

THE ASTMH COMMITTEE ON GLOBAL HEALTH (ACGH)

American Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene ASTMH Committee on Global Health (ACGH)

Business Meeting 2020

Date: Monday 16 November, 2020

Time: 10:15-10:45 am ET (Immediately following ACGH Symposium 1: Pathogen Metagenomics in the Developing World: Four Stories in Four Countries)

Location: Zoom (live session)

Agenda

1. Introduction and ACGH President's report (Robert Newman)

- Over the past year, ACGH planned and implemented many activities based on our 2020 ACGH strategic plan, which listed our four objectives:
 1. Trailblazing: Link ASTMH to existing and emerging global health and development initiatives;
 2. Information sharing: Facilitate the sharing of relevant global health information with ACGH members and ASTMH more broadly;
 3. Advocacy: Serve as the voice of ASTMH on global health issues and promote expansion of ACGH membership; and
 4. Member support: Provide services, broker connections, and catalyze opportunities for ACGH members.

Premeeting course (PMC)

- PMC was held on 11 November, 9:00am to 4:30pm entitled "Modeling for Disease Outbreaks – Practical Approaches to Understanding and Using Models". The PMC ended successfully with good engagement by attendees.
- There was a total of 133 registrants, which was twice or three times as large as previous numbers of PMC attendees in-person. Positive feedback from attendees and instructors.

ACGH Council meeting

- More than 40 members joined the councilor meeting on 13 November
- Members shared many ideas and engaged in discussions to brainstorm upcoming activities, including symposia topics, PMC topics, etc.
- This active engagement inspired new ideas to engage ACGH members on a quarterly basis (opening the leadership meeting to ACGH members)

Symposia

- ACGH planned and delivered (are delivering, at the time of business meeting) two symposia, both on November 16: Symposium 1: "Pathogen Metagenomics in the Developing World: Four Stories in Four Countries." The last half hour was the ACGH business meeting.
- Symposium 2: "Parity and Equity in Global Health."

Mentorship initiative

- In response to the demands of the previous years about connecting mentors and mentees within ACGH, a new mentorship initiative was launched.
- The initiative is modeled from mentorship program from the Obama foundation, as well as other previous experiences from the leadership.

- A total of 60 mentees and 40 mentors were matched. To date, there have been positive feedback and comments from participants. Thank you so much for the mentors for your contributions.
- Planned: Q2 of the coming year- interim feedback.
- There is also interest from the student board from ASTMH.
- In the ASTMH society, there is significant emphasis on global health.
- Our work is more relevant now than ever, given the COVID-19 pandemic and other health challenges that the world faces today. Looking forward to continue ACGH activities.

2. ACGH Financial Report (Eri Togami)

- According to the final statement, for the past fiscal year (July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020) there were 38,460 USD as net assets for all Global Health funds.
 - o 35,569 USD Council Designated Net Asset at the beginning of the year (Net Assets at the Beginning of the year),
 - o 12,173 USD in revenue (mostly from Global Health Dues, 10,425 USD)
 - o 9,282 USD in expenses (mostly from annual meeting expenses, 7,282 USD).
- The Parent Society 10,000 USD Pilot Fund was mostly used for ACGH travel awards and expenses for events held during the annual meeting in November 2019 (speed networking, peer networking, business meeting, committee meeting).
- Membership: Between 838 members, of which 11% (n=94) are low- or middle-income country members (LMIC) and 63% (n=531) are post-doctoral or student members. ACGH is the largest subgroup within ASTMH.

3. ACGH Election results and summary of 2021 ACGH leadership (David Gittelman)

A total of 13 outstanding applicants applied for the two councilor positions. The nominations team prioritized 6 people to be placed on the ballot. There were two candidates for the president elect. A total of 517 votes were received. Congratulations to elected leaders, of whom three are female and two are from outside of the United States. Thank you to all candidates who participated in this year's election.

