AMERICAN COMMITTEE ON ARTHROPOD-BORNE VIRUSES (ACAV)

ACAV 2019 Annual Council Meeting Minutes
Prepared by Shannon Bennett
Gaylord Hotel and Convention Center
National Harbor, MD
November 20, 2019
Chair: Lark Coffey
Secretary: Shannon Bennett
Treasurer: Rebecca Christofferson
Chair-Elect: David Morens

General:
- ACAV chair noted that $10,000 revenue to ACAV is confirmed from parent society ASTMH by June 30 but with no roll-over to next year. One suggestion for the left-over funds was to confer additional travel awards, however funds need to be spent too far in advance of the meeting for this to be a viable solution. Instead, this past year’s remaining funds were invested in designing a new ACAV logo and printing it on promotional products. The new logo was voted on over email by council members leading up to the annual meeting.

- ACAV hosted an informational table at the ACAV symposium as well as in the Exhibit Hall that featured new logo-embossed promotional products (T-shirts, mugs, pens, and pins).

- ACAV membership is down by 7%. Membership in 2019 was 416, down from 446 prior year.

- Trainees are converting to full membership at a rate of 8%.

- Council identified the need for membership growth as well as revenue, particularly to bring in more young people. Ideas included identifying student-friendly activities/support, and/or combine ACAV meetings with other society meetings such as ASV or ACME.

Strategic Plan 2020 Goals and Objectives:
- Position ACAV to serve as the leading professional subgroup advancing knowledge of arboviruses globally
- Expand educational offerings from ACAV members
- Augment ACAV member value by serving as the primary site for professional interactions between arbovirologists
- Expand the global influence of ACAV
- Increase training opportunities in arbovirology
- Strengthen the financial position of ACAV

- To advance the strategic goals, the council discussed:
  - Producing/distributing a newsletter
  - Setting-up and managing an ACAV email and list-serve
  - ACAV website upgrade:

    - Current Website:
      - Newsleger
      - Educational Offerings
      - About ACAV
      - Trainee Education
      - Resources
      - Jobs
      - News and events
      - Social Media

    - Proposed Website:
      - Mission & Vision Statement
      - Goals & Objectives
      - Membership Directory
      - Become a member
      - Where does my ACAV donation go?
      - Educational Offerings
      - Newsletter
      - Videos by ACAV members
      - Books by ACAV members
      - ACAV in the news
      - Recent and hot ACAV publications
      - ACAV trainee spotlight & publications
      - Job postings
      - Clinical and Educational Resources
      - ARBOCAT
      - Historical archives
      - News and events
      - Social Media

- Representation on ASTMH’s Expert Working Group:

  Expert Working Group Proposal: The ASTMH should create a sitting expert “pandemic/epidemic response group” comprised of 10-15 senior experienced thought leaders involved in international science and health, and representing diverse disciplines including medicine, public health/epidemiology, virology and bacteriology, veterinary medicine, and one-health and ecological approaches, among others. The experts would also, as a group, have working collaborative relationships with key players in the countries where epidemics occur including locales in Africa, Southeast Asia/Asia, and South & Central America and the Caribbean. Some members should be scientists.
working abroad in countries where such diseases emerge. The experts should generally have worked with the major pandemic (e.g., influenza) and high consequence diseases (e.g., hemorrhagic fevers, diseases caused by coronaviruses like SARS and MERS). Experts in selected bacterial (e.g., cholera) and parasitic (e.g., malaria) diseases should be included. Membership should rotate approximately every two years.

The group would meet every 1-2 months via phone and immediately/on an as-needed basis when an important disease appears. Top ASTMH experts in particular emerging diseases would be quickly added to the group for the purpose of dealing with that emerging disease, including representatives of US federal agencies such as CDC and NIH.

