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These are challenging times, we all must work together to ensure no one is left behind. Thank you all for your trust as I step into the role of @ASTMH President.

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Chikwe Ihekweazu @Chikwe_I
Been 40 years since smallpox eradication. Deeply honoured to join panel of global health leaders who played key roles with smallpox & other poxviruses- Bill Foege, David Heymann, @PeopleDocGeneva @arimoin, Jose Esperanza & Joel Breman at @ASTMH Smallpox Symposium

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Today @ASTMH #TropMed20 don’t miss two important topics that have not been discussed enough: #2 Session 156 - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) Health in Low- and Middle-Income Countries: The Struggle for Global Health Equity. 3:00 PM - 4:45 PM in Mtg Rm 9
The American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene is accepting abstracts for the Society’s 70th Annual Meeting to be held in National Harbor, Maryland (adjacent to Washington, DC), November 17-21, 2021.

The Annual Meeting is a dynamic forum for the exchange of the latest scientific and clinical advances in tropical medicine and global health. Abstracts, presented as either oral presentations or posters, are the cornerstone of the meeting’s scientific content. ASTMH, founded in 1903, is the largest international scientific organization of experts dedicated to reducing the worldwide burden of tropical infectious diseases and improving global health. We accomplish this through generating and sharing scientific evidence, informing health policies and practices, fostering career development, recognizing excellence, and advocating for investment in tropical medicine/global health research.

We look forward to seeing you at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center in National Harbor, Maryland.

KEY POINTS

- Abstracts should contribute new knowledge to the field of tropical medicine, hygiene and global health.
- Submitters will select a topic category for each abstract in order to facilitate the review process, requesting either an oral or poster presentation.
- ASTMH membership is not required to submit an abstract.
- Abstracts will be reviewed by the ASTMH Scientific Program Committee.
- The submission deadline is April 21, 2021.
- Acceptance notifications will be sent in early August 2021. Presentation date and schedule assignment will be sent in mid-September 2021.
- There is a $50 U.S. non-refundable processing fee for each abstract submitted, regardless of acceptance status.
- ASTMH cannot guarantee scheduling of an abstract presentation on a specific date or time during the meeting.
- Abstracts with evidence of plagiarism will not be considered for review.
A Note About the Pandemic:
We are in the preliminary stages of planning the Annual Meeting and as we work through the logistics for this year’s meeting, any adjustments to the standard program format will be communicated on a timely basis. Please submit your abstract as you would if there were no mitigating circumstances to consider.

Poster Abstract Presentations:
- Due to the state of Maryland’s anticipated social distancing requirements at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center, the ASTMH 70th Annual Meeting will feature virtual poster sessions instead of in-person poster sessions.
- Poster presentations will be presented in a digital format through an online platform with a real-time chat question-and-answer function (typed messages into a chat box) during the poster session.
- Please note that most abstract submissions not accepted for oral presentation will be assigned to poster presentations.

ABSTRACT CATEGORIES
- **Arthropods/Entomology (Ticks, Mosquitoes, Other):** Biochemistry and Molecular Biology of Mosquitoes; Ectoparasite-Borne Disease — Babesiosis and Lyme Disease; Ectoparasite-Borne Disease — Other; Insecticide Resistance and Mosquito Control; Molecular Genetics of Mosquitoes; Vector Biology and Epidemiology of Mosquitoes; Arthropods/Entomology — Other
- **Clinical Tropical Medicine**
- **Diarrhea and Bacterial Illness:** Enteric Infections; Systemic Infections; Trachoma; Other Bacterial Infections
- **Global Health:** Planetary Health including Climate Change; Security/Emerging Infection Preparedness, Surveillance and Response(s); Information/Communication/Tecálogies Solutions in Global Health including Modeling; Other
- **HIV and Tropical Co-Infections**
- **Integrated Control Measures for Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs)**
- **One Health: The Interface of Human Health and Animal Diseases**
- **Parasites — Helminths — Cestodes:** Taeniasis and Cysticercosis; Echinococcosis/Hydatid Disease; Other
- **Parasites — Helminths — Filariasis:** Clinical; Epidemiology; Immunology; Cellular and Molecular Biology; Genetics/Genomics; Other
- **Parasites — Helminths — Intestinal Nematodes**
- **Parasites — Helminths — Schistosomiasis and other Trematodes:** Immunology, Pathology, Cellular and Molecular Biology; Epidemiology and Control; Diagnostics and Treatment
- **Parasites — Kinetoplastida (includes Leishmania, Trypanosomes):** Cellular and Molecular Biology; Diagnostics and Treatment; Epidemiology; Immunology
- **Parasites — Malaria:** Biology and Pathogenesis; Strategies for Elimination; Epidemiology; Diagnosis; Chemotherapy and Drug Resistance; Drug Development — Preclinical Studies; Drug Development — Clinical Trials; Prevention; Vector Control; Genetics/Genomics; Immunology; Modeling; Vaccines; Tecálogical Innovations in Prevention and Control; Other
- **Parasites — Opportunistic and Anaerobic Protozoa:** Amoeba/Giardia; Other Protozoa
- **Pneumonia, Respiratory Infections and Tuberculosis**
- **Viruses (includes Alphaviruses, Flaviviruses, Other):** Alphaviruses (includes Chikungunya); Flavivirus — Dengue; Flavivirus — West Nile; Other Flavivirus; Other Viruses
- **Water, Sanitation, Hygiene and Environmental Health (WaSH-E)**
SELECTING THE CORRECT ABSTRACT CATEGORY

