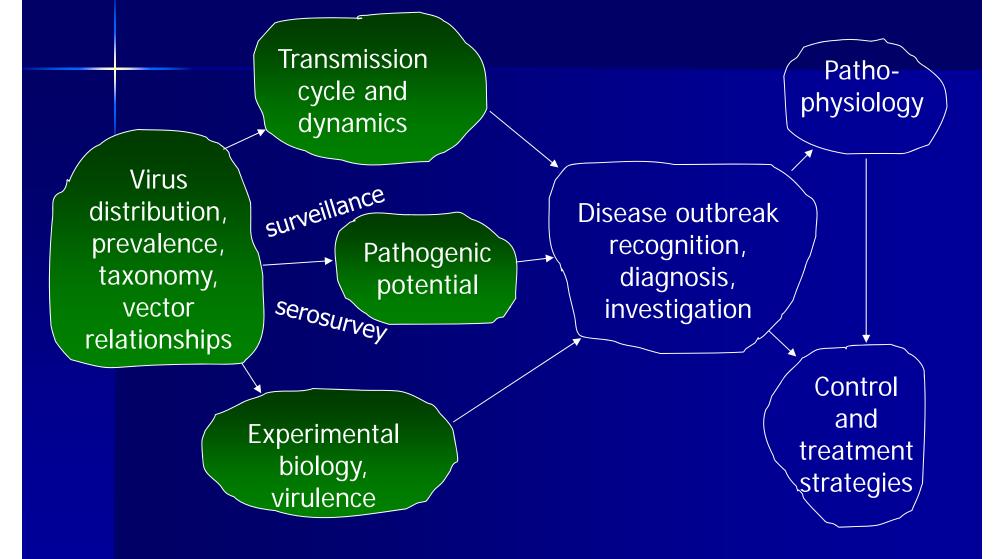
The Rockefeller Foundation Virus Laboratories, New York, N.Y.

Casals

Robert E Shope President 1980



# A model for arbovirus research



# **Origins of ACAV**

- Three precedent meetings to plan the international investigation of arthropod-borne viruses
- First meeting: September 19, 1958 (6<sup>th</sup> ICTM, Lisbon)
  - 50 attendees concerned with arthropodborne viruses
  - Recommendations:
    - Designation of reference labs
    - Provision of reagents
    - Coordination of work among field laboratories

# Meeting of group interested in arthropod-borne viruses ICTM, Lisbon, 1958

As the day ended, someone suggested the meeting should select a name for this field of study and for the specific viruses that were included. I thought, "Oh boy, now we will really have some turmoil." Then, someone got the floor and I was stunned to hear him say, "Bill, tell us about the derivation of terms used for these viruses in your laboratory." I did and ended with, "Arborviruses." Immediately sonicone made a motion that this meeting and the WHO should accept that name and make it official worldwide. I held my breath and saw a hand wave. It was Dr. Anatol Smirodintscy from Russia. I thought, "Here we go-Russia vs. the U.S.A." Anatol said, "The proposed name 'Arborviruses' has nothing to do with trees but 'arbor' does." I said, "What if we take out the second 'r' and call it 'Arbovirus'?" He said, "I like it. Accept that change and move for its acceptance by this group and after it's approved, I also move that we terminate this meeting." It was approved with no further discussion.

# **Origins of ACAV**

- Second meeting: November 17-19, 1958 (WHO, Geneva)
  - Recommendations formalized
  - Expectation of strong US Government support
- Third meeting: March 12, 1959 (Washington DC)
  - Program objectives presented to Commission on Viral Infections (CVI), AFEB
  - W. McD. Hammon (Chair, CVI) recommends
     "That the CVI inquire from the RF whether it might be interested in calling a gathering to consider the ... coordination... of American groups working on arthropodborne viruses..."

#### Gould House meeting October 11-12, 1959 Ardsley-on Hudson

 Convened, chaired by Robert Morison
 Director of Medical & Natural Sciences, Rockefeller Foundation



R S Morison 1906-1986



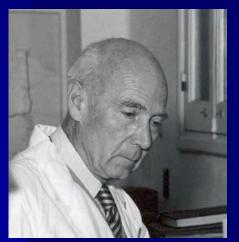
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| 9 a.m           | <ul> <li>Exchange of information</li> </ul>   |
|                 | <ul> <li>Serological reagents</li> </ul>  |
|                 | •Central reference laboratory   |
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|                 | investigators and agencies  |
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|                 | VITUES Cal considerations; a. What should be expected<br>of field laboratories? b. Methods of helping them<br>to obtain necessary sera for groupings? - Discussion<br>leader; Dr. Edward L. Buescher. |
| Monday, October | - 12  |
| 9 a.m.          | <u>Chairman</u> : Dr. William C. Reeves   |
|                 | What should be expected of central reference laboratories?<br>Discussion leader: Dr. Max Theiler.   |
|                 | Personnel and training - Discussion leader: Dr. W. McD. Hammon  |

#### Gould House meeting October 11-12, 1959 Ardsley-on Hudson 18 scientists and administrators

- Exchange of information:
  - Subcommittee on Exchange of Information
  - Taylor (Chair), Scherer, Work

Information Exchange and Arbovirus

Catalogue



**Richard M Taylor** 



William F Scherer



Telford H Work

#### First edition of the Info Exchange

### April, 1960

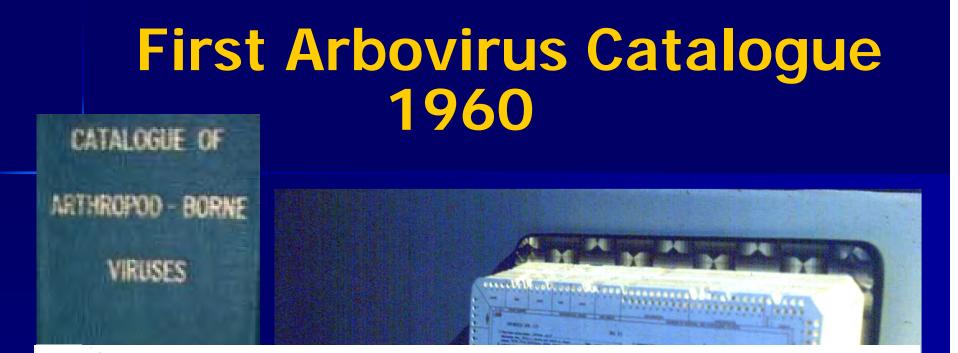


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PURPOSE AND PROGRESS IN CATALOGUING AND EXCHANGING INFORMATION ON ARTHROPOD-BORNE VIRUSES

