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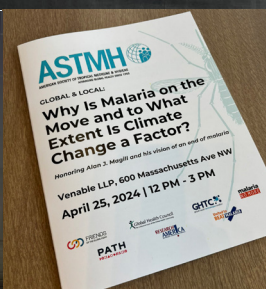


*Contribute and engage in  
Global health discussions!*



In commemoration of Alan Magill and his dream of a world free of malaria, the ASTMH hosted the 2024 Alan Magill Malaria Policy Forum on World Malaria Day. The theme of the event was “The Global and Local: Why is Malaria on the Move and to What Extent Is Climate Change a Factor?” The Forum began with panel discussions on the regional trends of malaria migration, hosted by ASTMH President Linnie Golightly MD, and including Daniel Jernigan MD, MPH (CDC), Miriam Laufer MD, FASTMH (University of Maryland, School of Medicine), and Roberto Montoya MD (PAHO).

The second panel discussion about the impact of climate change on the fight against malaria was hosted by Jamie Bay Nishi, CEO of ASTMH, and featured Drs. Winter Okoth (ASTMH) and Meera Venkatesan (PMI). Dr. Venkatesan discussed how PMI is adjusting by selecting the right interventions based on weather data and surveillance systems, and Dr. Okoth discussed the amazing role that scientists and medical professionals play as human rights advocates.



Thanks to the ACGH Strategic Planning & Bylaws Subcommittee (Elizabeth Collins, MD, MPH, DTM – Chair; Fabu Moses Stuart, MD; Maria Elena Bottazzi, PhD, FASTMH; James Colborn, PhD, MSPH; and Yazoumé Yé, PhD) for revising and releasing the Strategic Plan for 2023-2026:

## Committee on Global Health (ACGH) Strategic Plan

2023-2026

Vision	A world with equitable access to health and well-being for all		Lead ASTMH in global health by promoting new ideas, knowledge-sharing, engagement, research, mentorship, and action	Mission
Principles	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Responsive</b> to the changing global health landscape priorities</li> <li><b>Multidisciplinary</b> collaborations within ASTMH and the global health community</li> <li><b>Engaging</b> with major global health agendas including Primary Health Care (PHC), One Health, Universal Health Coverage (UHC), Global Health Diplomacy, Global Pandemic Preparedness and Response, and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)</li> </ol>		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Inclusive, unifying, and empowering</b> of all ASTMH members, global health experts, and the global community, especially from low- and middle-income countries (LMIC)</li> <li><b>Impactful</b> to achieve the greatest amount of positive change in global health and within ACGH by having ACGH Executive Committee measure and report impact with each ACGH activity: Research Awards, Travel Awards, Annual Meeting, Pre-Meeting Course, Webinars, etc.</li> </ol>	
Landscape	<p><b>A drive towards more integrated, transdisciplinary, and multi-sectoral approaches to address:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>climate change, planetary health, One Health</li> <li>anthropocene forces (population grow, food and water insecurity, political instability, migration, urbanization, poverty, inequality)</li> <li>tropical medicine diseases, chronic diseases, emerging infections</li> </ul>	<p><b>Broader global agendas and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) influencing strategies and investments in:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>economic trade, energy conservation</li> <li>equity, racial &amp; gender equality, global governance, education for all, peace</li> <li>preparedness, pandemics, global response, and health system resilience</li> </ul>	<p><b>A growing ASTMH membership, evolving rapidly with a more diverse global membership with:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>explosive interest and diversity in ACGH</li> <li>more members seeking meaningful involvement</li> <li>many other professional and lay organizations addressing global health topics</li> </ul>	
Goals	<p><b>1 TRAILBLAZING:</b> Lead ASTMH with thought leadership to address old, new, and emerging global health and development issues</p>	<p><b>2 INFORMATION SHARING:</b> Facilitate the sharing of relevant global health information with ACGH members, ASTMH and the world</p>	<p><b>3 ADVOCACY &amp; POLICY:</b> Serve as the voice of ASTMH on global health issues</p>	<p><b>4 MEMBER SUPPORT:</b> Provide services, broker connections, catalyze opportunities for ACGH members, and promote expansion of ACGH membership</p>
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Focus on both unsolved and new issues in global health</li> <li>Explore novel opportunities for transdisciplinary science and multisectoral approaches to solve global health issues</li> <li>Expand the practice and study of tropical medicine and hygiene to include non-communicable diseases, disease prevention, regional best practices, and more</li> <li>Engage with new relevant professional societies and organizations, including product development partnerships (PDPs) and public private partnerships (PPPs), to coordinate advocacy efforts; attend others' meetings and bring ASTMH perspective to the forefront</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish, nurture, and maintain regular and meaningful engagement with ACGH members via newsletters, e-mails, live programs, webinars, and in-person meetings</li> <li>Provide updates on global health issues and policies, the work of international organizations, and groundbreaking research and technologies in global health</li> <li>Ensure vibrant and relevant global health content at the ASTMH Annual Meeting including Pre-Meeting Courses and Symposia</li> <li>Share information about the accomplishments of members and highlight new important trends in global health that our members are part of</li> <li>Link members to other global health organizations and their content</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review, prioritize, and improve global health education opportunities and solutions for members and learners worldwide to engage in</li> <li>Raise awareness of global health challenges and inequities among key stakeholders (especially lawmakers), and advocate to maintain or increase funding for global health research and global health matters</li> <li>Author, contribute to, and present policy statements on behalf of ASTMH in the literature &amp; at global venues like the World Health Organization (WHO) World Health Assembly (WHA), UN General Assembly, etc.</li> <li>Decentralize power and build capacity in global health, and empower members from LMICs by modeling and teaching advocacy &amp; policy-writing skills to be used locally</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Connect ACGH members with training, research, programmatic, and advocacy opportunities</li> <li>Encourage local health research everywhere</li> <li>Provide an environment for social interaction, interpersonal exchanges, and professional growth</li> <li>Broker formal &amp; informal global health mentoring</li> <li>Increase funding for travel to the ASTMH Annual Meeting and other key events, especially for members from LMICs</li> <li>Increase recruitment of new members and engagement of existing members; survey members routinely to understand their needs and solicit input to inform ACGH and ASTMH priorities</li> <li>Improve ACGH responsiveness &amp; service to them</li> <li>Engage more anthropologists, economists, sociologists, political scientists, engineers, and those engaged in implementation and logistics</li> </ul>