Most categories reflect an organism or disease-based approach. For multidisciplinary or less traditional topics, the following guidelines may help:

- **Integrated Control Measures for Neglected Tropical Diseases:** Use this category for topics involving control efforts for multiple NTDs. For abstracts on diseases classified as NTDs that lack a focus on integrated control, use the appropriate organism category. For example, Chagas disease belongs with Parasites — Kinetoplastida; onchocerciasis belongs with Parasites — Helminths — Filariasis; and trachoma belongs with Bacteriology.

- **Global Health:** This broad category focuses on global public health topics related to Planetary Health, globalization, health disparities and global health partnerships. Use this category for abstracts related to global health education and training, measuring and modeling health outcomes, global health workforce development and capacity strengthening, policy and advocacy to promote global health research and infrastructure development, improving health metrics for low- and low-middle income countries, promoting north-south health and research partnerships, integrating community case management, tecología and other innovations for care delivery in low-resource settings, and health and human rights. Use this category if abstract focuses on operational research aspects of malaria.

- **Malaria:** All malaria-related abstracts should be submitted to Parasites — Malaria. Exceptions include abstracts focused on integrated management of diseases in addition to malaria; in those cases, Global Health for operational research and Clinical Tropical Medicine for clinical aspects should be used. Please make note of the section below for “ACMCIP Scientific Sessions” regarding abstracts submitted to the categories of Malaria - Biology and Pathogenesis, Malaria - Genetics/Genomics and Malaria - Immunology.

- **Molecular Parasitology:** For submissions on aspects of molecular, cellular and/or immunologic parasitology, use the category for the predominant organism studied, including malaria.

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ACMCIP Scientific Sessions

ACMCIP stands for the American Committee of Molecular, Cellular and Immunoparasitology, a subgroup of ASTMH. AMCIP scientific sessions focus on the following themes:

1) Helminths: Immunology; Cellular and Molecular Biology; Genetics/Genomics
2) Kinetoplastida: Cellular and Molecular Biology, Immunology
3) Malaria: Biology and Pathogenesis; Genetics/Genomics; Immunology
4) Opportunistic and Anaerobic Protozoa; Ameba/Giardia; Other Protozoa
5) Intestinal Nematodes and Cestodes

All abstract submissions indicating a preference for oral presentation for the following categories will be considered for inclusion in AMCIP scientific sessions, which focus on the varied disciplines within molecular parasitology rather than a single organism or disease. Thereafter, these abstract submissions will be considered by the parasite-specific scientific sessions for oral presentation.

The categories are:

- Parasites – Cestodes - Taeniasis and Cysticercosis; Echinococcosis/Hydatid disease; Other
- Parasites – Helminths – Filariasis: Immunology; Cellular and Molecular Biology; Genetics/Genomics
- Parasites – Helminths – Nematodes – Intestinal Nematodes
- Parasites – Helminths – Schistosomiasis and Other Trematodes – Immunology, Pathology, Cellular and Molecular Biology
- Parasites – Kinetoplastida (includes Leishmania, Trypanosomes): Cellular and Molecular Biology; Immunology
- Parasites – Malaria: Biology and Pathogenesis; Genetics/Genomics; Immunology
- Parasites – Opportunistic and Anaerobic Protozoa: Ameba/Giardia; Other Protozoa
Nursing topics: For abstracts focused on clinical aspects of nursing care, use the Clinical Tropical Medicine category. If an abstract addresses public health aspects and/or operations in nursing care delivery, use the Global Health category.

