



# The American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

Advancing global health since 1903

## About ASTMH

Malaria, West Nile Virus, Lyme disease, and other parasitic and viral diseases are well-known global health threats. The impact of these and other tropical diseases extends beyond individuals to families and society. Yet few people consider the dedicated men and women working to prevent, treat, and eliminate such threats and the organizations which support their efforts. The American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (ASTMH) plays a unique, integral role in the advancement of the field of tropical medicine and is the principal membership organization representing, educating, and supporting tropical medicine physicians, researchers and other health professionals dedicated to the prevention and control of tropical disease.

The 3,700 members of the Society reside in 46 states and the District of Columbia; they work in a myriad of public, private, and non-profit environments. Our membership work in academia at the nation's leading research universities (34%), the U.S. military (15%), public institutions and federal agencies (11%), private practice (9%), and industry (4%). The balance of the ASTMH membership works in numerous other capacities and for various other entities seeking to reduce and prevent tropical disease.

ASTMH and its members contribute to global development and security by working to improve outcomes related to diseases which impede society and economic development in developing countries.

## Our Mission

The Society's mission is to promote world health by prevention and control of tropical diseases through research and education. Specifically we work to:

- Stimulate the advancement of basic and operational research in tropical diseases;
- Educate health professionals and the public regarding tropical medicine;
- Improve the health of Americans exposed to tropical diseases;
- Promote science-based policymaking in international health;
- Foster international scientific collaboration in tropical medicine;
- Promote professional interest and career development in tropical medicine; and
- Recognize exceptional achievement in tropical medicine.

## History

ASTMH's long and distinguished history goes back to the early 20th century. The current organization was formed in 1951, with the amalgamation of the National Malaria Society and the American Society of Tropical Medicine. Over the years, the Society has counted many distinguished scientists, including Nobel laureates, among its members. ASTMH and its members continue to have a major impact on the tropical disease and parasitology research carried out around the world.