

ASTMH Announces Newly Elected Society Leadership

November 16, 2016 – The American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene announced Patricia F. Walker, MD, DTM&H, FASTMH, as its new president today at the Society’s 65th Annual Meeting in Atlanta. Dr. Walker is director of the Global Health Pathway, Department of Medicine, University of Minnesota and HealthPartners Travel and Tropical Medicine Center.

She succeeds Stephen Higgs, PhD, FASTMH, director of the Biosecurity Research Institute at Kansas State University. Regina Rabinovich, MD, MPH, ExxonMobil Malaria Scholar in Residence, Department of Immunology and Infectious Diseases, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, is the new president-elect.

The Society also welcomed two new councilors: Abdoulaye Djimde, PharmD, PhD, Malaria Research and Training Center at the University of Science, Techniques and Technologies of Bamako, Mali; and Julie Jacobson, MD, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

“The Society’s leadership is a reflection of global expertise and a commitment to finding solutions to tropical diseases. This year’s Council is a true representation of how much our Society has extended its global reach through international advocacy and diplomacy,” Higgs said. “Also, we look forward to Pat’s leadership as we identify and announce the new Society level medal named for a woman leader in tropical medicine.”

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The American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, founded in 1903, is the largest international scientific organization of experts dedicated to reducing the worldwide burden of tropical infectious diseases and improving global health. We accomplish this through generating and sharing scientific evidence, informing health policies and practices, fostering career development, recognizing excellence, and advocating for investment in tropical medicine/global health research. For more information, visit astmh.org.