(THE TWENTY-SIXTH CHARLES FRANKLIN CRAIG LECTURE)

R. M. TAYLOR

School of Public Health, University of California, Berkeley, California Am J Trop Med Hyg 1962;11:167-174

# First RM Taylor Award, ACAV 1966

'For outstanding contributions to arbovirology throughout his or her career'



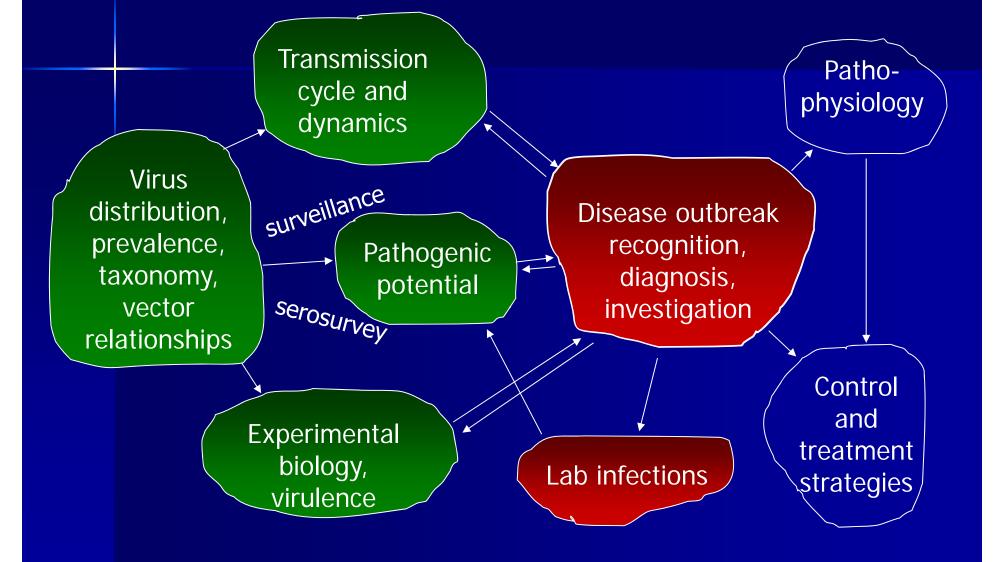
# **Richard M. Taylor Award** Recipients

**Presidents of ASTMH** 

- Richard M Taylor, 1966 Jordi Casals, 1968
  - W McD Hammon, 1970
- William C Reeves, 1973
- Roy W Chamberlain, 1975
- Pedro Galindo, 1977
- Wilbur Downs, 1979
- Ottis and Calista Causey, 1980 🬟 Philip K Russell, 2000
  - Telford Work, 1981
- Thomas H G Aitken, 1984

- Harry Hoogstral, 1984 Karl M Johnson, 1987 🔶 Robert E Shope, 1987
  - James Hardy, 1990
- Thomas Monath, 1994
- Scott Halstead, 1999
- Leon Rosen, 2000
- Frederick A. Murphy, 2002

# A model for arbovirus research



#### Robert Hanson



#### Subcommittee on Arbovirus Laboratory Safety (established 1964)

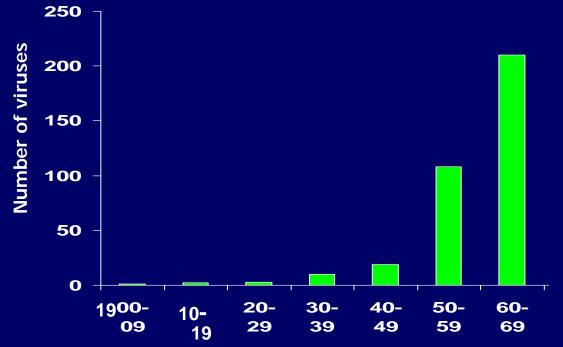
#### ACAV Meeting, Nov 4 1965, New Orleans

c. Laboratory Infections. (Dr. Manson) A letter requesting information on viruses used, numbers of workers involved, immunization status, etc., was sent to most of the 180 recipients of the Information Exchange. Thirty per cent have now responded.

Last Fall when we found VE virus in materials collected in Mexico and I had a laboratory infection. I became very interested in the subject of VE laboratory infections and wanted immediately to inquire about the experiences of others with this virus. However, when a Subcommittee on Laboratory



#### Arboviruses by year of isolation









#### **SALS** LABORATORY SAFETY FOR ARBOVIRUSES AND CERTAIN WF Scherer, Chair **OTHER VIRUSES OF VERTEBRATES\*** GA Eddy THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON ARBOVIRUS LABORATORY SAFETY OF THE TP Monath AMERICAN COMMITTEE ON ARTHROPOD-BORNE VIRUSES\* TE Walton Mad Lbva 1000.00.1000.01 Ar Sι 1361 Classification of 411 **CDC**·NIH **Biosafety in Microbiological** Catalogued ier viruses of and Biomedical Laboratories arboviruses Total infections to date (deaths) according to **Biocontainment** 39 5 10 Level (majority were 1 5 3(1)BL3) 150 (1) 7 (2) 11 22 The recommendations 6 - 2 were incorporated in 13 18 38 (8) U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES **CDC/NIH Guidelines** Atlanta Georgi 4 PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE National Institutes of Healt 37 (2) 133

