

## 2023 Update Course Speaker Bios



**Aisha Khatib, MD, CCFP(EM), DTM&H (Course Co-Chair)**  
*Received a CTropMed® Certificate*

Dr. Aisha Khatib is an Assistant Professor with the Department of Family & Community Medicine at the University of Toronto. She trained in both family and emergency medicine from the University of Toronto and McGill University, and recently completed an Infectious Diseases fellowship in Clinical Tropical Medicine at the University of Toronto. She holds specialization in Travel and Tropical Medicine, having completed a certification in Travel Medicine from the University of Otago in New Zealand, and a Diploma in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene from the Gorgas Course in Peru. She has done global health work in India, Haiti and Nepal, with certification in global health through the Dalla Lana School of Public Health at the University of Toronto and Disaster Response and Humanitarian Relief training through Harvard School of Public Health. She is the Clinical Director of Travel Medicine at Medcan, the President-Elect of the Alberta Association of Travel Health Professionals, and a Councilor for the American Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene Clinical Group.



**Wasin Matsee, MD, MCTM, Dip. Board Travel Medicine, CTH™**

Dr. Wasin Matsee serves as Assistant Professor in Travel Medicine and Clinical Tropical Medicine at the Travel Medicine Research Unit, Department of Clinical Tropical Medicine, Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University in Bangkok; and attending physician at the Thai Travel Clinic, Hospital for Tropical Diseases, Bangkok, Thailand, where he provides care to patients with travel-acquired illnesses and infections in his medical practice. His research interests are involved with travel medicine, travel-related diseases and clinical tropical medicine.



**Bhawana Amatya MBBS (TU), MD (TU-IOM), CTH®, FJNMA**

Dr. Bhawana Amatya MBBS (TU), MD (TU-IOM), CTH®, FJNMA, is a consultant General Practitioner and Travel Medicine Expert from Kathmandu, Nepal. She has been working at CIWEC Hospital and Travel Medicine Center, Kathmandu as a general practitioner since 2016. Since 2019, she has served as the site co-director of the Kathmandu GeoSentinel Site and as the site director since 2023. She is a member of the WHO Guideline Development Group for International Travel and Health and on the Editorial Team of the WHO Green Book for International Travel and Health. She has worked in emergency medicine, infectious diseases, altitude illness, and in-patient care. She is the primary author and co-author of several international and national publications.

She obtained her post-graduate MD General Practice degree from the Tribhuvan University Institute of Medicine, Maharajgunj, Kathmandu, Nepal, and her undergraduate medical degree (MBBS) from Tribhuvan University, Nepal. She also has the title Certificate in Travel Health™ from the International Society of Travel Medicine (USA) and that of Fellow of the *Journal of Nepal Medical Association (FJNMA)*. She has received national and international training in data analysis, scientific writing and editing, systematic reviews, meta-analysis, and research methodology. She has been a speaker and presenter at many international and national conferences.



**Emmanuel Bottieau, MD, PhD**

Dr. Emmanuel Bottieau is a Belgian physician born in 1963, who gained clinical experience in various tropical fields. He specialized in Internal Medicine with a particular interest in Infectious and Tropical Diseases in 1999. He defended his PhD research (“Fever after a stay in the Tropics”) at the University of Antwerp in 2007. He currently works as clinician, teacher, researcher and expert in the Travel and HIV/STD Clinics and in the Department of Clinical Sciences of the Institute of Tropical Medicine, Antwerp, Belgium. He was appointed in 2012 as Professor of Tropical Medicine and is since then file-holder of the Tropical Medicine and Clinical Decision-Making course. His main research topics are (1) the integrated management of challenging syndromes (febrile illness, neurological disorders, skin infection) in the tropics and in travellers, (2) the diagnosis and treatment of (Neglected) Tropical Diseases (malaria, schistosomiasis, strongyloidiasis, leishmaniasis, trypanosomiasis, cysticercosis, monkeypox), and (3) the surveillance of travel-related pathology within European and global networks of travel clinics (TropNet, GeoSentinel).



