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ANNUAL MEETING
Washington State Convention Center | Seattle, Washington, USA
Call for Abstracts

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The American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene is accepting abstracts for the Society’s 2022 Annual Meeting to be held October 30 - November 3, 2022 at the Washington State Convention Center in Seattle, Washington. For those unable to attend in person, we will have a virtual option.

The Annual Meeting is a dynamic forum for the exchange of the latest scientific and clinical advances in tropical medicine and global health. These 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 Washington State Convention Center in Seattle, Washington.

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 Scientific Program Committee.
- The submission deadline is April 6, 2022.
- Acceptance notifications will be sent in late July 2022. Presentation date and schedule assignment will be sent in early September 2022.
- There is a $55 US non-refundable processing fee for each abstract submitted, regardless of acceptance status.
- The Scientific Program Committee will determine final presentation format of oral or poster presentation.
- 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.

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Do you need help writing your abstract?
VIDEO: How to Write an Abstract VIEW HERE
CLICK HERE for a list of Frequently Asked Questions about the abstract submission process.
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; HIV and Tropical Co-infections**

- **Diarrhea and Bacterial Illness:** Enteric Infections; Systemic Infections; Trachoma; Other Bacterial Infections

- **Global Health:** Diversity, Inclusion, Decolonization and Human Rights; Planetary Health including Climate Change; Security/Emerging Infection Preparedness, Surveillance and Response(s); Information/Communication/Technologies Solutions in Global Health including Modeling; Other

- **Integrated Control Measures for Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs)**

- **One Health:** The Interconnection between People, Animals, Plants and Their Shared Environment

- **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 and Other Opportunistic and Anaerobic Protozoa (includes Leishmania, Trypanosomes):** Cellular and Molecular Biology; Immunology; Diagnostics and Treatment; Epidemiology

- **Parasites — Malaria:** Biology and Pathogenesis; Diagnosis-Challenges and Innovations; Drug Development and Clinical Trials; Antimalarial Resistance and Chemotherapy; Genomics and Evolution of Parasite Populations; Epidemiology, Surveillance and Data Utilization; Vectors and Community-Based Responses; Malaria Prevention and Elimination Strategies; Vaccine Development and Human Trials; Immune Responses to Infection and Disease; Other

- **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:

Differential Diagnosis: For abstracts related to differential diagnosis that cut across multiple abstract categories, use Clinical Tropical Medicine. If the abstract content distinguishes bacterial diagnosis from others, use Bacteriology-Other Bacterial Infections.

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, technology and other innovations for care delivery in low-resource settings, diversity, inclusion, decolonization and human rights. Malaria-related abstracts should be submitted to Parasites — Malaria unless the 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. For mosquito-focused abstracts, use Entomology.

Molecular Parasitology: For submissions on aspects of molecular, cellular and/or immunologic parasitology, use the category for the predominant organism studied. Cross-parasite abstracts can be submitted for this topic.

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.

Respiratory Viruses: For abstracts focused on coronavirus and flu, use Virology-Other if the content addresses agents of disease, and use Pneumonia, Respiratory Infections and Tuberculosis if the content addresses disease processes.

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.

ASTMH Inclusion/Respect Statement

The ASTMH is an international society committed to equity and global impact through the treatment and prevention of tropical infectious diseases. Our diverse membership comes from more than 115 countries and engages with an enormous array of infectious diseases, cultures, ethnicities, and countries. We come from academia, research institutes, implementation programs, industry, multilateral organizations, foundations, and governments, gathering annually to exchange data, share learning, and honor contributions from the field and the lab.

As a Society, we are committed to the open exchange of ideas, freedom of thought and expression, and productive scientific debate that are central to our mission. These require an open and diverse environment that is built on dignity and mutual respect for all members, participants, and staff, free of discrimination based on personal attributes including but not limited to ethnicity, color, national origin, age, religion, socioeconomic status, disability, sexual orientation, gender, and gender identity or expression. We affirm the key principles of inclusion, diversity, and respect for all people. In a world of rich diversity, the advancement of science depends on the intellectual breadth and depth of a diverse ASTMH, one that informs and enriches the shape and content of scientific discourse. These principles guide the actions of ASTMH’s leaders, members, and staff in advancing the goals of the Society.
ACMCIP stands for the American Committee of Molecular, Cellular and Immunoparasitology, a subgroup of ASTMH. This Burroughs Wellcome Fund-supported effort honors abstracts which show particular excellence in their area, to feature cross-parasite approaches to Molecular, Cellular and Immunoparasitology. These abstracts are joined by award-winning presentations from the Woods Hole Immunoparasitology, Molecular Parasitology, and in appropriate years, the TriTryp meeting. ACMCIP scientific sessions focus on the following themes: 1) Helminths: Immunology, Cellular and Molecular Biology, Genetics/Genomics; 2) Kinetoplastida and Other Opportunistic and Anaerobic Protozoa: Cellular and Molecular Biology, Immunology; 3) Malaria: Biology and Pathogenesis, Genetics/Genomics, Immunology; 4) Intestinal Nematodes and Cestodes.

All abstract submissions indicating a preference for oral presentation for the following categories will be considered for inclusion in ACMCIP scientific sessions, which focus on the varied disciplines within molecular parasitology rather than a single organism or disease. Abstracts not selected for ACMCIP sessions will then 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 and Other Opportunistic and Anaerobic Protozoa (includes Leishmania, Trypanosomes): Cellular and Molecular Biology; Immunology
- Parasites – Malaria: Biology and Pathogenesis; Genomics and Evolution of Parasite Populations; Immune Responses to Infection and Disease

Abstract Submission Guidelines

Click here to view important information regarding abstract submission guidelines.

The abstract submission guidelines will provide details on the following topics:

- IMPORTANT! Update Your Profile in the Abstract Submission Site.
- Obtain Your Username and Password for the Abstract Submission Site
- Confirm Email Address for Presenting Author
- Select an Abstract Category Based on the Content of the Abstract (See Abstract Categories on page 3).
- Select Your Preference for Oral or Poster Presentation
- Adhere to Formatting Requirements
- Follow Character Limit
- Submit Correct Author Information
- Submit Abstract by April 6, 2022
- $55 US Non-Refundable Processing Fee Due by April 11, 2022
- Abstract Acceptance Notifications Will Be Distributed in Late July 2022

To begin your abstract submission, visit the abstract submission site.

Complete instructions can be found on the Abstract Submission Guidelines.
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 Abstract Submission Guidelines
- 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 achieved to-date
- Select the correct abstract submission 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 research are optimized
Late-Breaker Abstracts and The Advantages of Early Submission

ASTMH will issue a call for Late-Breaker Abstracts in July. 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 do not appear in the Program Book. The submission fee for Late-Breaker Abstracts is $80 US.

Because of the more stringent evaluation criteria for Late-Breaker Abstracts, ASTMH encourages submitters to target the routine abstract deadline of April 6. The Late-Breaker Abstract 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 6 (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 13, 2022

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).

INNOVATORS
Apply for the Innovations Pitch Competition

The Innovations Pitch Competition is held at the Annual Meeting and features innovators who deliver a rapid-fire pitch in front of an expert judging panel and audience. The winners are determined by a weighted score from both the judges and audience. All finalists will receive a monetary award.

QUESTIONS?
Contact Lindsey Towle, Scientific Program Coordinator at ltowle@astmh.org. Complete instructions can be found on the abstract submission site, available here.

Click for a list of Frequently Asked Questions about the abstract submission process.

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