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ALAN J. MAGILL BRIEFING RETURNS IN PERSON**World Malaria Day Event to Take Place April 24 in Washington, DC After Three Years of COVID Disruptions**

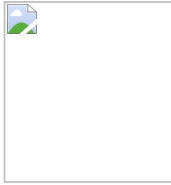
The Society is returning to hosting an in-person annual briefing for World Malaria Day in honor of the late Alan J. Magill (right) and his vision of an end of malaria. The event will take place Monday, April 24 from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. Eastern time at Venable LLP in downtown Washington, DC.

This year's briefing, [Recognizing Threats to Progress in Malaria as Opportunities](#), will convene key stakeholders in the malaria community to discuss how opportunities for innovation continue amid the challenging broader global health environment and how those threats and opportunities may impact future malaria control efforts.

► [View the list of invited speakers and event partners](#)



SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM CHAIR CHRISTINE PETERSEN NAMED SCHOLAR OF THE YEAR BY UNIV OF IOWA OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR RESEARCH



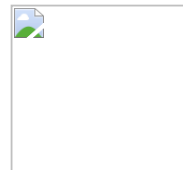
Congratulations to Scientific Program Chair Christine Petersen, DVM, PhD, FASTMH, who received the 2023 Scholar of the Year award from the University of Iowa Office of the Vice President for Research. The honor is one of the university's [Discovery and Innovation Awards](#) recognizing 18 exceptional researchers, scholars, innovators, students and administrators.

Dr. Petersen is a professor of epidemiology and Director of the Center for Emerging Infectious Diseases in the College of Public Health. Her award celebrates nationally recognized recent achievement in outstanding research, scholarly and/or creative activities by tenure- and/or research-clinical-track faculty members within the previous 24-month period.

► [Read more about the award here](#)

MEMBER KAYLA LASERSON NAMED NEW DIRECTOR OF CDC GLOBAL HEALTH CENTER

Member Kayla Laserson, MSc, DSc, FASTMH has been selected to serve as the new director for the CDC Global Health Center and will join CDC this July. Dr. Laserson is a past Chair of the [Global Health subgroup \(ACGH\)](#) and has served on the Scientific Program Committee. She leaves the role of Deputy Director for Infectious Diseases and Vaccine Delivery at the India office of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Throughout her career, she has held various leadership roles at the CDC, including Director of the Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI)/CDC Research and Public Health Collaboration.



ASTMH IN THE NEWS



[This doctor fought Ebola in the trenches. Now he's got a better way to stop diseases](#)

President Dan Bausch is featured and interviewed



[There's a second outbreak of Marburg virus in Africa. Climate change could be a factor](#)

With comments from President Bausch and member David O. Freedman



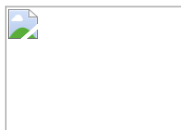
[Man Versus Malaria — The latest news: from good to dire](#)

Authored by 2008 President Claire Panosian Dunavan



[From Africa to the Americas: Dr. Frank Richards Jr. on the Fight to End River Blindness](#)

An article about the keynote speech by longtime member and former Board member Frank O. Richards Jr. to the Brown University School of Public Health for Black History Month



[Virus research can be risky. More scientists are asking whether it's worth the threat of a deadly outbreak.](#)

With comments from longtime member James LeDuc



Why children in US territories are 'bearing the burden' of neglected tropical disease

With comments from members Matthew Collins and Jessica Fairley



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Exhibitors Meet Face-to-Face with Experts in the Field

Whether you are marketing existing products and services, promoting your organization, introducing new products or have a story to tell about your work, exhibiting at the ASTMH Annual Meeting lets you increase your visibility among the most influential leaders in tropical medicine and global health.

Visit the [Exhibitors page](#) to apply for a booth, view the floor plan and select your location. Rates increase after July 3.

UPDATE: ADDITIONAL TEST BACK ONLINE IN CDC'S PARASITIC DISEASES LABORATORY

ASTMH continues its collaborative work with CDC's Division of Parasitic Diseases and Malaria in the Center for Global Health to highlight the need for timely and full restoration of diagnostic testing of parasitic diseases. One additional serology test is back online in CDC's parasitic diseases laboratory:

- CDC-10239 Trichomonas Susceptibility

CDC's [web pages](#) have been updated to reflect the list of tests that have resumed to date. The 17 tests that have resumed represent a substantial proportion of the overall specimen volume submitted to the diagnostic parasitology laboratory. Other assays for detection of

parasitic diseases at CDC remain offline. CDC is working to restart additional testing as soon as possible for each test and will provide updates as this happens.

BECOME AN ASTMH MEMBER AND RECEIVE MORE UPDATES LIKE THESE

ASTMH members receive regular updates like these and more, including the monthly DC Update, with the latest news from Washington, DC, as it pertains to healthcare policy and funding.

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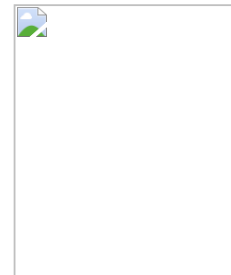
[Renew Your Membership](#)

Become an ASTMH member and join last month's newest additions from 47 countries: Australia, Bangladesh, Belgium, Benin, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Canada, Colombia, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Gambia, Germany, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Japan, Kenya, Libya, Malawi, Mali, Morocco, Nepal, Netherlands, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Puerto Rico, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Tanzania, Thailand, Uganda, United Kingdom, United States and Zambia.

MORE OF THE BENEFITS ASTMH MEMBERS ARE ENJOYING THIS MONTH

A New Supplement from the Journal

A new supplement from the *Journal* is now available online, Building a Sample Vital Statistics System: Results from Countrywide Mortality Surveillance for Action (COMSA) in Mozambique. COMSA aims to improve the lives of Mozambicans by producing and making available a national mortality data system for use by the government and stakeholders in health programs, policy decision-making and resource allocation.



An Opportunity to Run for President or Board Member

Society members will choose a President-Elect and three Board members in August. One of these Board members will be a student, trainee, resident and/or post-doc.

Subgroup Awards

The Society has five subgroups that provide funding, networking, and pre-meeting course and symposia activities planned for Annual Meetings to enhance career development.

Four subgroup awards—one for an LMIC physician and three for trainees—are currently open to applications. Most of these awards require you to be a member to apply:

- *New in 2023!* ACCTMTH (Clinical Group) Clinician Travel Award
- ACMCIP Exchange Fellowship
- ACMCIP Award for Advanced Training
- ACGH Award for Research Support

Invitations to Become Committee Members

- ASTMH/Burroughs Wellcome Fund Postdoctoral Fellowship in Tropical Infectious Diseases Committee
- Young Investigator Award Committee

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- Interviews with tropmed greats Jordi Casals, Calista Causey, Karl Johnson, Karl F. Meyer, Tom Monath and Telford Work
- Annual Meeting keynotes, Presidential Addresses and select plenary sessions
- Alan J. Magill Symposia on Malaria Eradication



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- Interested in reaching *Journal* readers? Place an ad on the *AJTMH* website or print edition. The *American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene* is the official scientific journal of ASTMH.

Contact [Rebecca Hamel](#), Manager, Development, to learn more.

ASTMH News features key updates about the Society, as well as topline summaries of relevant tropical medicine, hygiene and global health items. Your feedback is encouraged; please send your comments to newsletter editor [Doug Dusik](#) at ddusik@astmh.org.

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