Thanks to those, like 2022 ACGH Councilor Elizabeth Collins, who participated in and attended our ACGH events at the ASTMH Annual Meeting in Seattle, Washington.

Thank you to Peter Hotez, MD, PhD, FASTMH, and the National School of Tropical Medicine at Baylor College of Medicine for donating autographed copies of his books for the ACGH Booth prizes at the ASTMH Annual Meeting:

Winner of *Forgotten People, Forgotten Diseases*:
**Daniel Nuñez**, Scientist, Department for Research, Mexico City, Mexico

Winner of *Blue Marble Health*:
**Jérôme Nkurunziza**, National Professional Officer, WHO, Bujumbura, Burundi

2022 ACGH Councilors, Elizabeth Collins & Njeri Wamae, present Jérôme Nkurunziza, winner of the ACGH Booth prize, with an autographed copy of *Blue Marble Health*. 
In 2022, we received 21 applications; 3 ACGH members were awarded a research grant.

**Ghassan Ilaiwy, MD, MPH, Infectious Disease Fellow, University of Virginia, USA.** Dr. Ilaiwy’s goal is to examine the obstacles that prevent household members of TB patients from being screened for TB disease and then receiving TB preventive therapy, if eligible, in high burden countries. He will use the ACGH Research Award to increase the number of participating households in his study site in Tanzania which will improve the diversity of responses to the planned survey, ultimately providing deeper insights to guide future projects.

**Minu Singh, MSc, Research Associate/Program Manager, Kathmandu Research Institute for Biological Sciences, Nepal.** Ms. Singh’s research involves measuring the functional capacity of long term cryopreserved peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMCs) from human patients for B-cell sorting – used in characterizing HIV-specific B-cells in order to screen for HIV neutralizing monoclonal antibodies. The ACGH Research funding will be used to help in developing a lab protocol that will allow for the assessment of the functional stimulatory capacity of these PBMCs (e.g. ELISPOT assay) in Nepal.

**Evelyn Munayco Pantoja, MPH, Doctoral Fellow, Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia, Peru.** Ms. Pantoja will use the ACGH Research Award funding to conduct a mixed-methods study to determine the knowledge, attitudes, and practices of face washing in six indigenous communities, including some vulnerable communities in Alto Amazon, Peru. This is an area where she has been part of research demonstrating the presence of trachoma, with face washing being a main intervention to prevent this disease.

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**ASTMH 2022: Reflections from a first-time attendee**

As a first-time attendee, my experience at the ASTMH 2022 Annual Meeting was informative, engaging, and impactful. From the poster sessions to the research seminars, I realized the importance of collaboration and communication in the scientific community as shared knowledge is crucial to securing the health and futures of people in this interdependent world. The meeting also gave me a platform to share my work on scrub typhus in Thailand where I was able to receive great feedback and insights from experienced researchers, dedicated public health practitioners, and passionate educators. The highlight of my experience was sharing and discussing research findings with participants from all over the world. Overall, I truly felt that all of us had something to learn at the meeting about tropical medicine, hygiene, global health, or this year’s theme, a great humanitarian principle: Global Health = Human Rights.

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The new year is a great time to get involved with ACGH!

Subcommittee members are expected to meet approximately once a month for an hour and sometimes more frequently before deadlines and the annual meeting.

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We encourage ACGH members to share news relevant to global health with all of us and to let us know if you have any news to share in our newsletter by clicking on the [ASTMH homepage](#), selecting “Subgroups and Committees,” scrolling down to the “My Communities” option, then clicking on the Global Health Subgroup (ACGH) link and following the instructions to add your message to the forum. We will highlight hot forum items in future newsletters.

Sincerely,
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