The group would do the following: 1) identify emerging epidemics and draw attention to them; 2) develop consensus opinions on epidemic response needs, resources available, and possible approaches; 3) identify in-country and international players and work with them; communicate expert opinion to the press and public via press releases, media availabilities, and if needed position papers or other expert opinions; 4) identify ASTMH members, both in-country and otherwise who may be available to work in epidemic response partnerships; 5) if funding becomes available, create a dedicated fund to be used to support epidemic responses especially in-country support of science and ministry resources and coordination, and linking public health and science expertise. For example, one or more experts might be dispatched to work with the Ministry in local response, coordination, or policy decisions. (From Joel Breman in discussion with David Morens).

- Collecting stories/articles for AJTMH newly launched “Stories from the Field:”

Announcing Stories From the Field in the American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene: The Journal is introducing a new category of papers titles, “Stories From the Field.” This category will highlight descriptive personal stories based on author’s experiences practicing clinical tropical medicine, performing tropical medicine research, taking part in international health education, and/or delivering global health services. Preference will be given to articles that provoke thought, encourage new ideas, share innovative approaches, promote sustainability, highlight local efforts, or work to broaden perspectives of Journal readers.

All articles should inform our readers about the world, people, health, hygiene, disease, and the myriad of issues that impact tropical medicine and global health. Through sharing these stories, it is hoped that we can advance our thinking and improve the quality of research and healthcare that we proved. Submission will be accepted through the Journal site at https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/ajtmh.

Essays should be title but have no section headings. The maximum length is 1500 words. The maximum number of authors is 3. If patients are discussed, they should be de-identified. Preapproval is not required before submission, but potential authors are welcome to request feedback on suggest topics before submission.

- Distributing an open-access ACAV Membership Directory
- Curating & preserving historical documents, with the following subgoals:
  - Archiving materials
  - Cataloguing entries
  - Digitization of content
  - Address permanent safe appropriate storage
  - Project could cost ~$300,000, for which we would need a grant (IMLS?)
  - Current status:
    - Tom Monath has put out a call for archival donations
    - Scott Weaver saw to the collecting and depositing of physical boxes of ACAV documents

- Another priority is to better define roles for the councillors. The following tasks could be assigned to councillors and/or are priorities:

Treasurer’s Report:
Revenue from dues ($1900) and ASTMH allotment ($10,000) offset expenses from travel awards (7 at $500 each) and the Batnayas travel award ($2500) plus meeting expenses TBD.

Report from Subgroups:
Subcommittee on Information Exchange (SIE)
- Working on catalogue and updating it
- Newsletter also in production
- Social media seen as an important mechanism for information exchange and in need of the right person to take it on

Subcommittee on Interrelationships Among Catalogued Viruses (SIRACA)
- ICTV undergoing big changes, ACAV needs representatives on subgroups
- EEE outbreak brought to light public health shortcomings
- Evaluation of arbovirus status
Subcommittee on Arbovirus Laboratory Safety (SALS)
- A substantial discussion was had around producing a safety paper describing laboratory-acquired infections (LAIs) including whether said paper would be doable and strategic.

SEAS
- No report at this time

Next steps include deciding the succession of ACAV leadership:
- Chair-Elect: we did not select a chair-elect for 2021 at the time of the meeting and have instead put out a call for nominations by email; vote will be handled by email.

Business Meeting Highlights:
Thank you to outgoing Trainee Councilor Maria Onyongo
Welcome incoming Councilors:
Patricia Aguilar
Nathan Grubaugh
Trainee Councilor, Amy Krystosik

ACAV Activities at ASTMH:
Arbovirology (ACAV) Pre-Meeting Course: Arboviromics - How 'omics' Technologies are Advancing Arbovirus Research and Control
Organized by Louis Lambrechts and Felix Hol
November 20

Panel Discussion: Career Pathways in Science and Identifying Your Niche
Organized by Maria Onyango, trainee councilor
November 21

ACAV Symposium I: ACAV Business Meeting, Award Presentations and Research Presentations by Award Recipients
November 22

