

Career Chats Sessions

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Attend the Career Chats sessions to meet professionals in the tropical medicine field who will share their career stories and strategies to help you along your professional path, as well as discuss topical subjects in the field of global health.

Career Chats I: Worried about Climate Change with your Research? We Are Too

Thursday, November 18, 2021, 11 a.m. – Noon U.S. Eastern Time Zone

Global climate change impacts all of our lives and much of our work, and the careers of young scientists and trainees will be most directly impacted by its effects. What are some of the operational and conceptual factors that early career researchers and practitioners should consider in order to do environmentally sustainable work? What role do funding agencies and other stakeholders play? This session will investigate accountability and responsibility in practicing sustainable research, and the extent to which the priority of sustainability may differ between stakeholders.

Speakers

Alison Leaf

Clinician and Researcher, University of Bristol, Bristol, United Kingdom

Leena Srivastava

Deputy Director General for Science, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, Vienna, Austria

Jason R. Rohr

Professor and Department Chair, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, USA

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Career Chats II: Moving Internationally for Global Health Training: Challenges and Rewards

Thursday, November 18, 2021, 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. U.S. Eastern Time Zone

Are you considering moving to a new location to train in global health research? You aren't alone! Many of our members have moved across national borders for their careers, even many times. This session will include speakers that have left their home country for graduate school, postdocs, or other training opportunities, and have made decisions about whether to stay abroad or return home. We will discuss how moves affect career networks, job opportunities, and personal lives. The session will also investigate the impacts of moving (particularly from the Global North to the Global South, and vice versa) on global health equity.

Speakers

Amy Bei

Assistant Professor, Yale School of Public Health, New Haven, CT, USA and Associate Researcher, Universite Cheikh Anta Diop, Senegal

Deus Ishengoma

Associate Professor, National Institute of Medical Research, Dar Es Salam, United Republic of Tanzania

Krutika Kuppalli

Medical Officer, COVID-19 Health Operations, Emerging Diseases and Zoonoses Unit, Health Emergencies Programme, Geneva, Switzerland

Career Chats III: Thinking About Industry (But with a Global Health Heart)?

Friday, November 19, 2021, 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. U.S. Eastern Time Zone

Trainees and early career scientists continually face the prospect of leaving academia or other public sector roles for industry. ASTMH members face unique considerations, as we are a largely mission-driven community that may be hesitant to leave the compassionate world of global health for profit-driven entities. How can we do effective global health work outside of academia or the public sector? This session will investigate different sides of industry professions, covering both basic and applied science career paths.

Speakers

Erica Flannery

Investigator III, Novartis Institute for Tropical Diseases, Emeryville, CA, USA

Joel Sevinsky

Founder and CEO, Theiagen Genomics, Highlands Ranch, CO, USA

Yannick Vanloubbeeck

Head of Preclinical Research and Development, GlaxoSmithKline Biologicals, Limal, Belgium

Career Chats IV: Pivoting to Public Health: Transitioning from Basic Research to a Global Public Health Path

Friday, November 19, 2021, 4 p.m. – 5 p.m. U.S. Eastern Time Zone

The pandemic has highlighted the critical role of public health in our global welfare. Many of our members are trained in the biological, clinical or natural sciences but are compelled by the broader public health impact of their work. Transitioning this into a career path is not always clear. This session will explore the paths of global public health professionals who began their careers in basic research: why they decided to transition, what steps they took to change course, and what advice they have for junior trainees thinking about navigating a similar path.

Speakers

Sabine Dittrich

Head of Pneumonia and Fever Program, Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics (FIND), Geneva, Switzerland

Maria Julia Marinissen

Health Attache, Acting Director, U.S. Section – Border Health Commission, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Mexico City, Mexico

Katharine Sturm-Ramirez

CDC Resident Advisor for the U.S. President's Malaria Initiative, Dakar, Senegal