



# ASTMH

## **ACME will be Offering A Pre-meeting course!**

A first-ever ACME pre-meeting course is set to debut in 2015.

The course will focus on 'clinical entomology' with including select topics in medical entomology that is hoped to incite interest in a wide audience to include young investigators, clinicians and seasoned medical entomologists who would simply like a refresher. The ACME Council is working with the ASTMH Courses Committee to finalize lecture topics and course objectives. **Look for more details regarding agenda and how to register in the next ACME newsletter and emails!**



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## **RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP !!**

Your membership dues of 25\$ are vital to support ACME activities such as the ACME Young Investigators Travel Awards program and the ACME Symposia at the annual meeting. Look to the ASTMH website for full membership dues information including reduced offerings!

Membership is **free** for students and post doctorates.



**GET  
INVOLVED!**

If you are interested in learning more about ACME year-round activities or serving on the ACME Executive Council, please contact Nicole Achee ([nachee@nd.edu](mailto:nachee@nd.edu)).

30<sup>th</sup>  
anniversary

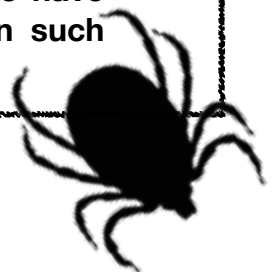
## ACME Celebrates it's 30th Anniversary!!

Come join us during the ACME Social and Networking session to view displays of the original Hoogstraal Medal molds, notes from early discussions amongst ACME leaders on the formation of a subgroup dedicated to medical entomology and other great finds from our more senior members! **A special slideshow with pictures of ACME past presidents, current members and other key events will be running during the social time – you won't want to miss this!**

The ACME Executive Council is planning on capturing a 'living history' of ACME members and key events to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of our subgroup. Original ACME leaders will be interviewed by phone, photos, early notes and other media that past ACME Chairs, Councilors and/or members may have will be archived for provenance. A new informal role – 'Archivist/Social Media Coordinator' – has been created among the ACME Executive Council to streamline recording ACME- related events during ASTMH annual meetings for use in future newsletters, social media links and ACME webpage. **Thanks to current ACME Councilor Gonzalo Vazquez and Stephen Dobson for volunteering to serve as the first ACME Archivist/Social Media Coordinator!**

Help us document this special anniversary by sending in a photo of you at work helping to carry out the mission of ACME, either in the lab, in the field, giving a presentation, or receiving an award. Photos will be compiled into a slide presentation entitled "30 Years of ACME," to be played during the ACME symposia at the ASTMH annual meeting. Photos from the slide show will also be preserved in the ACME digital archives. If you have a great story or item for the ACME archives, please come by the ACME booth during the meeting or contact Nicole Achee. For more information or to make a submission, email Rebekah Kading ([rebekah@genesislabs.com](mailto:rebekah@genesislabs.com)), Nicole Achee ([nachee@nd.edu](mailto:nachee@nd.edu)), or Lyric Bartholomay ([lbarthomay@wisc.edu](mailto:lbarthomay@wisc.edu)).

**Sponsor ACME!** ACME is actively pursuing individual, foundation or corporate sponsorship to increase the number and amount of ACME Young Investigator Awards. ACME sees these awards as critical for strengthening the future of medical entomology research. **ACME members who are interested in such sponsorship, or who have connections with foundations or corporations that may be interested in such sponsorship are encouraged to contact Nicole Achee ([nachee@nd.edu](mailto:nachee@nd.edu)).**



## ACME Sponsored ASTMH Society Prestigious Medals:



### The Harry Hoogstraal Medal

Online nominations are being solicited now, representing the most distinguished members of the medical entomology community. The 2015 Award will be announced during the opening Plenary Session and Awards Ceremony on Sunday October 25, 2014 from 5:30-7:30 pm. **For details on how to make a nomination and the list of previous award winners and additional application information please go to the ACME website <http://www.astmh.org/ACME.htm#hoogstraal>.**

Named to honor the world's leading authority on ticks and tick-borne illnesses, the medal is awarded to an individual who demonstrates outstanding achievements and lifelong service in the field of medical entomology.

Here are the key details:

- [Submit your nomination\(s\) here](#)
- **All nominations are due by Friday, June 5.**
- Submit a nomination letter and CV for each nominee.

For a list of previous award winners and additional application information can be found by following [THIS LINK](#).

**Thanks once again to ex-council member Sam Telford for agreeing to Chair the 2015 Hoogstraal Medal selection committee!**

### ACME Fundraising Booth

Last year, through the silent auction and t-shirt/hat sale at the ASTMH meeting in New Orleans, **ACME raised \$465**. Please help us to continue this tradition by donating items for the 2015 silent auction in Philadelphia! Stop by the booth during the meeting and bid on an item and pick up an ACME logo hat or shirt. The exhibit hall will be open on Monday October 26 and Tuesday October 27 from 9:30-10:30am, Noon-1:45pm and 3:15-4:15pm and Wednesday October 28 from 9:30-10:30 am, Noon-1:30pm and 1:30-2:30pm. **If you would like to donate something for the auction or sign up to man the booth, please email Nicole Achee at [nachee@nd.edu](mailto:nachee@nd.edu).**

**Plan to visit the ACME booth during the 2015 ASTMH meeting in Philadelphia, PA!!**

**Want to make a donation to support the ACME Young Investigator Award?** Please contact Nicole Achee for more information ([nachee@nd.edu](mailto:nachee@nd.edu)). For a list of previous award winners and additional application information, please go to the ACME website: <http://www.astmh.org/ACME.htm>

### ACME Student Travel Award

ACME works to promote medical entomology within ASTMH and in organizations whose scopes of activities include the area of human diseases transmitted by arthropods. We seek opportunities to emphasize and expand the contributions of medical entomology to tropical medicine and also to appropriately recognize outstanding contributions by medical entomologists.

The ACME leadership has modified the student travel award title to 'Young Investigators Travel Award' to better encompass ACME's goal of engaging a wider range of next generation medical entomologists to include post-doctoral researchers. **Thanks once again to ACME Member, Ellen Dotson, to serve as Chair on the 2015 ACME Young Investigator Award Committee!** Review of the 26 applications received is underway.

Due to a continued financial endowment by the ASTMH parent society, and a private donation made by an ACME member, we will be able to fund three winners from each of the following categories: 1) Masters; 2) Doctoral and Post-doctoral and 3) International. The last is a specific outcome of private donation made by an ACME member for the purpose of supporting travel of an international applicant. Each awardee will receive a cash award to support their attendance at the meeting. All three winners will be acknowledged and one of the first place winners will present his/her work during the ACME symposium at the 2015 ASTMH Annual Meeting (October 26-29, Philadelphia, PA). **We whole-heartedly thank the parent council for their continued support of our subgroup, as well as the individual sponsor of this year's international travel award! Best of luck to all the 2015 applicants!**



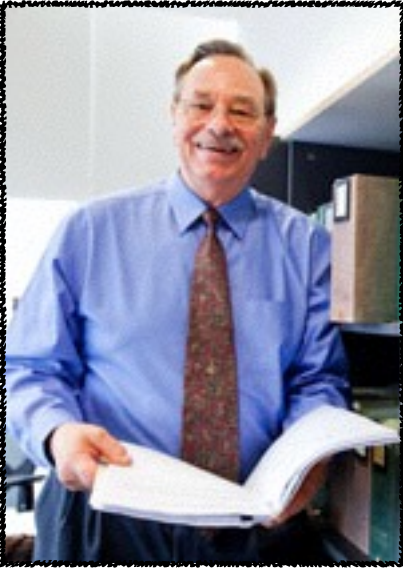
**64th Annual Meeting** | **October 25-29, 2015**  
PHILADELPHIA MARRIOTT DOWNTOWN, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA USA

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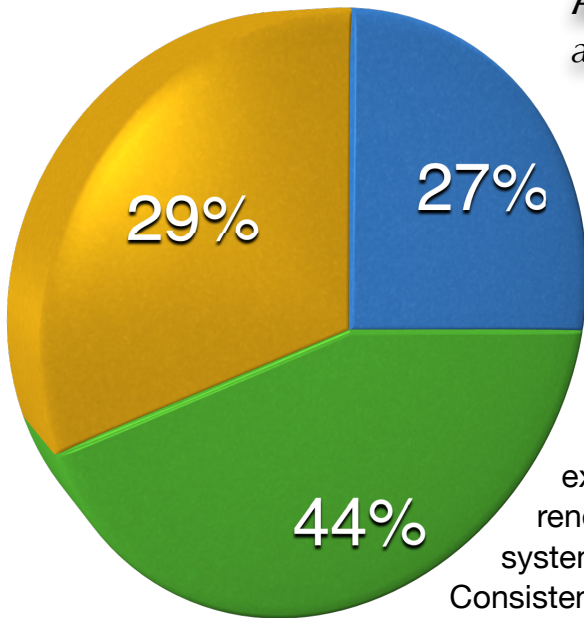
The ASTMH Annual Meeting is fast approaching. Please remember to come and attend the two, back to back, ACME Symposia that includes the annual Business Meeting. **Our Chair-Elect, Lyric Bartholomay, has assembled an excellent second symposium focusing on the research of next-generation medical entomologists.** The symposium will include a diversity of taxa of medically relevant arthropods, of research approaches, geographical regions and institutions, and of demographics. There will also be an ACME-sponsored networking and social time between the two sessions with a special 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration slideshow. **Be sure to look for more details regarding date, time and final presentation topics in the next newsletter installment!**





**ASTMH highlights one of our own ACME Members!!** It was with great pleasure to see that ASTMH interviewed past ASTMH president and active ACME member, Duane Gubler, for the January 2015 Member Profile section and again in February 2015 where Dr. Gubler's presidential speech was part of ASTMH Throwback section. **The ACME EC is proud to be represented so professionally by a lead scientist in the global health community!**

Read the full Jan 2015 interview at [THIS LINK](#).



### ACME Membership (n=203)

*as of April 6, 2015*

**Post-Doctoral Members, 27%**

**Regular Members, 44%**

**Student Members, 29%**

Currently ACME is 203 members strong. We expect this number to grow as society membership renewals continue under the new ASTMH fiscal year system, and as the annual meeting approaches.

Consistent with previous years, students and post-doctoral researchers comprise the majority of our membership.

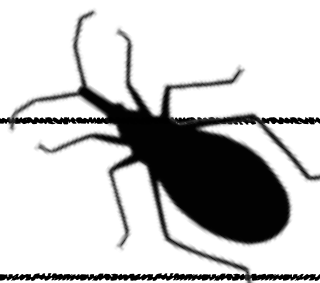
**Thank you to returning members for your continued support of ACME, and welcome new members!**



**Be sure to take a look at updates to the ACME Web site!!** We have added two additional Quick Links: 1) Perspectives and 2) Advocacy. The goal of creating these links was highlight the vision of the role of ACME in the wider tropical medicine community, bringing key topics of specific importance to ACME members to your attention and broader community engagement events.

<http://www.astmh.org/ACME.htm>.

**Have a suggestion for the website? Please contact Nicole Achee ([nachee@nd.edu](mailto:nachee@nd.edu)).**



**Financial Summary:** For the period ending December 31, 2014, the total net assets for all ACME funds was \$2,662. In 2014 ACME had \$3,575 in revenue from membership dues, an increase from \$3,005 in 2013. Membership dues remain the primary source of income for ACME, supplemented by funds brought in from our booth at the annual meeting. At the 2014 annual meeting, the booth brought in \$465. Another ACME booth is planned for the 2015 ASTMH annual meeting to help raise funds to support ACME's activities and travel awards during 2016. For expenditures, \$3,072 was budgeted for the 2014 annual meeting expenses. This figure covered symposium fees, audio/visual requirements, hotel gratuity and taxes, and food and beverage costs. A consistent financial goal of ACME has been to increase support for student travel awards. In 2014 we were very fortunate to be able to offer additional student travel support with a \$1,500 grant from the ASTMH Council. This grant raised our total funds available for student travel to \$1,800 and allowed ACME to support the attendance of three outstanding students at the ASTMH annual meeting. In 2015, ACME received a very generous independent donation specifically to support an international student travel award. This award is in addition to the \$1,500 we again received from ASTMH Council. ACME will use these funds to support three Young Investigator travel awards for the 2015 annual meeting. **Thanks to our Secretary/Treasurer, Rebekah Kading, for managing our records and financial resources!**