ACAV Symposium II: Everything Old Is New Again: The Re-Emergence of Yellow Fever
Organized by Ann Powers and Desiree LaBeaud
November 22

TropStop Career Chats: How to ace that grant application
Organized by Maria Onyango
November 22

Speed Networking with the Experts
November 22

GUIDELINES FOR THE AMERICAN COMMITTEE OF ARTHROPOD-BORNE VIRUSES
During the 1987 executive council meeting of the American Committee on Arthropod-borne Viruses (ACAV) in Los Angeles, it was agreed that guidelines for the committee need to be established and recorded in a single document. The ACAV currently operates under procedures that are stated in various reports. A summary statement of the ACAV organization would assist new executive council members and chairpersons in understanding how the committee operates. In addition, modifications in procedures could easily be incorporated into a centralized body of information.

The information that follows is intended only as a guide for the ACAV organization; goals of the ACAV are stated in other publications. During the formation of ACAV it was agreed that the group would not be a formal organization with by-laws. Rather, it would provide a forum for exchange of information among people interested in arbovirus research.

The ACAV meets annually in association with the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (ASTMH). An executive council is the governing body of the ACAV. The council is chaired by a person who directs council and committee meetings and retains the ACAV files. The chairperson of the executive committee serves a 4-year renewable term and is elected by the executive council at the
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annual council meeting. The council consists of six people who each serve a 4-year term. New council members are elected by members of the ACAV. Council members who are rotating off form a search committee that nominates council candidates; the slate of candidates must be approved by the existing council. The chairperson of the council sends ballots to the ACAV membership. The candidates who receive the most votes are notified and take office at the next annual meeting of the ACAV. There is no quorum for the election of officers or for other council and committee votes. Should a member of the executive council resign or leave the ACAV, a new council member is appointed by the executive council to complete the original member’s term.

Other ACAV positions include a secretary, treasurer, historian and international advisors. The secretary is the newest member of the council and records minutes of the council meeting. The treasurer is appointed to a 4-year renewable term by the executive council and maintains the ACAV funds in a subaccount of the ASTMH. Withdrawals and deposits from the ACAV account are arranged with the treasurer. The council chairperson must approve all withdrawals.

The historian is designated by the council and provides historical information on the operation of the ACAV. The council selects international advisors, determines the number of advisors, and defines the length of the advisor’s terms.

All people interested in joining the ACAV may do so by attending a meeting and signing their name to the attendance sheet. Membership in the ASTMH is not a requirement for membership in the ACAV. People missing three consecutive meetings will lose their membership in the ACAV. Exceptions to this attendance rule are made for people with emeritus status and for some overseas participants. Emeritus status is automatic upon retirement. The executive council must approve an attendance exception for people living overseas.

Subcommittees are an important part of the ACAV and are formed when sufficient interest is presented to the executive council by ACAV members. The council reviews proposed subcommittees and decides whether a particular subcommittee is needed. When council approves the formation of a subcommittee, it appoints a chairperson. The subcommittee chairperson, in consultation with the ACAV chairperson, appoints subcommittee members. New subcommittees formalize their objectives and structure. All subcommittees report progress on objectives at the annual meeting to the ACAV.

The ACAV presents three awards, when appropriate, in staggered three-year intervals. The chair of the executive council appoints a nominating committee for each award. Recipients of awards are selected by the executive council. An announcement requesting nominations for each pending award is published in the Tropical Medicine and Hygiene News at least six months prior to the ASTMH annual meeting. This procedure provides the nominating committee with nominations and documentation from ACAV members. The Scherer/Hardy Award is given to an outstanding graduate either before graduation or up to 3 years post-graduation. Accrued interest

Awards
Richard M. Taylor Award
Presented to a person who has made outstanding contributions to arbovirology throughout his or her career.