**Global Health News:** The Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly was held in Geneva, Switzerland, from the 27 May – 1 June 2024. The theme of this year's Assembly was: All for Health, Health for All.

Although the ASTMH wasn't directly present at WHA 77, we were represented under the [Global Health Council](#) umbrella which engaged in extensive advocacy efforts at the event. Their focus was on a number of key issues including Universal Health Coverage, Antimicrobial Resistance, Pandemic Preparedness, Climate Change, and Non-State Actor Engagement.



## Advocacy In Action

In today's world almost everything has been affected by climate change and the field of Tropical Medicine is no different. Globally, mosquito seasons are now longer, extending well past the summer and therefore, affecting the patterns of diseases like dengue, chikungunya, and Zika. In addition, researchers are predicting that climate change will soon expand the global reach of disease-causing mosquitoes beyond the tropics. This would greatly shift the global disease burden and put a greater proportion of the world's population at risk for these infectious diseases. Therefore, it is paramount that we act now in order to save the planet and protect future generations from the devastating effects of these diseases.

For 10 ways you can help fight the climate crisis, click on the image below:



## **Incoming CAP Subcommittee Leadership:**

Dr. Adamu Addissie,  
MD, PhD, MPH  
Chair

Paul Niyonkuru,  
MBBS Candidate,  
Newsletter Editor

Registration for the  
CTropMed Examination  
is now open:

**Deadline: June 17**

1. [Download Brochure](#)
2. [Submit Application](#)

On behalf of the ACGH and the Communications, Advocacy and Policy Subcommittee, we would like to thank all our 2023 donors for supporting ACGH awards, and Annual Meeting conferences & symposia.

**Katherine Wolf, MPH, DC, USA**

**Fabu Moses Stuart, MD, Guyana**

**Bill H. Kinsey, PhD, MA, MA, Zimbabwe**

**James Colborn, PhD, MSPH, CO, USA**

**Farzana Islam, MD, MPH, PhD, Bangladesh**

**Latasha A. Allen, MPH, VA, USA**

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## *Interested in the Intersection of Tropical Medicine and Global Health?*

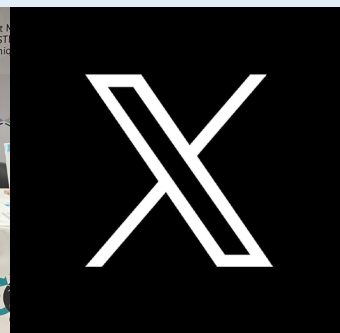
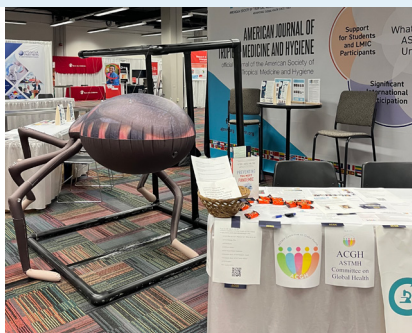
ACGH is looking for passionate and committed candidates for key leadership roles who are interested in building a strong voice for global health within ASTMH that places the Society in a leadership role in the larger global health arena.

- **President-Elect** (serves a three-year term: one year as President-Elect, one year as President and one year as past President)
- **Two Councilors** (two-year term)

Interested candidates should submit the [requested information](#) to [Buffy Finn](#), Manager, Membership, by Monday, July 1, 2024.

## *Are you a Twitter/X expert? An ACGH conversationalist?*

The ACGH Communications, Advocacy, & Policy Subcommittee is looking for one or more volunteers to keep the ACGH Twitter/X account hopping, the ACGH website pages updated, and the ACGH Booth at the ASTMH Annual Meeting lively. To volunteer, please e-mail Chair, Dr. Adamu Addissie at [adamu.addissie@aau.edu.et](mailto:adamu.addissie@aau.edu.et) and join our calls every 3rd Friday of the month at 12 noon EST/7 pm CAT.



## *ACGH Webinars....details to come!*

ACGH is planning follow-up webinars this summer for our previous climate change webinar as well as a webinar to follow-up on our science communication Pre-Meeting Course.

## *Have you planned your trip?*

[ASTMH Annual Meeting](#), November 13-17, 2024, New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, New Orleans, Louisiana, U.S.A.