AMERICAN COMMITTEE ON ARTHROPOD-BORNE AND ZOONOTIC VIRUSES (ACAV)

ACAV Executive Council Members—2023

Member/Position .......................................................... Term Expires

Saravanan Thangamani, Chair and Councilor ......................... 2023
Mauricio Nogueira, Chair-Elect and Councilor ....................... 2023
Rebecca Christofferson, Past-Chair and Treasurer ................. 2023
Shannon Bennett, Secretary ............................................. 2023
Patricia Aguilar, Councilor ............................................. 2023
Nathan Grubaugh, Councilor ........................................... 2023
Matthew Aliota, Councilor ............................................. 2024
Maria Onyango, Councilor ............................................. 2024
Amy Krystosik, Councilor ............................................. 2025
Tyler Sharp, Councilor .................................................. 2025
Meghan Hermance, Councilor ......................................... 2026
Shannan Rossi, Councilor ............................................... 2026
Izabela Mauricio de Rezende, Councilor for Trainees ............. 2023
Ann Powers, Ex Officio Chair, SEAS ................................... 2023
Thomas Ksiazek, Ex Officio Chair, SALS ......................... 2023
Mike Turell, Ex Officio Chair, SEAS ................................. 2024
Nikos Vasilakis, Ex Officio Chair, SIRACA ...................... 2024

GUIDELINES FOR THE AMERICAN COMMITTEE ON ARTHROPOD-BORNE VIRUSES

During the 1987 executive council meeting of the American Committee on Arthropod-borne Viruses (ACAV) in Los Angeles, it was agreed that guidelines for the committee need to be established and recorded in a single document. The ACAV currently operates under procedures that are stated in various reports. A summary statement of the ACAV organization would assist new executive council members and chairpersons in understanding how the committee operates. In addition, modifications in procedures could easily be incorporated into a centralized body of information.

The information that follows is intended only as a guide for the ACAV organization; goals of the ACAV are stated in other publications. During the formation of ACAV it was agreed that the group would not be a formal organization with by-laws. Rather, it would provide a forum for exchange of information among people interested in arbovirus research.

The ACAV meets annually in association with the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (ASTMH). An executive council is the governing body of the ACAV. The council is chaired by a person who directs council and committee meetings and retains the ACAV files. The chairperson of the executive committee serves a 4-year renewable term and is elected by the executive council at the annual council meeting. The council consists of six people who each serve a 4-year term. New council members are elected by members of the ACAV. Council members who are rotating off form a search committee that nominates council candidates; the slate of candidates must be approved by the existing council. The chairperson of the council sends ballots to the ACAV membership. The candidates who receive the most votes are notified and take office at the next annual meeting of the ACAV. There is no quorum for the election of officers or for other council and committee votes. Should a member of the executive council resign or leave the ACAV, a new council member is appointed by the executive council to complete the original member’s term.

Other ACAV positions include a secretary, treasurer, historian and international advisors. The secretary is the newest member of the council and records minutes of the council meeting. The treasurer is appointed to a 4-year renewable term by the executive council and maintains the ACAV funds in a subaccount of the ASTMH. Withdrawals and deposits from the ACAV account are arranged with the treasurer. The council chairperson must approve all withdrawals.

The historian is designated by the council and provides historical information on the operation of the ACAV. The council selects international advisors, determines the number of advisors, and defines the length of the advisor’s terms.

All people interested in joining the ACAV may do so by attending a meeting and signing their name to the attendance sheet. Membership in the ASTMH is not a requirement for membership in the ACAV. People missing three consecutive meetings will lose their membership in the ACAV. Exceptions to this attendance rule are made for people with emeritus status and for some overseas participants. Emeritus status is automatic upon retirement. The executive council must approve an attendance exception for people living overseas.

Subcommittees are an important part of the ACAV and are formed when sufficient interest is presented to the executive council by ACAV members. The council reviews proposed subcommittees and decides whether a particular subcommittee is needed. When council approves the formation of a subcommittee, it appoints a chairperson. The subcommittee chairperson, in consultation with the ACAV chairperson, appoints subcommittee members. New subcommittees formalize their objectives and structure. All subcommittees report progress on objectives at the annual meeting to the ACAV.
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The ACAV presents three awards, when appropriate, in staggered three-year intervals. The chair of the executive council appoints a nominating committee for each award. Recipients of awards are selected by the executive council. An announcement requesting nominations for each pending award is published in the Tropical Medicine and Hygiene News at least six months prior to the ASTMH annual meeting. This procedure provides the nominating committee with nominations and documentation from ACAV members. The Scherer/Hardy Award is given to an outstanding graduate either before graduation or up to 3 years post-graduation. Accrued interest from the account for this award is used to defray costs associated with the student’s participation at the annual ASTMH meeting. The council chairperson may use general ACAV funds to assist in this effort. The Dalrymple Young Award is given to a mid-career investigator who has made an outstanding contribution to arbovirology. The Richard M. Taylor Award is given to a person who has made outstanding contributions to arbovirology throughout his or her career. Medals for the Young and Taylor Awards are retained by the treasurer until they are requested by the chairperson for presentation at the annual committee meeting.

In addition to award presentations, the agenda for each annual meeting includes old and new business, epidemic reports, and a symposium on a relevant topic. Prospective symposium topics are discussed by the executive council and solicited from the committee membership, but the final decision on what will be presented is determined by the chairperson.