Laura Kramer .......................... 2018
John (Jack) Woodall* .................. 2016
Carol Blair ............................. 2015
Barry Beaty ............................ 2012
C.J. Peters .............................. 2012
Thomas Yuill ........................... 2009
Robert Tesh ............................ 2009
Charles Calisher ....................... 2006
Frederick A. Murphy .................. 2002
Philip K. Russell ...................... 2000
Leon Rosen ............................. 2000
Scott Halstead ......................... 1999
Thomas Monath ....................... 1994
James Hardy ............................ 1990
Robert E. Shope ....................... 1987
Karl Johnson ............................ 1987
Harry Hoogstral ....................... 1984
Thomas H.G. Aitken .................. 1984
Telford Work ......................... 1981
Ottis and Calisa Causey .............. 1980
Wilbur Downs ......................... 1979
Pedro Galindo ......................... 1977
Roy W. Chamberlain ................ 1975
William C. Reeves .................... 1973
McD. Hammon ......................... 1970
Jordi Casals ......................... 1968
Richard M. Taylor .................... 1966

Dalrymple/Young
Gregory Ebel .......................... 2019
Kathryn Hanley ....................... 2016
Ebihara Hidecki ....................... 2013
Jonathan Towner ..................... 2010
Heinz Feldmann ....................... 2005
Scott C. Weaver ...................... 2002
Stuart T. Nichol ....................... 1999
Connie Schmaljohn ................... 1996
James LeDuc ......................... 1990

*Given out of rotation
Donald Burke. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1990
Barry Beaty. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1988
Thomas Monath . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1985
David Bishop . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1982

**Scherer/Hardy Award**

Nathan Grubaugh . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2018
Farooq Nasar . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2015
Alexander Ciota . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2013
Amy Schuh . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2013
Brian Bird . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2010
Patricia V. Aguilar . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2007
Gregory D. Ebel . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2004
Aaron Brault . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2001
Ann M. Powers . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1997
Kurt Kamrud . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1997
Scott C. Weaver . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1993
George Ludwig . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1989
Rebecca Rico-Hesse . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1986
Daniel Sundin . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1983

**ACAV Student Travel Award**

Priscila Castanha . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2019
Marissa Childs . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2019
Francesca Falconi . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2019
Siew Wai Fong . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2019
Cat Lippi . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2019
Alice Michie . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2019
Blake Schouest . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2019
Juan Aguilar . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2018
Nikita Cudjoe . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2018
Laura Dickson . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2018
Danilo Lemos . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2018
Daniela Michlmayr . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2018

Ranya Mulchandani . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2018
Nivison Nery, Jr . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2018
Maria Onyango . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2018
Nunya Chotiwan . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2017
Amy Krystosik . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2017
Carla Mavian . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2017
Erin McDonald . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2017
Wen Yang Tsai . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2017
Joseph Fauver . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2016
Claire Heath . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2016
Devika Sirohi . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2016
James Weger . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2016
Albert Auguste . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2015
Rebecca Hamlin . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2015
Lewis Hun . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2015
Stacy Scroggs . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2015
Nunya Chotiwan . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2014
Brittany Dodson . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2014
Nisha Duggal . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2014
Nathan Grubaugh . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2014
Meghan Elizabeth Hermance . . . . . . . . 2014

**Kelly Labell Travel Award**

Nicholas Bergren . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2013
Andrea Bingham . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2012
Patrick Vander Kelen . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2011
Sheri Anderson . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2010
Nicole Arrigo . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2009
ACME SUBGROUP (AMERICAN COMMITTEE OF MEDICAL ENTOMOLOGY)

Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday November 20th, 2019,
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
Chesapeake 1; Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center
National Harbor, Maryland USA

Chair: Matt Thomas, PhD
Secretary/Treasurer: Alvaro Molina-Cruz, PhD
Past Chair: Phil Armstrong, PhD