- New leadership members:
 - o Corine Karema- president elect
 - o Elizabeth Montgomery Collins – councilor
 - o Njeri Wamae – councilor
- Continuing leadership members:
 - o Miguel Reina- president
 - o Robert Newman- past president
 - o Eri Togami – secretary treasurer
 - o Katie Anderson- councilor
 - o David Gittelman- councilor

There are ongoing discussions about adding one (or two) more councilor(s) to the leadership team to reflect the broad scope of work and to serve a large pool of members within ACGH. ACGH will need to amend the bylaws to proceed.

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4. Announcement of ACGH Travel Awards and Research Awards (Katie Anderson)

Katie Anderson worked with co-councilor Julie Pavlin for the travel and research awards.

Congratulations to the winners:

- Research award: 2000 USD to three recipients chosen from 22 excellent applicants, of which 45% were from outside the US.

Pallavi Kache

- *Columbia University, USA*
- Topic: impacts of the urban environment, and human interactions with the urban landscape, in shaping dengue virus transmission in Ibagué, Colombia
- 49: Poster session B Tuesday, November 17

Uchenna Ogwaluonye

- *Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka, Nigeria*
- Topic: immune responses to MPER and accessory proteins in HIV-discordant couples in Nigeria
- 17: Poster session A Monday, November 16

Cusi Ferradas

- *Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia, Lima, Peru*
- Topic: genetic diversity of rickettsia species in the Peruvian Amazon Basin
- 49: Poster session B Tuesday, November 17

- Travel award: 750 USD to cover conference fees to two recipients, chosen from 22 applicants, of which 91% were from outside the US. Due to the pandemic, awardees will be able to use the award for education and scientific opportunities. They will be required to submit a one-page report to outline how they utilized the award.

Akhila Stewart:

- *University of West Indies, Trinidad and Tobago*
- Topic: Microbiome of domestic water from rural communities in the Southern Caribbean, water quality and human health implications
- Session 18: Nov 16 2020 3:00PM. Global Health: Planetary Health and Malaria 439- Microbiome of domestic water from rural communities in the Southern Caribbean, water quality and human health implications

Nouhoun Barry

- *Groupe de Recherche-Action en Sante (GRAS), Burkina Faso*
- Topic: Safety and Immunogenicity of coadministration of meningococcal type A vaccine with typhoid conjugate vaccine in healthy children 15-23 months of age in Burkina Faso
- Session 82: Nov 18 2020 1:45PM. Clinical Tropical Medicine: Vaccines, Travel 1394- Safety and Immunogenicity of coadministration of meningococcal type A vaccine with typhoid conjugate vaccine in healthy

children 15-23 months of age in Burkina Faso

5. Awardee presentation from Cusi Ferradas (Peru): Genetic diversity of rickettsia species in the Peruvian Amazon Basin

For more information, please see:

918- The role of domestic animals and rodents in the eco-epidemiology of rickettsia in the Peruvian Amazon Basin Cusi Ferradas¹, David E. Payahuanca¹, Diana León¹, Edith Malaga², Gabriela Salmón-Mulanovich³, Andrés G. Lescano¹, Janet E. Foley⁴
¹*Emerging Diseases and Climate Change Research Unit, School of Public Health, Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia, Lima, Peru*, ²*Infectious Diseases Laboratory, School of Science, Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia, Lima, Peru*, ³*Biomedical Engineering Program PUCP-UPCH, Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia (UPCH), Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú (PUCP), Lima, Peru*, ⁴*Department of Medicine and Epidemiology, School of Veterinary Medicine, University of California, Davis, Lima, Peru*

6. Awardee presentation from Pallavi Kache (USA): Impacts of the urban environment, and human interactions with the urban landscape, in shaping dengue virus transmission in Ibagué, Colombia

For more information, please see:

596- Developing a landscape typology scheme to assess environmental and social risk factors for dengue in tropical urban settings
Pallavi Amritha Kache¹, Isabella Rodas Arango², Andrea Sarmiento Ospina³, Heriberto Vásquez Serna³, Mauricio Santos Vega², Maria A. Diuk-Wasser¹

7. Awardee presentation from Ogwaluonye Uchenna (Nigeria): Immune responses to MPER and accessory proteins in HIV-discordant couples in Nigeria

