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Find the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (ASTMH) Committee on Global Health (ACGH) on:



The ASTMH Annual Meeting is the premier international forum for the exchange of scientific and clinical advances in tropical medicine, hygiene and global health. World-class research findings, clinical updates and topical discussions about the hot-button global issues from the world's brightest scientific experts and thought leaders are presented over five days.

The scientific program is designed for researchers, educators, government and public health officials, military personnel, travel clinic physicians, practicing physicians in tropical medicine, students, and all healthcare providers working in the fields of tropical medicine, hygiene, and global health. The meeting draws thousands of tropical medicine and global health professionals representing academia, foundations, government, not-for-profit organizations, non-governmental organizations, the private sector, the military, and private practice.

Contribute and engage in global health discussions!

ACGH Meetings, Symposia, and Events at the 2024 Annual Meeting

Symposia

Symposium I: Strengthening Health System Resilience for Pandemic Preparedness and Response: A Multifaceted Approach

November 14th, 8-9:45 am

Convention Center - Room 356 - 3rd Floor

Focusing on health system resilience and discussing practical ways of building robust systems that can withstand the pressures of emerging health crises.

The ACGH Business Meeting

November 14th, 9:15-9:45 am

Convention Center - Room 356 - 3rd Floor

Dr. Yazoumé Yé will present on subgroup achievements in 2024, plans for 2025, and then hand over the presidency to Dr. Jennifer Downs.

All are invited.

Symposium 2: Building a Diverse Workforce in Global Health Research

November 14th, 10:15 - 12:00 noon

Convention Center - Room 356 - 3rd Floor

This symposium will showcase experts discussing strategies to enhance diversity in global health leadership, with a focus on underrepresented groups.

ACGH learning and networking events

Climate Fresk: Understanding the Physics, Causes, and Consequences of Climate Change to Empower Action

November 13th, 1:00- 4:00 pm

Convention Center - Room 350 - 3rd Floor

The ASTMH Committee on Global Health and Forecasting Healthy Futures present the second annual Climate Fresk workshop to encourage climate-informed practices and tools in global health work. The workshop will consist of a collaborative card game to learn the mechanisms of climate change and gain a holistic view of climate change. Free, but participants must [register](#).

Ponder to Probe

November 14th, 5:15-7:00 pm

Convention Center - Room 398 - 3rd Floor

This will be an informal discussion on how climate change impacts global health. Chat with experts about its effects on their work, integrating climate change into our efforts, and ways to help mitigate the issue.

Establishing Careers Internationally

November 15th, 4:00-5:45 pm

Convention Center - Room 398 - 3rd Floor

This networking session is for students and early-career professionals from low- and middle-income countries, focusing on strategies for successfully returning home and establishing careers after training abroad.

Networking and Lightning Presentations

November 16th, 5:00 - 6:30 pm

Convention Center - Room 398 - 3rd Floor

This will be an early-evening social event that brings together members of the subgroup, stimulates networking opportunities, and allows trainees to present their research in 3-minute presentations.

Other Global Health Related Events

Plenary Session III: Commemorative Lecture

Friday, November 15th, 9:00 - 9:45 am

Convention Center - Hall I-2 - 1st Floor

Dr. [Jean William Pape](#), an inspirational leader in global health, is credited with recognizing and providing the first comprehensive description of AIDS in the developing world. In 1982, he established GHESKIO (a French acronym for the Haitian Study Group on Kaposi Sarcoma and Opportunistic Infections), one of the first centers dedicated to the study of AIDS. Four decades later, GHESKIO remains one of the largest AIDS and TB treatment, training, and research centers in the Americas, providing free care to more than 300,000 patients with HIV, STIs, TB, diarrheal, and cardiovascular diseases annually.

ACGH Executive Committee Spotlight

Katherine (Kate) Wolf is a passionate and engaged global health professional with 20 years' expertise in malaria, maternal and child health, and health systems strengthening. Ms. Wolf has garnered a wealth of experience living and working across sub-Saharan Africa. Her previous positions include Malaria Team Lead with the Maternal and Child Survival Program and Senior Technical Advisor with the U.S. President's Malaria Initiative. Holding a Master of Public Health from Emory University and a Bachelor of Arts in Biology from Grinnell College, she is a lifelong learner, working towards equity and health for all. Ms. Wolf is currently a Senior Principal Advisor with Jhpiego.



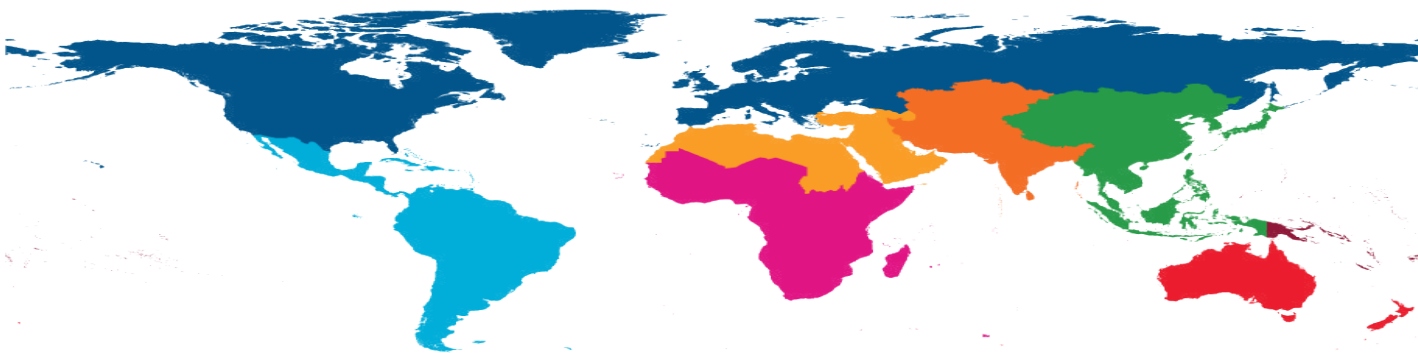
ACGH is Looking for Regional Representation

