

### **Interested in Arbovirology?**

Offer your name by September 20, 2021 for consideration as a leader in the Society's voice for arbovirology – the American Committee on Arthropod-Borne and Zoonotic Viruses (ACAV)

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**ACAV** is looking for three passionate and committed candidates to serve as Councilors and one person to serve as the Trainee Councilor. Candidates should be interested in building a strong voice for arbovirology within ASTMH that places the Society in a leadership role in the larger arena.

ACAV is the largest international scientific organization of experts aimed at reducing the global burden of diseases caused by arthropod-borne viruses and zoonotic viruses of global importance including the hemorrhagic fever viruses.

ACAV members generate and share scientific evidence, inform health and science policy, guide considerations of arbovirus taxonomy, form standards for biosafety in laboratory work on arboviruses, maintain an international catalog of arboviruses, promote career development of arbovirologists, recognize excellence in arbovirology, provide trainee scholarships to attend meetings of the ASTMH, and advocate for investment in arbovirology research.

Interested candidates are asked to provide the following information:

- A maximum two-page statement briefly outlining the qualities and skill set that you would bring to this volunteer position. Please include an overview of professional qualifications. List any committee work within ASTMH or at similar societies or institutions. Please submit as a word document.
- One-page narrative biography as a word document.
- Recent headshot photo.

*Interested candidates should submit the requested information to [Buffy Finn](#), Manager, Membership, ASTMH, by Monday, September 20, 2021.*

#### **ACAV Subgroup requirements and information:**

- Candidates must be passionate about the mission and goals of the ACAV Subgroup
- Candidates must be eager to be actively engaged in identifying new strategies to grow ACAV membership, revenue and other activities

- Candidates should reflect the overall Society's diversity in geographic location, gender, age, race, ethnicity, professional experience, and work setting
- Candidate is a member in good standing in ASTMH and the ACAV Subgroup (dues are paid and current)
- Terms are two years
- There is no compensation for terms served

**Specific Expectations:**

- Actively participate in ACAV Subgroup conference calls and meetings
- Actively engage in building a diverse ACAV membership
- Work in a timely, efficient, and outcome-oriented manner
- Work with fellow councilors to determine and establish long-term goals
- Strive to maintain focus on the mission, values and goals of the ACAV subgroup that then complement those of the ASTMH
- Proactively seek new funding, programs and projects to enhance the goals and mission of the ACAV Subgroup
- Monitor current programs for relevance and effectiveness

**Timeline for decision making:**

The councilor election will take place in October 2021. Members of ACAV will vote. Results will be announced prior to the November ASTMH Annual Meeting. The two-year term begins immediately following the ASTMH Annual Meeting, November 17-21, 2021.

Thank for your support of ASTMH and interest in ACAV.

Regards,

Patricia Aguilar, PhD  
2021 ACAV Chair