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# **Bolivian HF**

**1962** McKenzie (MPH, Berkeley, student of W Reeves) sees HF

San/Joaquin

cases

Bolivia

**1963** MARU organizes field investigation



Graves San Joaquin

## **Bolivian HF** San Joaquin, Beni Province 1963-64

Field laboratory

# SPLEENS FROM CALOMYS 15 mm 0.07 gm 19 mm 0.17 gm 24 mm 0.23 gm 24 mm 0.46 gm

Karl M Johnson President 1984 Freeze drying 1<sup>st</sup> Machupo isolate



### SYMPOSIUM ON SOME ASPECTS OF HEMORRHAGIC FEVERS IN THE AMERICAS\*

Presented at the Annual Meeting of

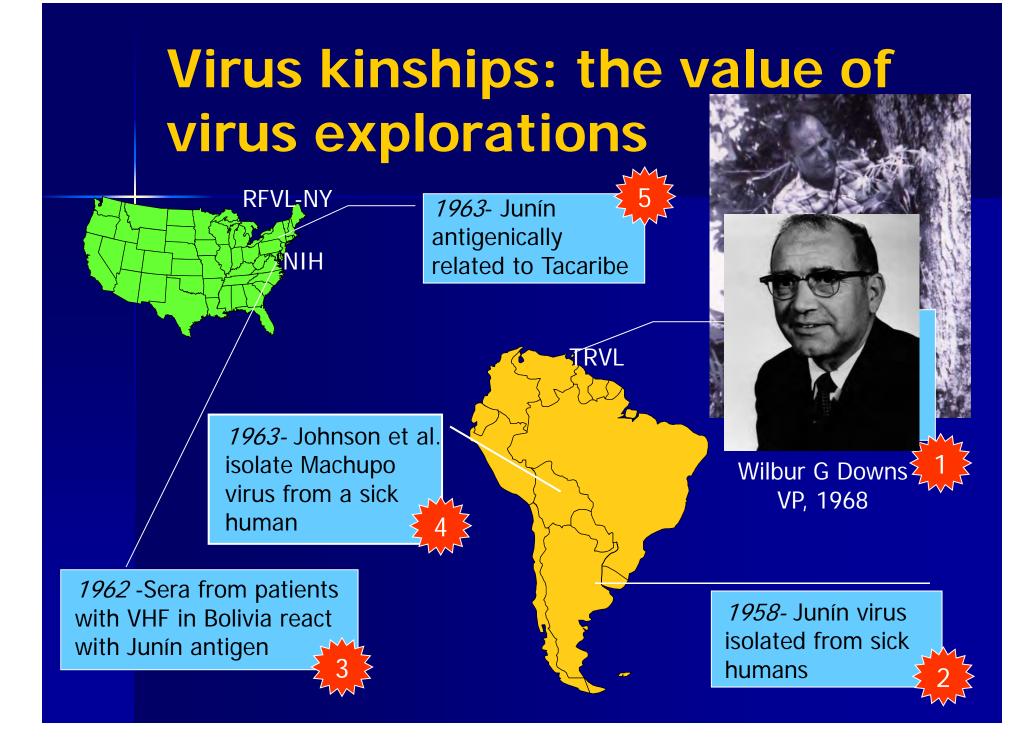
#### AMERICAN SOCIETY OF TROPICAL MEDICINE AND HYGIENE

#### New York City, 5 November 1964

| Hemorrhagic fevers in the Americas: A perspective                               | Dr. Alexis Shelokov                          |
|---|--|
| Junín and Tacaribe work in HeLa cells   | Dr. Sonja Buckley                            |
| Serological studies on Junín and Tacaribe viruses                               | Dr. Jordi Casals                             |
| Junín and Tacaribe plaque production in rhesus<br>monkey kidney cell monolayers | Dr. J. R. Henderson &<br>Dr. Wilbur G. Downs |
| Properties of Machupo virus   | Dr. Patricia A. Webb                         |
| Immunologic studies of Junín, Tacaribe, and<br>Machupo viruses                  | Dr. Ned H. Wiebenga                          |

#### EPIDEMIOLOGY OF MACHUPO VIRUS INFECTION:

| I.   | Pattern of human infection, San Joaquín,<br>Bolivia, 1962–64   | Dr. Ronald B. Mac-<br>kenzie |
|------|--|------------------------------|
| II.  | Ecological and control studies of hemorrhagic fever            | Dr. Merle L. Kuns            |
| III. | Significance of virological observations in man<br>and animals | Dr. Karl M. Johnson          |



Fred Murphy

Machupo virus

The Arenaviridae

# **BHF Investigations**

## FIELD

- Rodent reservoir/vector
- Rodent splenomegaly marker



- Risk factors for human infection
- Control strategy

## LABORATORY

- Antigenic and morphologic relationships
- Infection dynamics and disease in rodent host
- Pathogenesis
- Diagnostic methods

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# VEE invades Central America, Mexico and the US, 1969-72

50-100,000 equid cases



### **VENEZUELAN ENCEPHALITIS**

Proceedings of the Workshop-Symposium on Venezuelan Encephalitis Virus

Washington, D.C., 14-17 September 1971





Scientific Publication No. 243

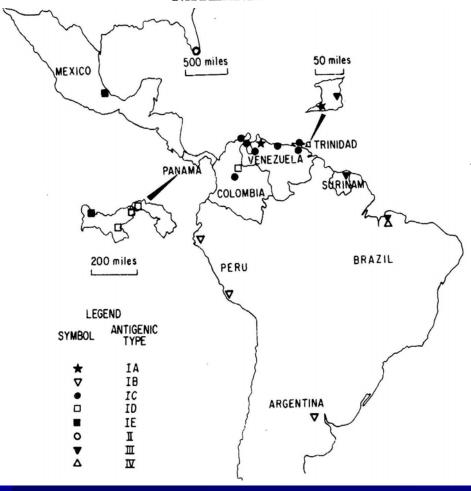
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#### ANTIGENIC VARIANTS OF VENEZUELAN EQUINE ENCEPHA-LITIS VIRUS: THEIR GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION AND EPIDEMIOLOGIC SIGNIFICANCE<sup>1</sup>

NATHANIEL A. YOUNG<sup>2</sup> AND KARL M. JOHNSON



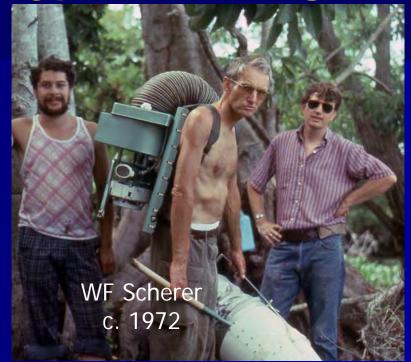


Karl Johnson



# Persistence and reemergence of epizootic VEE subtypes—an enigma

- Intensive field studies in Central America (Scherer group) and Ecuador (CDC, Ft Collins) after the 1969-72 outbreaks yielded only enzootic subtype viruses
- Speculation that epizootic subtypes arise by mutation