To accomplish its mission and objectives, the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (ASTMH) Committee on Global Health (ACGH) plans to increase engagement with its members during and between ASTMH annual meetings. To achieve this, the ACGH Executive Committee proposes to designate a representative from each of the six WHO-defined regions, and invites ACGH members from each of the regions to apply as Regional Representatives.

Deadline: 21st October 2024

1. [Terms of Reference](#)
2. [Submit Application](#)

For more information, please contact Buffy Finn at bfinn@astmh.org



ACGH Across Borders

“I recently had the pleasure of hosting Dr. Elizabeth Collins, an ACGH member from the USA, when she travelled to Rwanda to teach at the University of Global Health Equity. Together we took a trip from Kigali to the countryside, visiting some cultural sites and national parks and learning more about the country's rich history and biodiversity. This was not only an opportunity to connect with a fellow ACGH member, but also to learn more about the Society as a new member, which I will be forever grateful for. If given the opportunity, I encourage all ACGH members to connect with other ASTMH members- this could be at the Annual Meeting, while travelling, at your school, etc. The benefits and camaraderie could last a lifetime.” -Paul Niyonkuru, ACGH member from Rwanda



Advocacy in Action

“Two years ago, my desire to connect and learn with global tropical health physicians and practitioners made me stumble on ASTMH. As a college student from a developing country then, I could not afford the membership fees. However, I was lucky enough to learn about the available support from generous individuals who decided to sponsor candidates from the LMIC to become active members of the Society. Great thanks to those who invested in me at such a crucial time. I can look back in appreciation, seeing how much my original interests have been nurtured by the several opportunities available within and outside the Society.”
-[David Adetula](#)



By volunteering for subcommittees in both ACGH and the Clinical Group, David has surely already given back more than he has received from his sponsored membership. Today, hundreds of people like David want to join our Society but need help paying the ASTMH membership fees. We encourage you to join other donors in bringing to life the dreams of these early career professionals, college students, and other individuals with interest in tropical medicine. Consider [donating](#) generously to help us welcome more new LMIC members!



We're seeking volunteers at the Annual Meeting for the ACGH Table, at Booth #515, in the Exhibit Hall

Connect with conference attendees, join us for 2-hour shifts, and bring a package of fine chocolates or candies from your country to share with ASTMH members visiting our booth!
Interested members, please sign up [here](#) and e-mail [Dr. Elizabeth Collins](#)

We'd love to meet you at the ASTMH Annual Meeting!

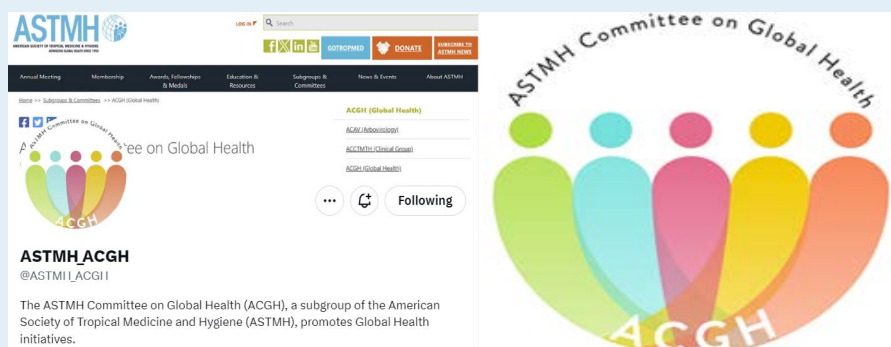
If you are in New Orleans, please stop by the ACGH Table, at Booth #515, in Exhibit Hall J. Booths will be open at key times between Wednesday, November 13 at 7 pm - Saturday, November 16 at 1 pm.

Highlights from the Annual Meeting

If you have any special pictures from the Annual Meeting, please send them to [Paul Niyonkuru](#) so we can share them in our next newsletter.

Are you a great communicator or writer?

Join us on the ACGH Communications, Advocacy, & Policy Subcommittee. Video conference calls are every 3rd Friday of the month at 12 Eastern Standard Time (EST). Sign up [here](#).



LMIC membership opportunities

Please watch the [@ASTMH_ACGH](#) Twitter (X) account the week of October 14th for an opportunity for individuals to [apply](#) to become a member of ASTMH at no cost, thanks to generous sponsorships! Please help us amplify our reach by re-tweeting the announcement to your networks.

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