One Health: Use this category for abstracts addressing zoonotic disease transmission in humans, animal/human ecology and for veterinary aspects of human diseases. In most cases, this category should not be used for abstracts with a singular focus on diseases in humans or animals without exploring the link between the two. For example, abstracts on the prevalence of human Lyme disease in a given region would belong with Arthropods/Entomology: Ectoparasite-Borne Disease, while an abstract on the effects of deer culls on the incidence of human Lyme disease would be appropriate for One Health.

Water, Sanitation, Hygiene and Environmental Health: Use this category for abstracts dealing with health effects of water pollution, environmental toxins, etc., in addition to traditional WaSH-E topics. An abstract dealing with health effects of air pollution can be submitted here or to the Pneumonia, Respiratory Infections and Tuberculosis category, depending on the content.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Username and Password: Please note that your username and password for the abstract submission site is not the same as your username and password for the ASTMH web site. If you have an existing account in the abstract submission site and experience trouble retrieving your username and password, contact astmh@support.ctimeetingtech.com and identify yourself as an ASTMH abstract submitter.

Email Address for Presenting Author: It is imperative that you provide the correct, preferred email address for the presenting author. ASTMH staff will not follow up with presenting authors if emails are returned as undeliverable.

Content: Abstracts should contain data and/or concepts not previously presented or published. Select an abstract category based on the content of the abstract (see Abstract Categories on pages 3 and 4).

Oral versus poster presentation: Select your preference for oral or poster presentation.

Oral abstract presentations are 15-minute presentations within a Scientific Session, generally with 12 minutes allotted for the main presentation and 3 minutes for questions. Due to the large number of submissions, the selection process for oral presentations is especially competitive. Please note that most abstract submissions not accepted for oral presentation will be assigned to poster presentations.

Abstracts assigned to poster presentations will be presented virtually during one of three e-poster sessions. Poster presenters are requested to be available during the e-poster sessions to participate in a real-time question-and-answer function (typed messages into a chat box). If you submit multiple abstracts that are accepted as posters, ASTMH cannot guarantee that the posters will be scheduled for different sessions, so please be prepared to split your time between posters if they are scheduled for the same session.

Format: Abstracts must be in English. The title, authors, author affiliations and body of the abstract should be entered in upper-case and lower-case letters (Correct format: Abstract Title; Incorrect format: ABSTRACT TITLE). Enter the abstract as one paragraph without embedded headings (e.g., Introduction, Methods, etc.). Do not include tables or figures, acknowledgments, funding sources, references or other supplementary information.

Character limit: The character limit for the abstract (not including title, authors, etc.) is 1,850 characters (does not include spaces). Accounting for spaces, the character limit for the abstract is approximately 2,100-2,200 characters.
Authorship: ASTMH membership is not required. The person who intends to present the abstract at the meeting should be entered as the first author on the Author Information screen of the submission site. The author’s first name (given name) should be entered into the First Name field, and the last name (family name) in the Last Name field. Provide a brief description of the presenting author’s background and area of expertise (no more than 5-6 sentences). Do not indicate author names in the field called Abstract Body (located on the Abstract screen using the menu on the left side of the screen). Enter author names on the screen designated for Author(s). Author names that are entered into the Abstract Body field will not appear correctly in Annual Meeting publications.

- Additional author names can be entered individually or by using a group designation, which is advised for abstracts with multiple contributors who are part of a working group or consortium.
- To enter a consortium or community partner as an author, rather than an individual’s name, contact Judy DeAcetis at j.deacetis@astmh.org for instructions for data entry into the author fields.
- If there are additional authors for your abstract, click "Add Author" on the Author Block screen.

Recommended Internet Browsers:
Windows users: Internet Explorer 8.0.– 9.0
Mac users: Safari 3.2.–5.0
Internet Explorer 8 or 9 Users: If you are using Internet Explorer 8.0 or 9.0, you MUST display the website using the Compatibility View before you begin your submission.

Submission deadlines and fees: The submission deadline is April 21, 2021. A $50 U.S. nonrefundable processing fee is due by April 26, 2021 for each abstract submitted. If the abstract fee is not paid by April 26, the abstract will not be considered for presentation. There is an additional $50 U.S. charge for abstract changes requested after the abstract submission deadline. No changes may be made after May 28, 2021.

Acceptance notices will be sent to the presenting author’s email address in early August 2021
- These notices will indicate acceptance as an oral or poster presentation.
- These notices will not indicate the presentation date and schedule assignment.
- Presentation date and schedule assignment will be sent to the presenting author’s email address in mid-September 2021.