For more information, please see:

327- Molecular characterization of ESBL producing *Escherichia coli* among women in Anambra state, Nigeria Uchenna C. Ogwaluonye¹, Ugochukwu M. Okezie¹, Hopewell Nnaji¹, Chukwuebuka C. Ezeagu², Malachy C. Ugwu¹, Edward Nwanegbo¹
¹*Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka, Nigeria*, ²*African Health and Sustainability Mission (N.G.O), Enugu, Nigeria*

8. Hand-over of ACGH Presidency from Robert Newman to Miguel Reina

The ACGH presidency passed over from Robert Newman to Miguel Reina. Congratulations!

9. New ACGH President's remarks (Miguel Reina)

- Welcome to members
- A solid foundation: ACGH was established in 2010 to:
 1. Promote the development of the field of global health;
 2. Educate about global health issues.... Through pre-meeting courses, workshops, symposia and abstract presentations;
 3. Foster collaborations between individuals and groups that address global health issues;
 4. Facilitate dissemination and publication of global

- health research;
 - 5. Provide recruitment opportunities for individuals interested in pursuing a career in global health;
 - 6. Serve as a representative voice from ASTMH in other Global Health organizations, societies and working groups;
 - 7. Recognize outstanding contributions in Global Health.
- There were 201 members in 2011, which has now grown to 838 members in 2020
 - There is a 2020 ACGH strategic plan, which is available on the ACGH website
 - Brief overview of 2020 activities include:
 - o Research award
 - o Travel award
 - o Elections (president-elect and two councilors) – congratulations again
 - o Mentorship initiative
 - o Annual meeting activities, including pre-meeting course, symposium I, symposium II
 - o Financial request policy
 - Looking to the future: Activities for the upcoming year include
 - o Strategic planning updates: Update the ACGH charter, with two goals in mind. (1) adapt the plan to current context of ACGH, for example, adding a student councilor position; (2) provide structural support to operationalize ACGH’s strategic plan.
 - o Implement the ACGH financial request policy
 - o Evaluation and implementation of research and travel awards
 - o Evaluation and implementation of mentorship initiative
 - Please get involved in the exciting opportunities in the upcoming year!

2021 Leadership

Member/Position	Term Expires
Miguel Reina Ortiz, <i>President</i>	2021
Corine Karema, <i>President-Elect</i>	2021
Robert Newman, <i>Past-President</i>	2021
Eri Togami, <i>Secretary/Treasurer</i>	2021
Kathryn Anderson, <i>Councilor</i>	2021
David Gittelman, <i>Councilor</i>	2021
Elizabeth Collins, <i>Councilor</i>	2022
Njeri Wamae, <i>Councilor</i>	2022
Joanne Gbenjo, <i>Student Representative</i>	2021

CHARTER OF THE ASTMH COMMITTEE ON GLOBAL HEALTH

Objectives

- The ASTMH Committee on Global Health (ACGH) is organized under the auspices of the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (ASTMH) and has the following objectives:
- To promote the development of the field of Global Health which addresses multidisciplinary transnational approaches to health issues that unfavorably affect underserved and under-resourced populations.
- To educate about global health issues inclusive of and in addition to ASTMH’s traditional purview of tropical medicine and hygiene through pre-courses, workshops, symposia and

- abstract presentations
- To foster collaborations between individuals and groups that address global health issues
- To facilitate dissemination and publication of global health research
- To provide recruitment opportunities for individuals interested in pursuing a career in global health.
- To serve as a representative voice from ASTMH in other Global Health organizations, societies and working groups.
- To recognize outstanding contributions in Global Health

Meetings

The ACGH will meet at least annually under the aegis of the ASTMH Annual Meeting.

Membership

Members in good standing of ASTMH who wish to join ACGH may do so by paying subgroup dues in accordance with rates set by the ACGH Executive Council. ACGH will establish a fund for voluntary donations to be managed by ASTMH. Funds collected on behalf of ACGH from sources such as dues, voluntary donations, etc. will be managed by ASTMH and used for activities that further the objectives of ACGH, including receptions, annual awards, fellowships and international training opportunities, and payment of page charges in the *American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene* for qualifying articles (e.g. editorials, topical reviews, symposium proceedings, cutting-edge papers, etc.).