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#### SEARCH FOR PERSISTENT EPIZOOTIC VENEZUELAN ENCEPHALITIS VIRUS IN GUATEMALA, EL SALVADOR AND NICARAGUA DURING 1970–1975<sup>1, 2</sup>

W. F. SCHERER, J. V. ORDONEZ, R. W. DICKERMAN AND J. E. NAVARRO

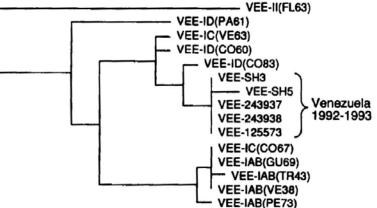
### Evolution of epizootic from enzootic strains

Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA Vol. 92, pp. 5278-5281, June 1995 Microbiology

### Emergence of a new epidemic/epizootic Venezuelan equine encephalitis virus in South America

(molecular evolution/epidemiology/emerging virus)

REBECA RICO-HESSE\*<sup>†</sup>, SCOTT C. WEAVER<sup>‡§</sup>, JULIETA DE SIGER<sup>¶</sup>,





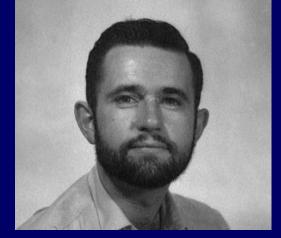


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# Dalrymple-Young Award, ACAV

Mid-career investigator who has made outstanding contributions to arbovirology



Nat Young 1937-1979

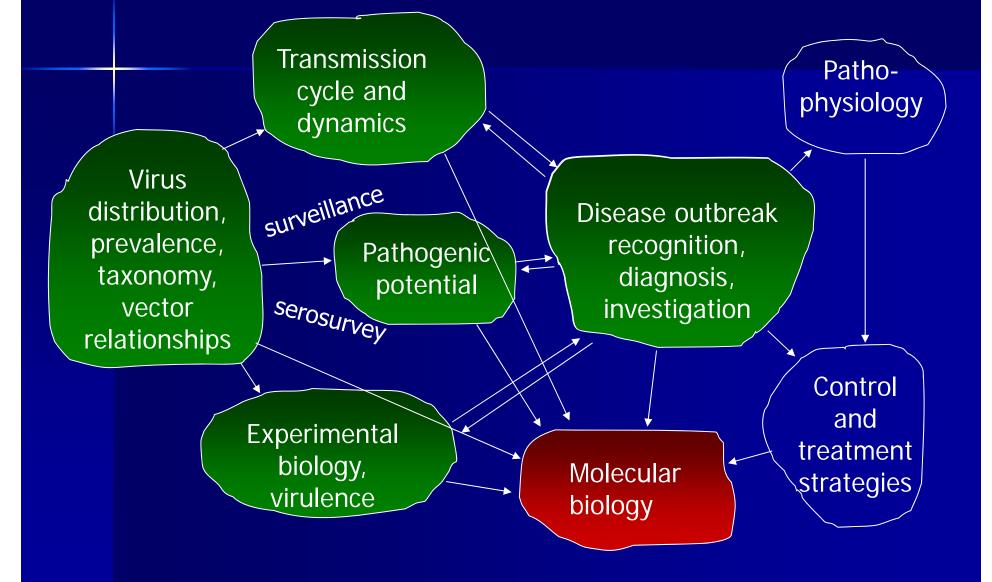


Joel Dalrymple 1939-1992



| David H L Bishop  | 1982 |
|-------------------|------|
| Thomas P Monath   | 1984 |
| Barry J Beaty     | 1988 |
| Connie Schmaljohn | 1996 |
| Stuart T Nichol   | 1999 |
| Scott C Weaver    | 2002 |

# A model for arbovirus research



# **The Present**

Basic science Molecular virology Hypothesis-driven research Surveillance and diagnosis by specific molecular probes Rationally designed vaccines

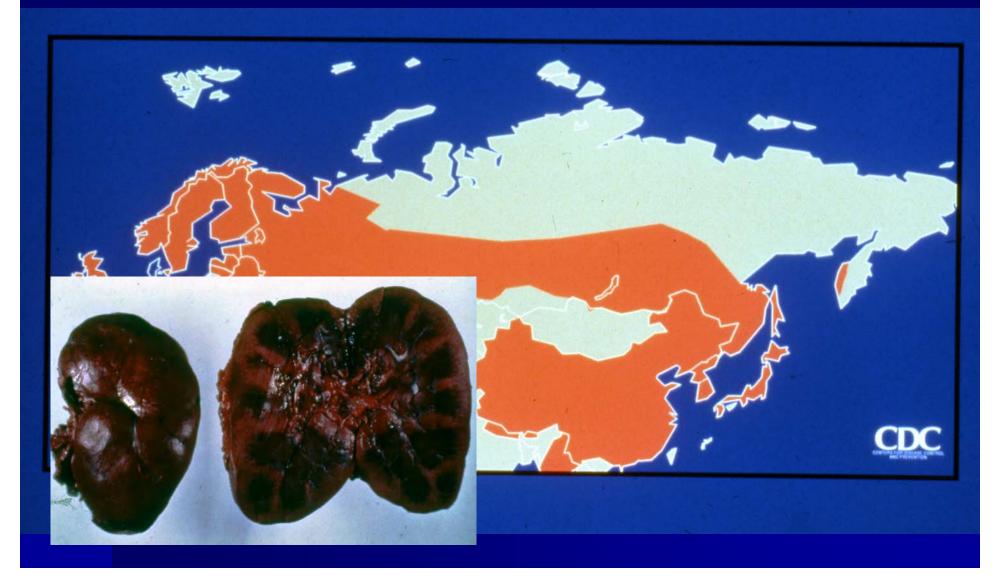
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Emerging infections

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## Hemorrhagic fever with Renal Syndrome Nephropathia epidemica



### Ho Wang Lee

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#### Isolation of the Etiologic Agent of Korean Hemorrhagic Fever

Ho Wang Lee, Pyund Woo Lee, and Karl M. Johnson\*

JOHN D. WHITE

**GEORGE R. FRENCH\*** 

THE LANCET, APRIL 3, 1982

From the Department of Microbiology, Korea University College of Medicine, Seoul, Korea; and the Middle America Research Unit, Balboa Heights, Canal Zone

### Korean Hemorrhagic Fever: Propagation of the

### Etiologic Agent in a Cell Line of Human Origin

**GEORGE R. FRENCH\* RICHARD S. FOULKE** ORVILLE A. BRAND GERALD A. EDDY U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases, Frederick, Maryland 21701

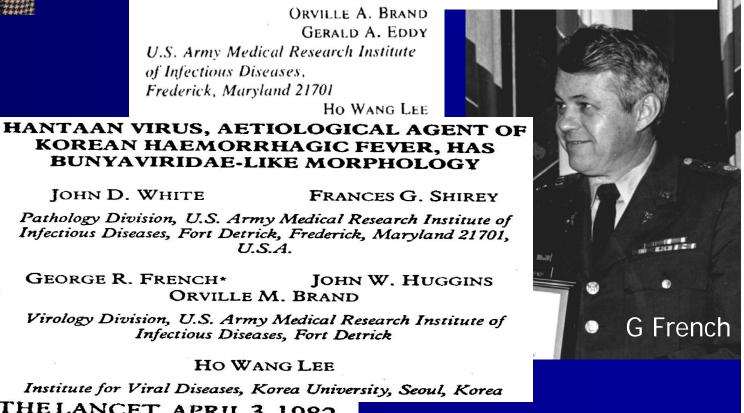
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Infectious Diseases, Fort Detrick

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SCIENCE, VOL. 211, 6 MARCH 1981



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N Engl J Med. 1984;310:1325-6.

### Prospect Hill virus: serologic evidence for infection in mammologists,

Yanigahara R, Gadjusek C, Gibbs CJ Jr, Traub R



### The NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL of MEDICINE

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### Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome: A Clinical Description of 17 Patients with a Newly Recognized Disease

Jeffrey S. Duchin, Frederick T. Koster, C.J. Peters, Gary L. Simpson, Bruce Tempest, Sherif R. Zaki, Thomas G. Ksiazek, Pierre E. Rollin, Stuart Nichol, Edith T. Umland, Ronald L. Moolenaar, Susan E. Reef, Kurt B. Nolte, Margaret M. Gallaher, Jay C. Butler, Robert F. Breiman, for The Hantavirus Study Group

CJ Peters E Lloyd

Lancet. 1994 Apr 23;343(8904):1037-8.

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Retrospective diagnosis of a 1983 case of fatal hantavirus pulmonary syndrome.

Zaki SR, Albers RC, Greer PW, Coffield LM, Armstrong LR, Khan AS, Khabbaz R, Peters CJ.



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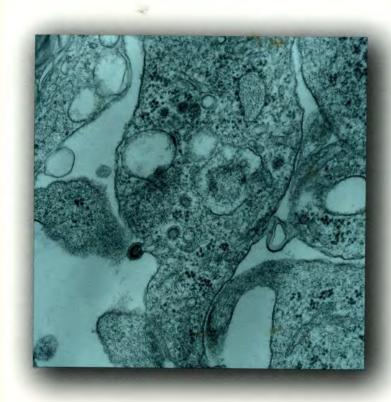


## Lessons learned

- 1970s: etiology of HFRS-- an important zoonosis -- identified; laboratory methods developed
- 1980s: Field evidence for presence in New World
  - No serious attempts to define virus distribution, prevalence
- 1990s surprised by human disease outbreak
  - Dramatic diversity and wide distribution of virus group

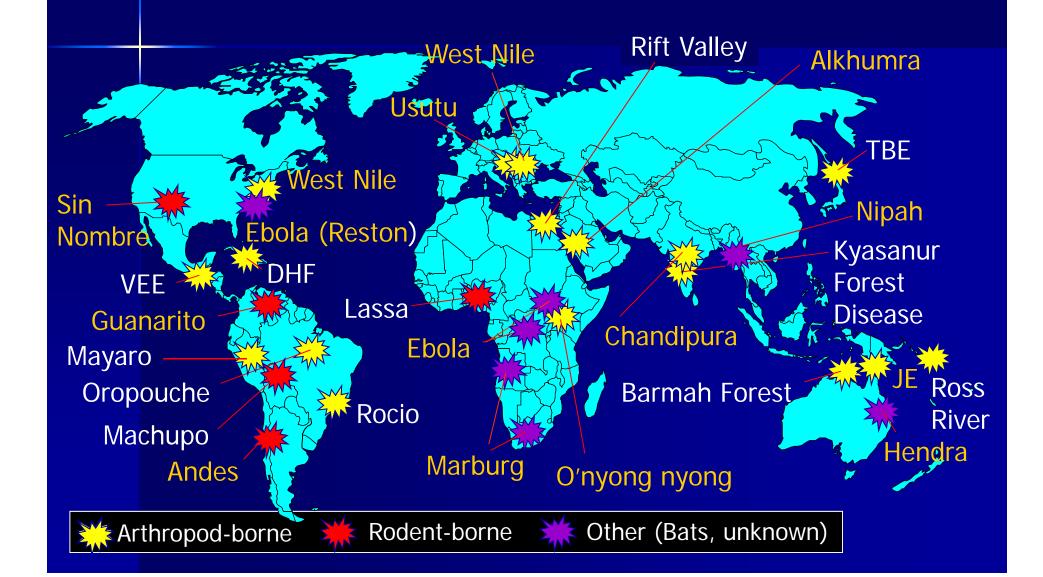
# Emerging infections: conceptualization and reality