Call to Order (Matt Thomas)
4:00-4:05
Treasury Report.
Alvaro- The total net assets for all ACME funds were
$24,801 for the period ending in June 30, 2019. The reve-

nue from memberships and member donations (including
donations at the 2018 ACME booth) for the period July
2018- June 2019 was $5,325. The ASTMH Board donated a
$10,000 grant to ACME toward its initiatives during 2018-
2019, as it did in the previous year. The Board donation
was used to cover three 2018 ACME Student Travel Awards
($2,700 total), 2018 ACME Future Leaders Fellowship in
International Medical Entomology ($2,000), the publica-

tion of the Arthropod Containment Guidelines ($3,200),
scholarship funds for the 2019 Biology of Vector-borne
Diseases course at U. of Idaho ($1,712.93) and the 2018
Speed Networking Event ($387.07). ACME received a gen-

erous contribution ($10,000) from S.C. Johnson & Son Inc.
toward the Breakthrough in Medical Entomology Award
and Future Leaders Fellowship. This finishes the commit-
ment by S.C. Johnson, ACME should work on identifying
other donors. ACME continued to avoid expenses asso-
ciated with the council meeting from $406.80 in 2017 to
$0.00 in 2018.

4:05-4:20
Council Elections.
Introduction of New Council Members, Eleanor Sternberg,
Jennifer Stevenson and Marco Neira.
Introduction of Trainee Member, Olivia Winokur.

Nomination of Chair-Elect. Gabriel Hamer was the
only nominated person for chair; voted on Gabriel-
elected.

Nomination of Secretary/Treasurer. Molly Duman Scheel
was the only nominated person for Secretary/Treasurer;
voted on Molly- elected.

Suggestions for council members, 2020 will be presented by
outgoing councilors (Alvaro Molina-Cruz, Diana Ortiz and Laura
Harrington) that will contact the candidates to confirm their
interest. The list of candidates should be finalized by March
2020.

Task Force Updates.
4:20-4:30
AWARDS update was presented by Matt
Thomas.
Members. UPDATE Phil Armstrong, Kate
Altman, Laura Harrington, Matt Thomas.
MEMBERSHIP FOR 2020 was identified:
Laura Harrington, Matt Thomas, Ellen Dotson,
Gabe Hamer.
It was agreed that Ellen (chair) will oversee the
Hoogstraal award selection, Matt (past-chair)
the student travel awards and Gabe (incoming
chair) the Breakthrough in Medical Entomology
award.

Accomplishments.
- The 2019 $10K from the ASTMH Board
allowed us to give 2 grad-student
awards ($900 each), 2 postdoc awards
($900 each) and 2 international ($2000
each). The total amount is $7,600. The
remaining funds were used to fund
scholarships for the Vector Biology
Course in U. Idaho.
- The honorees for 2019 were: Hoogstraal
Award, Frank Collins, U. Notre Dame;
Breakthrough in Medical Entomology
Award, Stephanie James, Foundation for the
National Institutes of Health; Future Leaders
Fellowship in International Entomology,
Adélaïde Miarinjara, National Institutes of
Health; Travel Award for Young Investiga-
tors, Diana Nyan'g'a, Kenya Medical Re-
search Institute; Kristine Werling, Harvard
School of Public Health; Young Investigator
Award-International, Renee Ali, Universi-
ty of West Indies; Marilyn Murindahabi,
University of Rwanda; Young Investigator
Award-Post Doc, Deepani Fernando,
University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka; Emily
Gallichotte, Colorado State University.

Challenges.
- Number of applicants for the Interna-
tional Leaders were 5 while there were
only 2 applicants for the Breakthrough
Awards for 2019. Several options to help
increase the number of applicants were
discussed: facilitate the nomination by
allowing self-nomination with an external
letter of support, increase the visibility of the awards in other events and social media, allow nomination and letters by non-members, the ACME council could suggest nominations, and allow nomination of multiple individuals involved in a single breakthrough finding. These changes will be incorporated in the ACME website with the rules for award application.