Governance

Executive Council

There will be elected leadership in the form of an Executive Council consisting of a President, President-Elect, Past President, Secretary- Treasurer and four Councilors. Any active member in goodstanding is eligible for election to office. The initial leadership of the Committee on Global Health will serve for a total of 18 months.

The President-Elect and President will each serve terms of one year in succession. The Secretary-Treasurer and Councilors serve terms of two years. Terms of office begin at the close of the annual meeting at which the officers were declared elected. All members of the ACGH Executive Council are allowed to vote on Council business. Council members may run for and serve consecutive terms.

The President serves as chief executive officer for the ACGH and presides over meetings of the ACGH Executive Council and the ACGH annual business meeting. The President may fill vacancies among the Councilors by appointing Councilors from the membership to serve until the missing Councilor returns to office or through the remainder of the absent Councilor’s term, if return to office is not possible. If the Secretary-Treasurer is unable to complete his/her term, the President will appoint a replacement from the membership to serve until the next annual meeting when a new Secretary-Treasurer will be elected.

The President-Elect presides over meetings of the ACGH in the absence of the President. If the presidency becomes vacant, the President-Elect will serve out the balance of the President’s unexpired term before going on to complete his/

her originally- scheduled term as President. The Secretary-Treasurer of the ACGH works with the Secretary- Treasurer of ASTMH to monitor the Committee's finances and to develop its annual budget. The ACGH Secretary-Treasurer, ACGH President, or person determined by the ACGH President maintains minutes of the ACGH Executive Committee and annual business meeting and compiles reports on ACGH activities for presentation to the ASTMH Council as requested.

Elections

The ACGH Executive Council appoints a nominating subcommittee consisting of five active members. No more than three of those members may be current members of the ACGH Executive Council. A slate of candidates for offices to be filled at the next annual meeting will be distributed to ACGH members by mail and/or electronic mail no later than two months prior to the next annual meeting. Members may submit themselves or suggest other active members as candidates to the Chairman of the nominating committee, but the nominating committee will not be obligated to put such individual(s) on the slate unless there is a supporting petition from three active members in addition to the individual proposed.

Election for each office shall be by secret mail and/or electronic mail ballot and determined by majority vote (or by the greatest number of votes if more than two candidates). Results of voting will be announced in the ASTMH newsletter and at the next ACGH annual business meeting.

Subcommittees

Subcommittees may be formed to deal with important issues such as awards, pre-course development, fundraising, career opportunities, interfacing with the *American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene*, and planning of ACGH-supported symposia and workshops at the ASTMH annual meeting. Members of the ACGH are encouraged to apply to participate on the Global Health Scientific Program Committee, following Society guidelines for participating on the Scientific Program Committee.

Awards

ACGH Award for Research Support

Recipients

2020

Cusi Ferradas
Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia

Pallavi Kache
Columbia University

Uchenna Ogwaluonye
Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Nigeria

2019

Rachel Bensman
Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center

Daniele Gusland
University of Wisconsin

Andrea Perez
Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala

ACGH Student Travel Award

Recipients

2020

Nouhoun Barry
GRAS

Akilah Stewart
The University of the West Indies

2019

Saikou Bah
WACCBIP

Caleb Stica
Ifakara Health Institute

2018

Sarah Boudova
Indiana University

Mahfuza Talukder Flowra
Universitas Gadjah Mada

2017

Meredith Hickson
University of Michigan Medical School

Martha Tesfalul
University of California San Francisco

2016

E. Ross Colgate
University of Vermont

Louisa Messenger
London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine

2015

Rebecca Fischer
Baylor College of Medicine, National School of Tropical Medicine

Marie Nancy Seraphin
University of Florida

2014

Nathan Lo
Stanford University School of Medicine

Elizabeth Thiele
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention