

## ACMCIP SUBGROUP (AMERICAN COMMITTEE OF MOLECULAR, CELLULAR AND IMMUNOPARASITOLOGY)

### 17<sup>th</sup> Annual ACMCIP Business Meeting

Friday, November 22, 2019

9:20-9:45am EST

Gaylord National Conference Center Room 327-329

ASTMH 68<sup>th</sup> 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 Councilor as Christian Happi’s term is ending.
    - i. Christy Petersen suggested Hugo Valdivia Rodríguez
    - ii. David Roos will follow-up with the President regarding another suggestion. He further suggested that we expand the number of International Councilors on our executive board in order to better represent the large number of international scientists amongst our membership.
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):
  - iii. Robin Stephens will follow-up with the President regarding another potential nominee.
  - iv. Keke Fairfax suggested Emmitt Jolly.
  - v. 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

Member/Position	Term Expires
Michael Ferdig, <i>President</i> .....	2020
Mahalia Desruisseaux, <i>President-Elect</i> .....	2020
Christine Petersen, <i>Immediate Past-President</i> .....	2020
Amanda Lukens, <i>Secretary/Treasurer</i> .....	2020
Julian Rayner, <i>Councilor (Program Committee)</i> .....	2020
Keke Fairfax, <i>Councilor (Annual Meeting Symposia)</i> .....	2020
Jeff Dvorin, <i>Councilor (Awards and Pre-Meeting Course)</i> .....	2020
Robin Stephens, <i>Councilor for Communications</i> .....	2020
Christian Happi, <i>International Councilor</i> .....	2020
Aabha Sharma, <i>Councilor for Trainees</i> .....	2020

## 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  
Banaraas 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  
Institut 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

Ruwandi 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