- SC Johnson gave their last donation to ACME ($10K) on Dec 2018, there is a need to identify other possible donors for awards.

**4:30-4:40**  
**TRAINNEES.**

**Members.** Diana Ortiz, Andrew Golnar, Matt Thomas.

**MEMBERSHIP FOR 2020 –** Diana Ortiz, Olivia Winokur, Ellen Dotson.

**Accomplishments.**
- There were 150 students and 11 mentors registered for the Speed Networking and ACME/ACAV Lunch Networking events.

**Challenges.**
- Mentor identification has been a challenge. Currently the list of potential mentors is provided by Koya Allen (ASTMH Trainee Committee).

**Goals. Suggestions.**
- There was a discussion on ways to engage and support trainees in addition to the networking events and travel awards. The task force will contact trainees to get their input on other activities they would like to have through ACME. The task force is also planning some trainee-trainee pairing outside the speed networking event. Another possibility is to organize and sponsor a social event outside the meeting for networking together with ACAV trainees. The task force is planning a mentor-mentee program beyond the speed networking event.

**4:40-4:50**  
**ADVOCACY.**

**Members.** Phil Armstrong, Ellen Dotson

**MEMBERSHIP FOR 2020-** Ellen Dotson

**Accomplishments.**
- Arthropod Containment Guidelines publication.

**Challenges.**

**Goals. Suggestions.** There was discussion to join initiatives with other organizations like AMCA, ESA, PAMCA, Vector Borne Disease Coordinated Network. Ellen will contact some of these networks. ACME could do some international activities with PAMCA.

**4:50-5:00**  
**VISIBILITY.**

**Members.** Alvaro Molina-Cruz, Gabe Hammer
- **MEMBERSHIP FOR 2020-** Gabe Hammer, Molly Duman Scheel.

**Accomplishments.**
- Two newsletters were published in 2019. Gabe and Molly will work on the 2020 newsletters.
- Booth, 2018 booth sales/donations.

**Challenges.**
- Enhancing visibility in the digital age. ACME has not used social media. It was suggested that Twitter might be the best one to try.
- There is still lack of use of MyCommunities by members.

**Goals. Suggestions.**
- Rebecca Hamel, is the new Development Manager (ASTMH). Rebecca has a strong background in global health resource development. Rebecca can help ACME in strategies to increase non-dues revenues.

**5:00-5:10**  
**PRE-MEETING COURSE.**

**Members.** Phil Armstrong, Laura Harrington, Chris Barker
- **MEMBERSHIP FOR 2020 Laura Harrington, C**

**Accomplishments.** The previous premeeting course of Medical Entomology for clinicians was successful.

**Challenges.**

**Goals. Suggestions.** The premeeting course proposed for 2020 will be again on Medical Entomology for clinicians. Laura Harrington volunteered to organize it.

**5:10-5:20**  
**Updates from Executive Council.**
- The parent Board has suggested preparation of strategic plans by subgroups. ACME will work on that based on the Board guidelines and ACAV strategic plan.

**5:20-5:30**  
**Open Discussion.**
- Overall goals and suggestions

**Calendar Items for ACME-associated events:**

**WEDNESDAY Nov 20**
4:00 pm- 5:30 pm, **ACME Council Meeting**, Chesapeake 1 (Ballroom Level).
THURSDAY Nov 21
8:00 am – 9:45 am, American Committee of Medical Entomology (ACME) Symposium I: Annual Business Meeting, Awards and Hoogstraal Medal Presentations and Networking Reception, in Potomac D (Ballroom Level).

10:15 am – 12:00 pm, American Committee of Medical Entomology (ACME) Symposium II: Will History Repeat Itself? Lessons Learned from Previous Vector Control Efforts, in Potomac D (Ballroom Level)

12:00 pm- 1:30 pm, ACME Networking Lunch, in National Harbor 8.