Changes in presenting author email: If the presenting author’s email changes after creating an account with the submission system, send the name and updated email address to j.deacetis@astmh.org.
Presentation dates: Abstracts may be assigned for presentation at any time during the Annual Meeting on November 17-21, 2021. Presenting authors will be notified of their specific date and schedule assignments in mid-September 2021. Please note that ASTMH cannot guarantee scheduling of an abstract on a specific date or time. Abstract presenters should maintain schedule availability throughout the Annual Meeting.

Media interest: Some research findings may be of special interest to the general public or the science journalism community. An optional field is provided for you to provide a brief description of why you believe your work might be of interest to the media.

Publication: All accepted abstracts will be published in the Annual Meeting Program Book, Abstract Book, Online Program Planner and Meeting App. Abstracts are published approximately two months in advance of the Annual Meeting in the Online Program Planner and approximately one month before the meeting in the Society App. Abstract publication in these venues does NOT preclude later full publication in scientific journals.

Further details and complete instructions can be found on the abstract submission site, available here.

Selection criteria and acceptance rates
The Scientific Program Committee evaluates abstracts based on the scientific strength of the research described, the timeliness of the findings and whether the results significantly impact current research or clinical approaches, and how the abstract fits into a broader thematic focus of the Annual Meeting and particular scientific sessions. For most categories, the Scientific Program Committee develops session themes only after reviewing the range of abstracts submitted (i.e., after all submissions have been received). Acceptance rates for oral abstracts vary by category and meeting year, but are usually approximately 25%.

Most abstracts not selected for oral presentation will be assigned as poster presentations.

In order to optimize the quality of your abstract and likelihood of acceptance:

- Adhere to all recommendations in the Submission Guidelines section
- Include adequate background information (such as hypothesis and rationale) to place the study in context
- Include a brief description of methods
- Focus on preliminary findings and results already achieved
- Select the correct category

The Scientific Program Committee recommends that multiple investigators from a single collaborating group work together on a more limited number of submissions so that abstract quality and scope of the research are optimized.

Abstract submission checklist

✓ Did you use upper- and lower-case letters? Do not enter data using all upper-case letters.
✓ Did you spell all institution names correctly?
✓ Did you confirm the city, state and country for all of your authors? Do not use military addresses like FPO, APO, etc. for these locations.
✓ Do not enter the city and state in the field labeled INSTITUTION.
✓ Did you enter all of your authors individually using a separate AUTHOR screen for each person?
✓ Do not enter authors into the abstract body field. Click the AUTHOR link in the menu on the left side of the submission site screen to enter each author individually.
✓ Do all of your authors appear in the list on the AUTHOR screen? If not, the authors have not been entered correctly and the complete author list will not appear in meeting publications. You cannot add authors to your abstract after the edit deadline of May 28.
LATE-BREAKER ABSTRACTS AND THE ADVANTAGES OF EARLY SUBMISSION

ASTMH will issue a call for Late-Breaker Abstracts in July 2021. These abstracts are designed to communicate the latest events in tropical medicine and global health. The Scientific Program Committee will consider the timeliness of the data presented as a major factor in their evaluation. Due to the high volume of submissions, the acceptance rate for Late-Breaker oral presentations is usually approximately 5%. Due to publishing deadlines, Late-Breaker session agendas and abstracts are published online only and do not appear in the Program Book. The submission fee for Late-Breaker Abstracts is $75 U.S.

Because of the more stringent evaluation criteria for Late-Breaker Abstracts, ASTMH encourages submitters to target the routine abstract deadline of April 21, 2021. The Late-Breaker deadline should not be used as a back-up. The Society appreciates that considerable research data may be collected between the standard deadline and the Annual Meeting. When such situations are anticipated, submitters are advised to nevertheless submit their abstracts for the April 21 (i.e., non-Late-Breaker) deadline, providing information on the importance of the study, preliminary findings, anticipated completion date and anticipated impact. If the abstract involves work in progress, please ensure that sufficient data will be ready to present by the time of the ASTMH meeting.

Young Scientists – Apply for the Young Investigator Award
Application deadline: April 21, 2021

Each year, ASTMH recognizes the work of outstanding young investigators through the presentation of the Young Investigator Award, a competition held at the Annual Meeting. This award encourages young scientists to pursue careers in various aspects of tropical disease research. Winners receive a cash award. Applicants must be members of ASTMH (trainee/postdoctoral member dues are $25 and undergraduate member dues are $15). View the application guidelines here.

QUESTIONS?
Contact Judy DeAcetis, Administrative Manager – Scientific Program at j.deacetis@astmh.org
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