17th Annual ACMCIP Business Meeting

Friday, November 22, 2019
9:20-9:45am EST
Gaylord National Conference Center Room 327-329
ASTMH 68th Annual Meeting, National Harbor, MD

1. President Mike Ferdig called the meeting to order, offering a welcome to all attendees and provided a brief overview of the ACMCIP subgroup.

2. We then held a memorial for two colleagues and friends whom we have lost over the past year: Shahid Khan and Alissa Myrick.
   a. Steve Hoffman spoke in memory of Shahid, a “gentleman scholar” with an infectious smile and with whom he had worked for a number of years.
   b. Christine Peterson spoke in memory of Alissa, with whom she shared their early trainee days and remained in touch during their careers and continued dedication to basic science and global health.

Both colleagues are survived by their children, families, and friends and colleagues around the world. May their memories be a blessing.

3. After a moment of silence in honor of our colleagues’ memory, the President returned to business with ACMCIP 2019-2020 council elections. Two positions were open for nomination and confirmation vote from our Council meeting: President-elect and Trainee Councilor.
   a. Mahalia Desruisseaux was nominated for the position of President-elect by Akhil Vaidya and the motion was seconded by Aabha Sharma. A vote was called by the President and passed unanimously.
   b. Aabha Sharma was nominated for the position of Trainee Councilor by Amanda Lukens and seconded by Mahalia Desruisseaux. A vote was called by the President and passed unanimously.
   c. A further announcement was made that we are seeking nominations for International Councilors on our executive board in order to better represent the large number of international scientists amongst our membership.
   i. Robin Stephens will follow-up with the President regarding another potential nominee.
   ii. Keke Fairfax suggested Emmitt Jolly.
   iii. The President, Past-president, and President-elect will follow-up with each nominee.

4. The President then provided an update on 2019-2020 activities including a brief summary of our Council Meeting discussions (full Council Meeting minutes are included as an appendix):
   a. Continued focus on ways to emphasize basic science research and parasitology as an integral component of our society.
   b. Branding and identity, outreach and inclusion.
   c. Empowering trainees, implementation of a new ‘pipeline’ leadership development committee.
   d. Explore the possibility of opening up an additional symposium slot (of our 6) to a second targeted symposium (e.g. trainee organized).
   e. Draft plan for next year’s ACMCIP symposium, led by Keke Fairfax: “Friend or Foe: The many faces of Myeloid cells in parasitic infections”
      i. Additional suggestions from the audience included a symposium on the current limitations of culture systems for parasitic diseases: where we are, what challenges remain, and what do we need to cross the finish line?
   f. 2020 Pre-Meeting Course
      i. Represent translation of basic research to a field setting
      ii. Possible foci to include pipelines for cutting edge vaccine/diagnostics
      iii. Open discussion of additional ideas:
         1. Culture systems for parasitic disease symposium idea could also be pursued as a pre-meeting course. This could then be coupled to assays/development of phenotypic assays.
         2. The premeeting course should address challenges and opportunities for those working in disease endemic countries; e.g. immunodiagnostics
         3. A general desire to include a practical/hands-on component to the pre-meeting course was also emphasized
         4. The cost of the pre-meeting course can be prohibitive for some – are we able
to offer an award to help defray these costs, particularly for members from LMIC to be able to participate.

5. Celebration of 2019 Trager Award Recipient: Dr. David Horn, Professor of Parasite Molecular Biology, Biological Chemistry and Drug Discovery and the Wellcome Centre for Anti-Infectives Research (WCAIR), University of Dundee
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2020 Executive Council

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CHARTER OF THE AMERICAN COMMITTEE OF MOLECULAR, CELLULAR AND IMMUNOPARASITOLOGY

Objectives
The American Committee of Molecular, Cellular and Immunoparasitology (ACMCIP) is organized under the auspices of the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (ASTMH) and has the following objectives:

- To promote an organization that facilitates interactions among scientists who work in the varied disciplines of parasitology, especially in basic laboratory, pre-clinical and translational research, clinician sciences and population-based sciences.
- To foster transfer of fundamental discoveries in basic research to applications that improve human health and to promote learning basic science aspects of parasitic diseases from humans afflicted with parasitic diseases.
- To sponsor symposia or workshops to promote advanced research in medical parasitology.
- To facilitate recruitment and training in the most recent advances in medical parasitology.
- To recognize outstanding contributions to parasitology.
- To coordinate interactions and activities with other organizations and sponsored meetings to promote the objectives of ACMCIP.
- ACMCIP will meet at least annually under the aegis of the ASTMH Annual Meeting.

Membership
Membership will require attendance at the annual business meeting of ACMCIP, as certified by a sign-up sheet circulated at the meeting.

Established investigators will be assessed an annual fee of $25.00 per year. No fee will be charged to post-doctoral or pre-doctoral trainees. Membership will continue unless a member is absent from three consecutive annual business meetings. A former member may reinstate membership by attendance at any subsequent annual business meeting of ACMCIP. ACMCIP will establish a fund for voluntary donations to be managed by ASTMH. Funds will be used for activities that further the objectives of ACMCIP, including receptions, annual awards, fellowships and international training opportunities, payment of page charges in the *American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene* for qualifying articles (eg. editorials, topical reviews, symposium proceedings, cutting-edge papers, etc.).

Organization
There will be an elected leadership in the form of an Executive Council. The membership of the Executive Council should reflect the wide diversity of ASTMH, include a diverse set of disciplines and be international in scope. There will be an elected Chair. Councilors will be elected to represent the major aspects of molecular, immunological, biochemical, cell biological and clinical field aspects of medical parasitology. There will be an annual business meeting of ACMCIP during the ASTMH Annual Meeting. Administration of ACMCIP will be done in close relationship to the ASTMH office and the chair of the program committee. Subcommittees will be formed to deal with important issues such as awards, training initiatives, fundraising, interfacing with the *American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene*, planning of ACMCIP-supported symposia and workshops at the ASTMH Annual Meeting, to coordinate the selection of speakers from the Woods Hole Molecular Parasitology meeting and the Woods Hole Immunoparasitology meeting to present at the ASTMH Annual Meeting.
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Awards
ACMCIP Exchange Fellowship
Award Recipients
2019
Jessica Schue
Johns Hopkins University

2018
Martha Guevara Becerra
Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia
Anurag Kushwaha
Banaras Hindu University

ACMCIP Award for Low and Low Middle Income Trainees
Award Recipients
2019
Kritika Chaddha
Jawaharlal Nehru University

Godwin Kwakye-Nuako
University of Cape Coast

2018
Syed Mian
Jawaharlal Nehru University

2017
Rogger Carmen
Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia

2016
Emna Harigua Souiai
Institute Pasteur de Tunis, Tunisia

2015
Abel Nathan
Madurai Kamaraj University, India

ACMCIP Award for Advanced Training
Award Recipients
2019
Mary Lynn
University of South Carolina Arnold School of Public Health

2018
Ruwardi Kariyawasam
University of Toronto

2017
Camila Coelho
National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases
Maria Luisa Simoes
Johns Hopkins University

2016
Vanessa Moraes
Oswaldo Cruz Foundation

2015
Heidi Hillesland
University of Washington

William Trager Award for Basic Parasitology
Award Recipients
2019
David Horn
University of Dundee

2018
Elizabeth Winzeler
University of California, San Diego

2017
Boris Striepen
University of Pennsylvania

2016
Stefan Kappe
Center for Infectious Disease Research