**German Henostroza, MD**

Dr. German Henostroza is a Professor of Medicine at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. He serves as President of the ASTMH Clinical Group, Director of the Gorgas Institute for Geographic Medicine and Director of Gorgas Courses in Clinical Tropical Medicine. He has lived and work in Zambia for almost eight years. Primary interests have included understanding the epidemiology and pathology of TB-HIV co-infection through building, studying and evaluating a cohort of patients in Africa and in prison populations. He also has participated in multiple diagnostic and clinical trials of novel TB diagnostics, drugs and vaccines.



**Catherine Houlihan, PhD**

Dr. Catherine Houlihan is a consultant in infection at the Rare and Imported Pathogens Laboratory, UK Health Security Agency and a Consultant Virologist at the Hospital for Tropical Diseases, University College London Hospitals. She is also an Assistant Professor in Infectious Diseases at University College London. She has worked clinically in the UK, South Africa, Tanzania and Uganda and was involved in VHF outbreak response for the WHO in Sierra Leone, Nigeria and the DRC. She teaches on the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine DTM&H courses in London and East Africa.



**Hisham Imad, MD, PhD**

Dr. Imad is currently based at the Department of Clinical Tropical Medicine, Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University. His primary focus is on acute febrile undifferentiated illness and emerging infectious diseases in Thailand.



**Edwin Nuwagira, Mmed**

Dr. Nuwagira is a lecturer in the Department of Internal Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, at Mbarara University of Science and Technology (MUST) and a physician at Mbarara Regional Referral Hospital in Uganda, East Africa. He completed his medical degree at MUST in 2012 and an internship year at Mengo Hospital in Kampala, before serving as a medical officer at the same hospital for eight months. Dr. Nuwagira joined a research group at the Infectious Diseases Institute (IDI), Mulago, and while there worked on three groundbreaking clinical trials in cryptococcal meningitis. He also holds a Master's degree of Medicine in Internal Medicine, which he completed in 2018 and a post-graduate certificate in Medical Mycology from the University of Cape Town South Africa. Dr. Nuwagira is currently the clinical head of the USAID-funded drug-resistant TB treatment program in Mbarara and is conducting two NIH-funded studies on severe forms of TB and post-TB lung disease. Apart from research, he is a cattle keeper and enjoys watching soccer.



**Priscilla Rupali, MD, DTM&H, FRCP**

Dr. Priscilla Rupali is Professor and head of Department of Infectious Diseases, Christian Medical College (CMC), Vellore, India. She was a Senior ID fellow in the Department of Adult Infectious Diseases, Auckland City Hospital and has a "Diploma in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene" from Universidad Cayetano Heredia, Lima. She runs an annual course in Clinical Tropical Medicine at CMC. Early 2000s, she joined in pioneering distance learning course educating people in HIV Medicine. She has formal training in "Transplant Infectious Diseases", Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, has established Transplant related services in her hospital and founded the Transplant Infectious Diseases Conference in Vellore, Chennai and Ludhiana. She has set up an antimicrobial stewardship (AMS) program in her hospital and plans to implement AMS at the primary, secondary and tertiary care levels, targeting clinical pharmacists and physicians working long term at secondary care hospitals. Her department pioneered promoting ID as a clinical specialty in India and is the 2nd Department there to run the DM in Infectious Diseases.