AWARDS

Richard M. Taylor Award
Presented to a person who has made outstanding contributions to arbovirology throughout his or her career.

Duane Gubler ................................................................. 2022
Laura Kramer ............................................................... 2018
John (Jack) Woodall* .................................................. 2016
Carol Blair ................................................................. 2015
Barry Beatty ............................................................... 2012
C.J. Peters ................................................................. 2012
Thomas Yuill .............................................................. 2009
Robert Tesh ............................................................... 2009
Charles Calisher ......................................................... 2006
Frederick A. Murphy .................................................. 2002
Philip K. Russell ......................................................... 2000
Leon Rosen ............................................................... 2000
Scott Halstead ........................................................... 1999
Thomas Monath .......................................................... 1994
James Hardy .............................................................. 1990
Robert E. Shope ........................................................ 1987
Karl Johnson .............................................................. 1987
Harry Hoogstraal ....................................................... 1984
Thomas H.G. Aitken .................................................... 1984
Telford Work .............................................................. 1981
Orts and Calisa Causey ................................................. 1980
Wilbur Downs ............................................................ 1979
*Given out of rotation
Pedro Galindo ........................................................... 1977
Roy W. Chamberlain ................................................... 1975
William C. Reeves ..................................................... 1973
McD. Hammon .......................................................... 1970
Jordi Casals .............................................................. 1968
Richard M. Taylor ..................................................... 1966

Dalrymple/Young
Gregory Ebel ............................................................. 2019
Kathryn Hanley .......................................................... 2016
Ebihara Hidecki .......................................................... 2013
Jonathan Towner ........................................................ 2010
Heinz Feldmann ........................................................ 2005
Scott C. Weaver ........................................................ 2002
Stuart T. Nichol .......................................................... 1999
Connie Schmaljohn .................................................... 1996
James LeDuc .............................................................. 1990
Donald Burke ............................................................ 1990
Barry Beaty ............................................................... 1988
Thomas Monath .......................................................... 1985
David Bishop ............................................................. 1982

Scherer/Hardy Award
Anna Fagre ............................................................... 2021
Nathan Grubaugh ....................................................... 2018
Farooq Nasar ............................................................ 2015
Alexander Ciofa ......................................................... 2013
Amy Schuh ............................................................... 2013
Brian Bird ................................................................. 2010
Patricia V. Aguilar ...................................................... 2007
Gregory D. Ebel ......................................................... 2004
Aaron Brault ............................................................. 2001
Ann M. Powers .......................................................... 1997
Kurt Kamrud ............................................................. 1997
Scott C. Weaver ....................................................... 1993
George Ludwig .......................................................... 1989
Rebeca Rico-Hesse .................................................... 1986
Daniel Sundin ........................................................... 1983

ACAV Student Travel Award
Julian Bakker ............................................................. 2022
Rachel Lange ............................................................. 2022
Krisangel Lopez ........................................................ 2022
Livia Sacchetto .......................................................... 2022
Taylor Stone ............................................................. 2022
Manette Tanelus ........................................................ 2022
Olanrewaju Igah ......................................................... 2022
Rachel Fay ............................................................... 2021
Adam Hendy ............................................................. 2021
Rachel Lange ............................................................. 2021
Viridiana Laredo-Tiscareno ........................................... 2021
Izabela Rezende ......................................................... 2021
Megan Vogt ............................................................... 2021
Jasmine Ayers ........................................................... 2020
Allen Esterly ............................................................ 2020
Mariah Hassert .......................................................... 2020
Cesar Lopez ............................................................. 2020
Zoe Lyski ................................................................. 2020
Taylor Stone ............................................................. 2020
Chantal Vogels .......................................................... 2020
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Priscila Castanha .................................................... 2019
Marissa Childs ........................................................ 2019
Francesca Falconi .................................................... 2019
Siew Wai Fong ....................................................... 2019
Cat Lippi .................................................................. 2019
Alice Michie ............................................................ 2019
Blake Schouest ....................................................... 2019
Juan Aguilar ............................................................ 2018
Nikita Cudjoe .......................................................... 2018
Laura Dickson ......................................................... 2018
Danilo Lemos ......................................................... 2018
Daniela Michlmayr .................................................. 2018
Ranya Mulchandani .................................................. 2018
Nivison Nery, Jr ....................................................... 2018
Maria Onyango ....................................................... 2018
Nunya Chotiwan ..................................................... 2018
Amy Krystosik .......................................................... 2017
Carla Mavian .......................................................... 2017
Erin McDonald .......................................................... 2017
Wen Yang Tsai ........................................................ 2017
Joseph Fauver ........................................................ 2016
Claire Heath ............................................................ 2016
Devika Sirohi .......................................................... 2016
James Weger .......................................................... 2016
Albert Auguste ........................................................ 2015
Rebecca Hamlin ...................................................... 2015
Lewis Hun ............................................................... 2015
Stacy Scroggs ........................................................ 2015
Nunya Chotiwan ..................................................... 2014
Brittany Dodson ...................................................... 2014
Nisha Duggal .......................................................... 2014
Nathan Grubaugh .................................................... 2014
Meghan Elizabeth Hermance ................................. 2014

Kelly Labell Travel Award
Nicholas Bergren ..................................................... 2013
Andrea Bingham ..................................................... 2012
Patrick Vander Kelen .............................................. 2011
Sheri Anderson ....................................................... 2010
Nicole Arrigo .......................................................... 2009