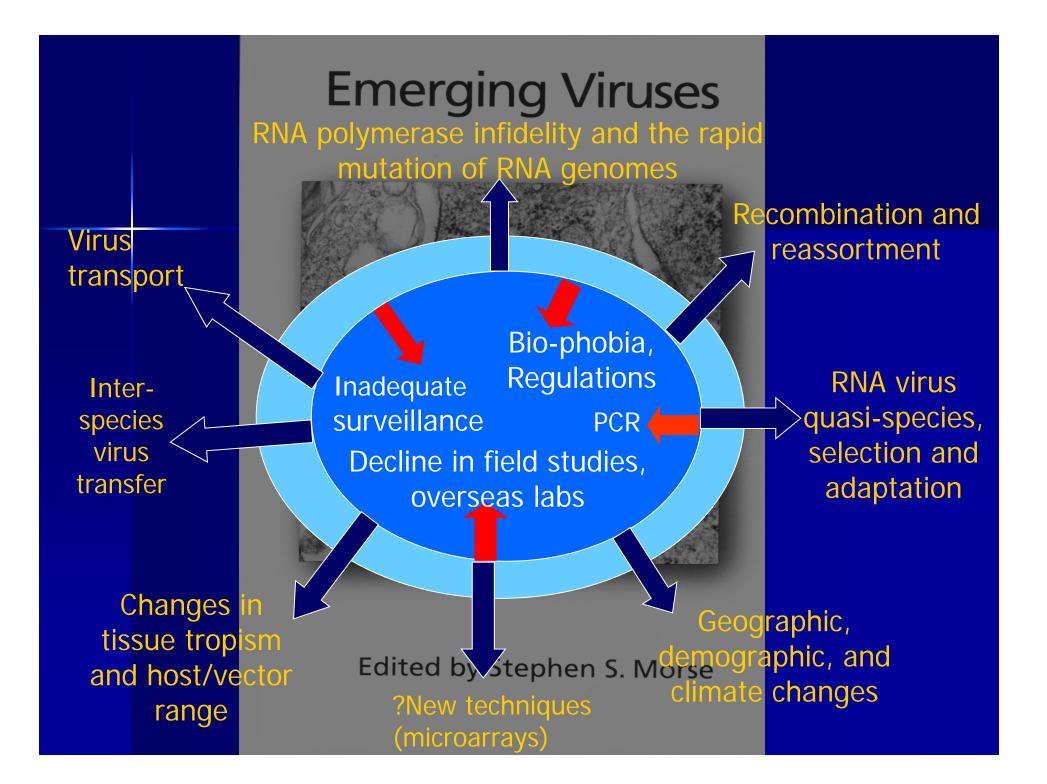
## **Emerging Viruses**



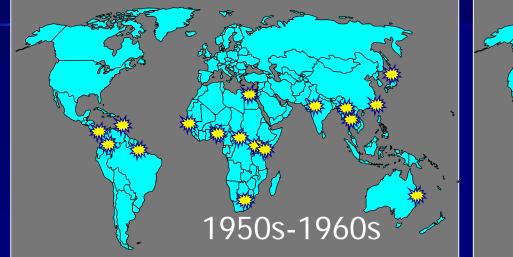
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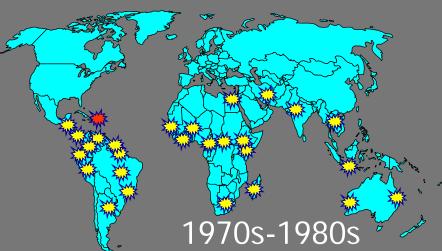
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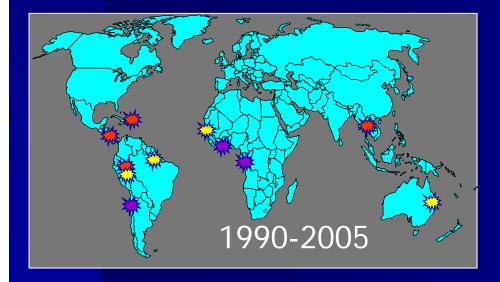