**Terapong Tantawichien, MD, FRCP Edin**

Dr. Terapong Tantawichien is Professor of Division of Infectious Diseases, Department of Medicine, Faculty of Medicine at Chulalongkorn University, Thailand. He received his medical degree from Chulalongkorn University in 1987 and is board certified in Internal Medicine, Infectious Diseases and Preventive Medicine (Thailand). He began his teaching career in 1993 when he started teaching infectious diseases at the Department of Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, Chulalongkorn University. He was also President of the Infectious Diseases Association of Thailand (2014-15, 2015-2017) and Head of Department of Medicine, Chulalongkorn University (2018-2021). Presently he is chairman of Tropical Medicine Cluster, Chulalongkorn University and Assistant Director of Queen Saovabha Memorial

Institute (World Health Organization Collaborating Center for Research in Rabies Pathogenesis and Prevention), Thai Red Cross Society. He was awarded the 1<sup>st</sup> Young Investigator Award from the Infectious Diseases Association of Thailand in 2001 and the Research Award from the Royal College of Physician of Thailand in 2014. His main scientific interests are rabies vaccination, adult and elderly immunization, dengue in adult, travel medicine and infections in immunocompromised hosts.



**Mary Thomas MBBS, DNB, FRGUHS, FIDD, FRCPC (Dermatology)**

Dr. Mary Thomas is a triple board-certified dermatologist working in Alberta, Canada. After completing her medical school at CMC Vellore, India, she went on to pursue her dermatology residency at Karigiri, India. After practicing for several years as a dermatologist in India and volunteering with MSF in Zimbabwe, she moved to Canada and completed her second dermatology residency at the University of Toronto. Her areas of expertise include cutaneous deep fungal infections and tropical dermatology with a focus on leprosy and cutaneous tuberculosis. She has authored several papers and book chapters in these areas. She currently serves on the board of the International Society of Dermatology and is actively involved with organizing World Skin Health Day activities across the globe.



**Yupaporn Wattanagoon, MBBS, DTM&H, Dip Thai Board Int. Med**

Associate Professor Yupaporn Wattanagoon holds Diploma Thai Board of Internal Medicine, Diploma in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene and Diploma in Preventive Medicine (Travel Medicine). She is now a consultant to The Department of Clinical Tropical Medicine, Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University. She has taught tropical infectious diseases including parasitic infections especially liver flukes and Eosinophilic meningitis caused by *Angiostrongylus cantonensis*. Her research interests are tropical infections especially malaria, melioidosis, scrub typhus and other rickettsial infections.



**Jill Weatherhead, MD**

Dr. Jill Weatherhead is an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics and Medicine in the Sections of Pediatric Tropical Medicine, Pediatric Infectious Diseases and Adult Infectious Diseases at Baylor College of Medicine (BCM) in Houston, Texas, U.S. Dr. Weatherhead is a quadruple-board certified in internal medicine, pediatrics, pediatric infectious diseases, and adult infectious diseases with a sub-specialty certificate in Tropical Medicine and Traveler's Health (CTropMed<sup>®</sup>) through ASTMH. As a physician-scientist and educator she is passionate about working to eliminate neglected tropical diseases that disproportionately affect impoverished and underserved communities around the world, including those in Texas.



**Laila Woc-Colburn, MD, DTM&H, FACP, FIDSA**

Dr. Woc-Colburn is an associate professor in the Division of Infectious Diseases at Emory University School of Medicine. Dr. Colburn earned her medical degree from Universidad Francisco Marroquín in Guatemala and completed her internal medicine residency at Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center in Chicago. She then completed fellowships in infectious diseases and HIV medicine, and Diploma in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. Dr. Colburn's clinical interests focus on tropical diseases affecting immunosuppressed persons (including those with HIV), mycotic diseases, orthopedic infections, and

medical education. Her passions are to teach the next generation of health workers about infectious diseases topics and to empower women and black, Indigenous and people of color in medicine through mentorship and leadership training.



**Henry Wu, MD, DTMH**

Dr. Henry Wu is an Associate Professor and Senior Physician at the Emory University School of Medicine. Dr. Wu directs the Emory TravelWell Center, Emory's clinic devoted to travel medicine and tropical diseases. He previously served at CDC as an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer and Medical Epidemiologist at the Meningitis and Vaccine Preventable Diseases Branch. Dr. Wu's interests include infectious diseases epidemiology, tropical diseases, travel medicine and the evaluation of patients for serious emerging infections.