

Global Networking Against Malaria

About the Malaria Foundation International

History

The Malaria Foundation International was founded in 1992 by Dr. Mary R. Galinski, an established scientist conducting research at the time on malaria at New York University School of Medicine. With the commitment of numerous other malaria researchers and experts in a variety of professions, plans were carried forward to create a private international entity dedicated to the effective prevention, treatment, and control of malaria. The Malaria Foundation International, Inc. became registered in the United States as a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) non-profit organization in 1993. Steps were taken to develop interactive Malaria Foundation activities around the world. The Malaria Foundation's organizational structure has included a 50-member Scientific Advisory Board and a 12-member International Board to advise on project development and implementation. Its prominent Board of Trustees have included Dr. Galinski, Dr. Kathryn Nason-Burchenal and Mrs. Luna Lioue, who agreed to sunset the organization in 2023.

Why the Malaria Foundation was started.

In 1992, the incidence and severity of malaria was on the rise worldwide, with up to 500 million annual cases, and the availability and application of effective solutions was not immediately forthcoming. Resistance to available drugs was spreading rapidly, making them unreliable in many parts of the world, and a malaria vaccine was years away from being produced, tested, and deployed. Furthermore, social programs to curb the spread of malaria through education and community control activities were limited, and in many places were non-existent. Meanwhile, funding for malaria research and control was not only extremely limited, especially compared to the scope of the problem, but was decreasing, and no other organization existed that was dedicated specifically to addressing problems caused by this disease.

*The situation remains serious today, with malaria still ravishing communities, despite many key advances. Tackling this problem will continue to require the talents, commitment, and dedication of many people and institutions.

The Future.

The MFI was founded with the tenet that much more must be learned about malaria before long-lasting preventative and curative methods can be assured. The ultimate solutions will come through further research and its effective application. This will require strong political will and steadfast dedication, along with enhanced global communications and networking, long-term financial commitments, sustainable training programs, and capacity building. The MFI relied on volunteer efforts and welcomed the views and assistance of professionals in many areas, including public relations, the arts, business, graphic design, communications, politics, development, fundraising, law, social work, medicine, and science. Many anti-malaria organizations, projects and initiatives have sprung up since the launch of the MFI, and their global presence on the internet has amplified their potential to make a difference.

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This Scientific Advisory Board is a representative group of outstanding scientists from many parts of the world. The Malaria Foundation International welcomes the participation of scientists in all areas of malaria research and control and looks forward to the participation on this board of many other distinguished individuals over time.



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Visionary Malaria Fighters

Media Tenor. Germany

Media Tenor is the first media research institute to focus on continuous 100% media analysis. Acting as a strategic partner, Media Tenor helps organizations leverage the media. At the 7th International Agenda Setting Conference in Bonn, the MFI received the Media Tenor Special Award. The award comes with a one year free analysis of the news coverage of malaria and related issues for the MFI and helps the organization better aim to position issues around malaria in the media. The Launch of the Blue Ribbon Campaign coincides with the release of a special new MFI logo designed by Media Tenor for this occasion, to assist the Foundation in launching the Blue Ribbons as a universal symbol for the fight against malaria.

Gold Malaria Fighters

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Choi Kwang Do Martial Arts International

On February 13, 2007, Choi Kwang Do Martial Art International announced its partnership with the Malaria Foundation International (MFI), and support of the foundation's End Malaria - Blue Ribbon Campaign. Grandmaster Choi met recently with Dr. Mary Galinski, the Founder and President of the MFI, and both shared their organizational and personal visions regarding the health and well being of people across the globe. This meeting established a rapport and mutual desire to support each other's goals. On April 25, 2007, CKD and MFI launched a joint awareness, education and fundraising campaign.

Future Electronics, Quebec.

Future Electronics is a global distributor of electronic components. Their mission is to Delight the Customer by providing an exemplary standard of quality service through superior product marketing, outstanding technical solution support, in-depth inventory, professional selling procedures and the most reliable operational systems in distribution. The MFI is grateful for the unconditional support of Future Electronics as a special new sponsor who reached out to assist the MFI in achieving its mission to facilitate the development and implementation of solutions to the health, education and social problems caused by malaria.

Bronze Malaria Fighters

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Emory University

Members of the Emory University community have become supportive special partners in the fight against malaria. Emory University's relationship with the MFI has been a powerful demonstration of academia's involvement in community outreach at a global scale, in the interest of global health and economic development.

The Heartland Institute

The Heartland Institute is a Chicago based think tank promoting public policy based on individual liberty, limited government and free market. The Heartland Institute believes that the profile of the malaria scourge needs to be raised and supports the MFI efforts to bring malaria awareness by means of the End Malaria - Blue Ribbon Campaign.