# Longitudinal field research programs in tropical arbovirology

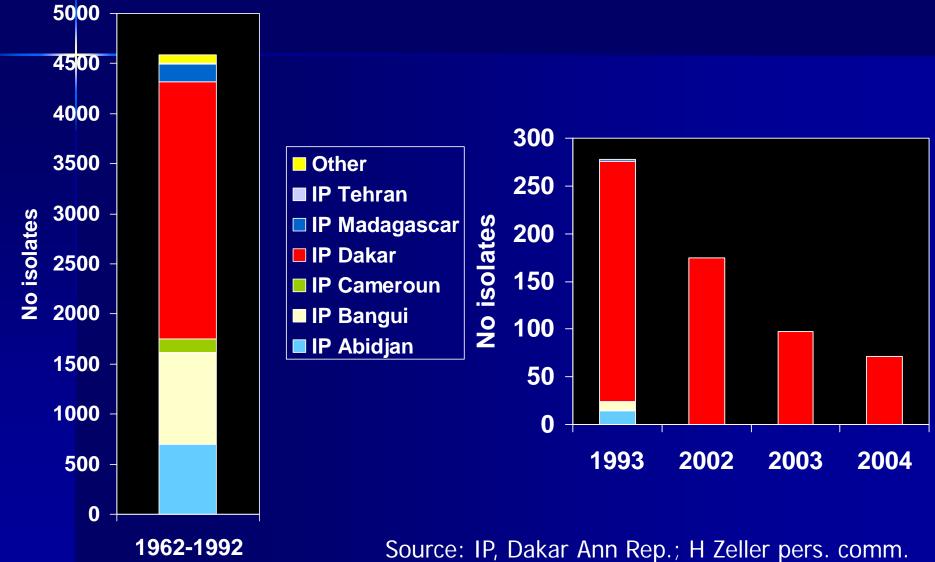




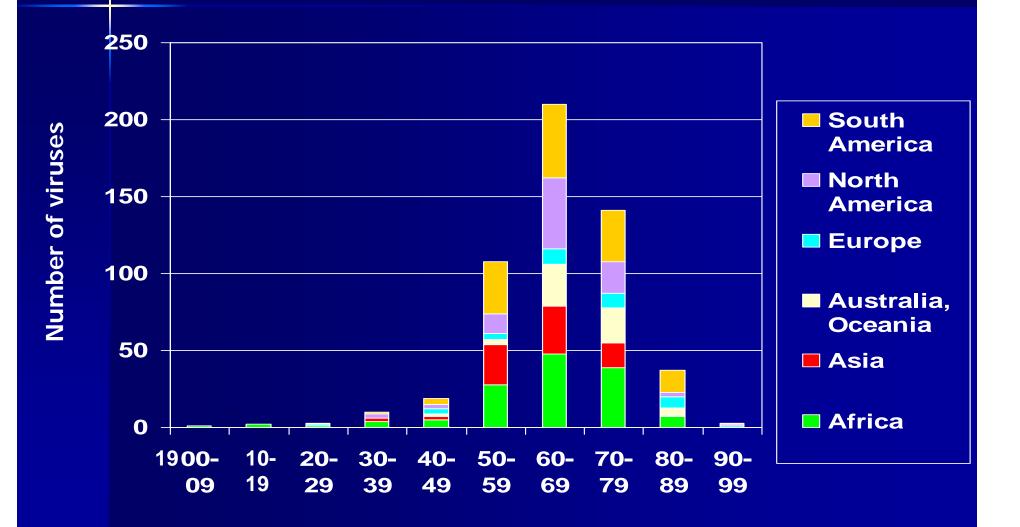


Limited field research (dengue)
 Limited field research (VHFs)
 General arbovirology

# Arboviruses identified Institut Pasteur, Dakar



# Arboviruses (n=534) by initial year of isolation and continent



# Limited funding for arbovirus field work

- Lack of visionary leadership
- Competes with funding for basic science
- Feeling that important information has already been obtained
- Importance of results may not be evident immediately
- Political and logistic barriers
- Directed to situations in which emergencies/threats do not exist
- Emphasis on disease surveillance rather than viruses 'in search of a disease'
- Pejorative language
  - 'Fishing expedition'
  - 'Stamp collecting'
  - 'old-fashioned'

## World Reference Center for Emerging Viruses and Arboviruses

NIAID maintains the World Reference Center for Emerging Viruses and Arboviruses at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston



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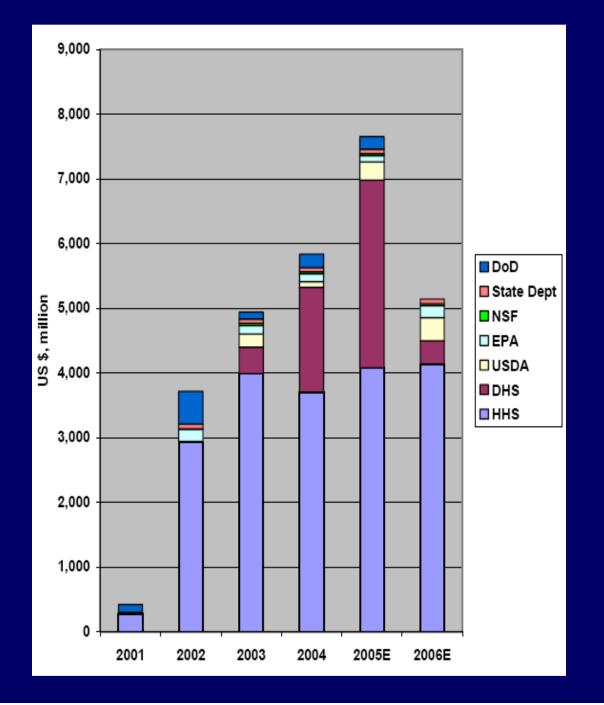
- c. 1995 YARU collection of >4000 virus stocks moved with Tesh and Shope to UTMB
- Funded at \$4.4m (2003-2010) by NIAID
- While an important historical collection, it no longer functions as a Reference Center
  - Virtually no new viruses submitted for study by foreign collaborators
  - Virtually no reference viruses exported to foreign investigators

# **Biotrerr**

Decreased biodefense Select Agent Regulations

Regulations extended to international partners

> Increasing prohibitions export and of viruses



## ACAV Meeting March 1965

4. <u>Report on Discussions with USPHS and USDA Regarding Tapoxtation</u> Arboviruses: <u>Regulations and Problems</u>. Dr. Scherer contacted Dr. John ighes, USPHS, and Dr. Reisinger of USDA regarding regulations for importing id distributing viruses. The USPHS has no control of interstate shipment of U.S. viruses, but USDA has. Both control interstate shipment of exotic icuses, and their importation. The regulations are not excessively restricicuses, and are subject to the interpretation of these two men. They realize ive, and are subject to the interpretation of these two men. They realize ive, Buescher and others for guidance. They anticipate using the ACAV comit. Buescher and others for guidance. They anticipate using the ACAV comit. Buescher and others for help in deciding on the issuance of permits ittee and subcommittees for help in deciding on the issuance of permits. For importation and interstate transportation. Both men seem cooperative.

# Value of active arbovirus surveillance and exploration

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#### AN OUTBREAK OF CHANDIPURA VIRUS ENCEPHALITIS IN THE EASTERN DISTRICTS OF GUJARAT STATE, INDIA

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- Chandipura (India, 1965)....Outbreaks, India
- Toscana (Italy, 1971)... Outbreaks Europe
- Hendra (Australia, 1995)... Nipah emergence

# Value of active arbovirus surveillance and exploration

## Identify existing viral fauna

- Evaluate pathogenic potential of new agents
  - Antigenic/genomic relationships
  - Serological evidence for infection
  - Laboratory markers of virulence
  - Vectors and hosts
  - Diagnostic tools

## Targeted study of indicator 'emerging' viruses

- Factors determining cyclic changes in transmission
- Influence of ecological change and climate
- Predictive modeling

# Value of active arbovirus surveillance and exploration

- Risk assessment during periods of rapid ecological change
  - Tropical deforestation
  - Reduction in biodiversity
  - Hydroelectric projects
  - Urbanization
  - Human migration
  - Global warming

# POLICY FORUM

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## Pathogen Surveillance in Animals

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g December 1, 2005

latimes.com : World News

### **3 Species of Fruit Bat Found to Harbor Deadly Ebola Virus**

 Tests by scientists in Gabon and Congo detect traces of the pathogen. Human infection may have occurred through eating the animals.

By Alex Raksin, Times Staff Writer

Researchers working in Gabon and Congo have identified three species of fruit bat as the long-sought reservoirs of one of the deadliest known human pathogens, the Ebola virus.