Friday Nov 22
5:00 pm-6:45 pm, 7th Annual “Speed-Networking with the Experts”, in Riverview Ballroom 1/2/3.
AMERICAN COMMITTEE OF MEDICAL ENTOMOLOGY (ACME) CHARTER

Name. The name of the organization shall be the American Committee of Medical Entomology (acronym—ACME). It is organized under the auspices of the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (ASTMH), and will meet at least annually in conjunction with that society’s annual meeting.

Objectives. The objectives of ACME shall be as follows:
• To promote medical entomology in the ASTMH and in organizations whose scopes of activities include the area of human diseases transmitted by arthropods.
• To organize symposia or workshops annually that emphasize, but are not limited to, the contributions of medical entomology to tropical medicine.
• To encourage active participation of medical entomologists in the ASTMH.
• To recognize outstanding contributions by medical entomologists.

Membership. Membership is effective for one year and shall result from either of two acts: 1. Payment of a fee of $25 to the ASTMH designated for ACME membership. (Funds shall be placed in the ACME account [1].); 2. Students and post-doctoral fellows may become ACME members by signing up and are not required to pay ACME membership dues. All ACME members must be in good standing as members of the ASTMH.

Officers. There shall be an Executive Council comprised of twelve [12] members, including a Chairperson, a Chairperson-elect, a Past-Chair, and a Secretary-Treasurer. Officers must be ACME members at the time of their election. Executive Council members serve four-year terms, and three new members shall be elected each year. Terms of service begin with the Executive Council meeting held the year of election and end with the Executive Council meeting at the end of the fourth year i.e. Executive Council members attend five meetings. The Chairperson, Past-Chair and Chairperson-elect serve for one year. The Secretary-Treasurer shall serve for a period of one to three years. The Past-Chair is an ex officio member of the Executive Council without Council voting rights if they have exceeded their fourth year of Council membership.

SELECTION OF OFFICERS:
Executive Council members. The three members who are due to rotate off the Executive Council shall comprise the nominating committee each year. They shall meet at the beginning of their third year of service immediately following the annual ACME business meeting and prepare a slate of nominees for election to the Executive Council. This slate shall consist of the names of at least five individuals. Nominees must be ACME members at the time of their nomination and must either have not previously served on the Executive Council OR one of the following is true:
• They are presently filling unexpired vacancies created by death or resignation from the Executive council
• They have been off the Executive Council for at least one full year

It shall be the responsibility of the Nominating Committee to determine the eligibility of the nominees and to ascertain their willingness to serve on the Executive Council if elected. Upon completion of the slate of nominees and ascertaining the willingness of the nominees to serve, the Nominating Committee shall submit the slate to the Secretary-Treasurer, who shall prepare ballots to be sent to all members. Election should be completed no later than July 1 following the annual business meeting. Executive Council members elected shall assume office at the beginning of the following Executive Council meeting.

Chairperson-Elect. The Executive Council shall elect a Chairperson-Elect from among their members during the annual meeting of the Executive Council. Service as Chairperson-Elect begins at the end of the next ACME Business meeting.

Chairperson. The serving Chairperson-Elect shall assume the responsibilities of the Chairperson when the newly elected Chairperson-Elect assumes office.

Past-Chair. The Chairperson from the previous year shall serve as the Past-Chair.

Secretary-Treasurer. The Executive Council shall elect a Secretary Treasurer (which may include self-nominations) from among their members at any time there is a pending vacancy of the office. Election shall be for a period of no more than three years and is contingent upon annual election by the Executive Council.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.
Chairperson. The Chairperson shall represent ACME to other Organizations, shall officiate at all meetings of the Executive Council and at annual business meetings, shall submit an annual report to the Executive Council of ASTMH, make all appointments for ACME, such as the individual to present the Hoogstraal Medal for Outstanding Achievement in Medical Entomology.