PaltalkTM

Paltalk sponsored the 2006 Malaria Business Leadership Conference held Tuesday, December 5, 2006 at the Emory University Law School, Tull Auditorium in Atlanta, GA. Paltalk is the largest Instant Chat (IC) community on the Internet with over 4 million active members participating in live voice and video enabled chat rooms. The Paltalk Messenger allows members to administer their own voice and video discussions and instant message (IM) with buddies on AOL, Yahoo, and ICQ. The Paltalk Messenger has been downloaded over 40 million times and accounts for over 8 billion voice minutes per year. Paltalk was the first company to launch video and voice combined with an online buddy list in one package. Jason Katz, CEO of Paltalk said, "We are excited to have the opportunity to help the MFI in its important work and look forward to spreading the urgent needs of those affected by malaria to the paltalk and world communities".

Student Coalition Empowering Emerging Nations (SCEEN)- Emory University

The Student Coalition Empowering Emerging Nations (SCEEN) is an Emory-wide organization associated with the Emory Development Institute. Seeking to allow students, staff, faculty, and alumni to invest their expertise and time in development initiatives, SCEEN forms student groups and matches them with specific projects carried out by NGOs, businesses, and nonprofit organizations. They endeavor to increase their effectiveness while allowing the Emory community to connect intimately with professionals from all career paths interested in development, and without having to travel or make monetary contributions. SCEEN members have been instrumental in various aspects of MFI projects. They have provided assistance with the new website development, launching of the Blue Ribbons Campaign, analysis of malaria related information available on the web etc.

Special Friends DONATE NOW

American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

The American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (ASTMH) is the principal organization in the United States representing scientists, clinicians and others with interests in the prevention and control of tropical diseases through research and education. The MFI officially launched the Blue Ribbon Campaign in Atlanta at the 55th annual meeting of the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, held from November 12-16, 2006 at the Marriott Marquis, with the distribution of inaugural Blue Ribbon pins saying End Malaria to all participants.

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta is an award winning pediatric hospital in Atlanta. MFI is grateful to Children's Healthcare of Atlanta for hosting the first Malaria Award Ceremony recipients in May 2006 in their historic garden. We also thank "Childrens" for their compassion for children worldwide, and their recognition of this symbolic inaugural event.

James Finlay, PLC. Kenya

Finlays is a global integrated tea company focusing on the manufacture and sale of black tea, green tea, instant tea and decaffeinated tea. It also has other significant interests including coffee trading and packing as well as flower growing. James Finlays (Kenya), is a subsidiary of the SWIRE group and started operation in Kericho Kenya, in 1925. The Kenya site employs approximately 19,000 employees with about 75,000 dependants, all living on-site. James Finlay is committed to the welfare of its employees and provides on-site free medical care, free primary education etc. Malaria is a major burden and cuts into the company's welfare expenditure. James Finlay Kenya has thus partnered with MFI and is hosting the pilot projects for the Student Leaders Against Malaria (SLAM) program. James Finlay Kenya, is providing the computer lab with any necessary equipment, the infrastructure which includes installed cables, phone lines etc, the technical expertise, as well as the volunteer teachers from its schools.

Hedge Funds vs Malaria

"Hedge Funds vs. Malaria" was launched on 20th September 2005 as a drive by the Hedge Funds community to raise awareness and raise funds to help eradicate malaria from the world. Mr Lance Laifer the co-founder of Hedge Funds vs. Malaria launched the inaugural event at the New York Marriott Marquis. Since then the MFI has joined hands with the Hedge Funds Community to organize several key events and campaigns. The MFI organized the First Annual Atlanta "Hedge Funds vs. Malaria" Business Leadership Conference held at Emory University on December 6, 2005. The conference brought together a distinguished group of business, medical, advocacy and theological leaders to present their insights on Africa, business, leadership and malaria. MFI has also supported the Hedge Funds vs Malaria efforts with "Dunk Malaria", "Fast Against Malaria" and "Madness Against Malaria"

House of Henri. Nigeria

House of Henri is the Award Winning Fashions based in Lagos, Nigeria. Henrietta Agboola, CEO of House of Henri and her staff show cased their immaculate fashion designs at the 2006 Paltalk Malaria Business Leadership Conference. House of Henri has joined hands with MFI to encourage companies doing business in malaria endemic regions to be active participants in the war against malaria.

Ogooue Foundation.

Founded in Atlanta Georgia in May 2004, **Ogooue Foundation** is aiming to be the voice of the voiceless, while helping many Africans in the United States and in Africa and promoting projects that directly benefit millions in need. As an outcome of the MFI's Malaria Business Leadership Conference in December 2006, the MFI has worked closely with the Ogooue Foundation, with exceptional in kind support to achieve results towards common goals.

Volunteers

MFI greatly relies on its numerous volunteers who have been dedicated and have participated in every aspect of the MFI organization. All volunteers have been selfless and inspirational and the MFI is forever grateful.

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