The team tested more than 1,000 bats and other animals before tracing the virus to fruit bats, which are commonly eaten by people in Central Africa, according to a report in today's issue of the journal Nature.

design and implement a global animal surveillance system for zoonotic pathogens that gives early warning of pathogen emergence



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# Passive surveillance: the 'Bush Meat' Method

| Table 6.      | Bush meat highly prized by humans, northeastern Gabon. |  |
|---------------|--|--|
| Group Species |  |  |
| Primates      | Cercopithecus species (monkeys)                        |  |
|               | Pan troglodytes (chimpanzee)                           |  |
|               | Gorilla gorilla  |  |
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## Bushmeat Hunting, Deforestation, and Prediction of Zoonotic Disease Emergence

Nathan D. Wolfe,\* Peter Daszak,† A. Marm Kilpatrick,† and Donald S. Burke\*

Centre International de Accherches medicates

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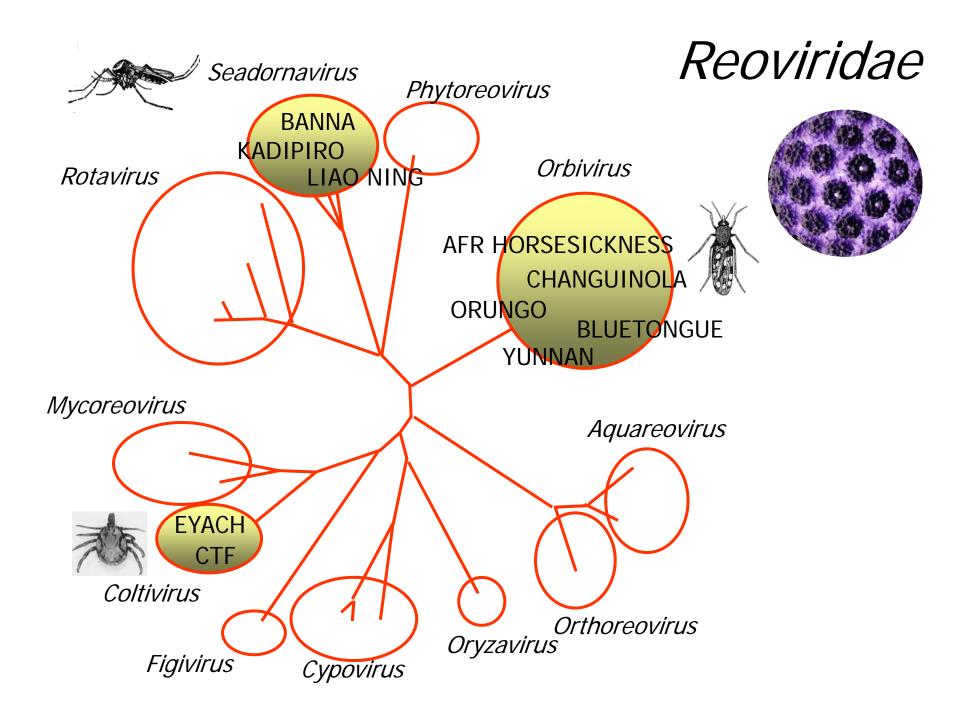
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Eighteen people who had skinned and chopped a chimpanzee cadaver that they found became ill (fever, headache, bloody diarrhea). They were evacuated from Mayibout 2 to Makokou

# **Unexplored virus groups**

- Marked speciation/diversity
- Wide host range
- History of 'species jumping'
- Human and animal disease reported
- Wide geographic range
- Little/no information on transmission and human infection

- Orbiviruses, Seadornaviruses
- Paramyxoviruses
- Rhabdoviruses
- Filoviruses
- Phleboviruses
- Hantaviruses





# **Solutions**

- Provide leadership in defining priorities for field research
- Engage and fund scientists in the tropics at the forefront of virus emergence
- Support and adequately fund longitudinal field research on selected pathogens
- Redefine Global Surveillance to include the 'silent world' of viruses circulating in nature
- Include virus isolation in addition to broad (virus family/genus) molecular probes, and apply to human illness, wildlife samples, arthropod pools
- Link field research to carefully designed experimental studies of virus-vector-host interactions

# **Solutions**

- Priority given to areas undergoing rapid ecological change
- Develop and apply new serological tools for comprehensive retrospective mapping of virus exposure
- Determine pathogenic potential (serological surveys, diagnosis)
- Re-instate and adequately fund regional Reference Centers
- Develop Bio-Banking
- Develop policies and procedures to facilitate the exchange of specimens, reagents, and information

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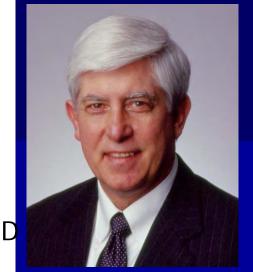
# **S. 871**

To provide for global pathogen surveillance and response.

### IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

April 10, 2003

Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. DOMENICI, and Mr. FEINGOLD) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations



Donald S Burke President 1996

(6) To establish "lab-to-lab" cooperative rela-

tionships between United States public health lab-

oratories and established foreign counterparts.

To provide for global pathogen surveillance and response.

A BILL

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detect and quickly

contain infectious disease outbreaks or bioterrorism

agents before they can spread.

## The EDEN Project Emerging Diseases in a Changing European Environment

- West African and European project focus
- Indicator human diseases, e.g. TBE, Rift Valley fever sensitive to environmental changes
- Describe epidemiological cycles
- Intrinsic and extrinsic factors triggering or modulating emergence
- Predictive models
- Definition of environmental changes favoring emergence

## ICTDR NETWORK International Centers for Tropical Disease Research

## Hantavirus Ecology and Research, Chile (Greg Mertz, UNM)

# The consequences of inaction

- Continued surprises
- Retrospective and reactionary
- Static reference and reagent collections
- Limited capacity for surveillance
- Reliance on human disease
- Finding only what we look for
- Increasing regulations and restricted international collaborations
- Incomplete information on disease ecology

# **Back to Basics**

Basic science Molecular virology Hypothesis-driven research Surveillance and diagnosis by specific molecular probes Exploration Ecological and epidemiological studies Virus isolation Surveillance of wild-life Active reference collections

Emerging infections

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