



## ASTMH COMMITTEE ON GLOBAL HEALTH (ACGH)

### **Who are we?**

We are a group of ASTMH members with a commitment to Global Health. The ASTMH motto is “advancing Global Health science since 1903”. We live up to that motto! As of October 2022, we have 846 members, which includes 364 Regular Members, 299 Student Members, 148 Post-Doctoral/Resident/Fellow Members, 32 Early-Career Members, 2 Lifetime Members, and 1 ASTMH Distinguished International Fellow. We come from 71 different countries (up from 58 countries in 2021) with 238 members from LMICs (up from 122 in 2021).

### **What are we?**

We are a subgroup of ASTMH members who are dedicated to promoting the development of the Global Health field, educating others about global health issues, fostering collaborations, facilitating research in global health, sharing employment opportunities in global health, recognizing outstanding contributions to global health, and serving as ASTMH representatives in other global health organizations.

### **What do we do?**

#### **ACGH Travel Awards**

In 2022, we received 22 applications and 2 ACGH student members were competitively granted the ACGH Travel Award:



**Loyce Kayanula**, MSc African Institute for Mathematical Sciences (AIMS), Lilongwe, Malawi



**Yashodani Pillay** University of British Columbia, Sherwood Park, Canada

## ACGH Awards for Research Support

In 2022, we received 21 applications and 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.



**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 6 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.



**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 laboratory protocol that will allow for the assessment of the functional stimulatory capacity of these PBMCs (e.g. ELISPOT assay) in Nepal.

## Want to join?

If you are interested in membership in the ASTMH Committee on Global Health, contact Buffy Finn, Manager, Membership, at [bfinn@astmh.org](mailto:bfinn@astmh.org).

## What do you get out of membership?

- access to accomplished colleagues and mentors from a wide variety of disciplines and geographic locations, and opportunities to be a mentor in your own specialty in one of the biggest networks of global health professionals;
- input on continuing education for the general membership and opportunities to coordinate the all-day Pre-Meeting Course, 90-minute Symposia, and other events at the Annual Meeting;
- opportunities to develop or present educational topics in virtual year-round events;
- support from your global health peer-group to develop and publish topics in the *AJTMH* or other journals;
- the ability to run for a seat on the ACGH Council, providing leadership to the subgroup and ASTMH, which can contribute to your nomination for Fellowship;

- support of awards and programs through your membership dues that increase the visibility of global health and the opportunity for participation from LMICs.

**Leadership representing you in ACGH for 2022-2023:**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
President	James Colborn	2023
President-elect	Yazoumé Yé	2023
Past-President	Corine Karema	2023
Secretary/Treasurer	Maria Elena Bottazzi	2024
Councilor	Achama Eluwa	2023
Councilor	Njeri Wamae	2023
Councilor	Arielle Dolegui	2024
Councilor	Katherine Wolf	2024
Councilor for Trainees	Camila Tompkins	2023