



International Federation for Tropical Medicine

News from the International Federation for Tropical Medicine (IFTM)

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Members of the Extended Board of IFTM at ICTMM in Bangkok, October 2022

Warm greetings and a Happy New Year to everyone. We aim to send regular newsletters from IFTM to all in the research, clinical and support areas associated with tropical medicine, in addition to the 33 IFTM federated societies, to keep you informed of activities of the International Federation for Tropical Medicine. To assist in this plan, please keep the IFTM informed of any events, conferences or news from your societies

and regions to keep others in the community informed.

If you have news to share, please contact us through the IFTM email address: (sylvie.manguin@ird.fr).

In addition, please visit the IFTM website (<https://www.iftm-hp.org>) as the website is updated regularly.

International Congress for Tropical Medicine and Malaria (ICTMM~~2020~~2022)

After a delay of two years, ICTMM2020 finally happened in October 2022, and it was a great success. Over 1000 people gathered at the BITEK Convention Centre in Bangkok, Thailand to share in the latest developments. The conference was a great mix of excellent science and warm Thai hospitality. It was thrilling to see

International Congress for Tropical Medicine and Malaria 2024

And the winner is: **Kuching, Malaysia!**

We congratulate Professor Dr. Siti Nursheena Mohd Zain, Dr Chen Chee Dhang and their team for their outstanding bid for the next ICTMM, which will be held in Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia. The congress is scheduled for September 2024.



delegates gathered, discussing new insights and new challenges in our fields. We offer our warm congratulations to Professor Pratap Singhasivanon and his team for pulling together such a successful congress in spite of deep challenges brought on them by the pandemic. ICTMM2020 will be remembered fondly by all who attended.

The organising team of ICTMM2020 have put together a small presentation to help us to remember the event. Please go to this Youtube page:
<https://youtu.be/Whqhl9v5TiA>

Look for announcements here, or on social media platforms ([#ICTMM2024](https://twitter.com/ICTMM2024)) or on the Malaysian Society for Parasitology and Tropical Medicine website (<https://msptm.org/#>).

The congress site in Kuching looks to be superb, and we look forward to visiting Sarawak. More information will be made available soon, so keep your eyes of the IFTM website, or your society newsletters or social media for news of this event.

Meeting of the Extended Board of the International Federation for Tropical Medicine in Bangkok

The extended board meeting was held during ICTMM2022 and was attended by members from 11 different countries. We congratulate the holders of positions on the executive board:

President: Professor Malcolm Jones, Australia

Past-President: Professor Santiago Mas-Coma, Spain

President Elect: Professor Shigeyuki Kano, Japan

Executive Secretary: Professor Sylvie Manguin, France

Treasurer: Professor Jong-Yil Chai, Korea

We extend our warm thanks to **Professor Claudio Daniel-Ribeiro, Brazil**, who steps down from his role as Past President, after many years of excellent service to the federation, as convenor of the 2012 ICTMM in Rio de Janeiro, and as President of the federation.

The IFTM is immensely grateful to **Santiago Mas-Coma** for his outstanding role as President during the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic. Santi played an active role in advocacy for tropical medicine, both with WHO and in the popular press.

Asia Pacific Conference on Mosquito and Vector Control (AMV) 2023

The international AMV conference aims to reimagine and optimize vector surveillance and control through innovations and alliances across the public and private

sectors, industry, academia, and civil society. It will be held in Chiang Mai, Thailand on 27-30 November 2023. This four-day conference, with an expected 1,500 participants, is a unique opportunity to bring together a broad spectrum of partners to strengthen Asia-Pacific regional mosquito and vector control capacities, network, and engage with new technologies and approaches to address the rapidly changing landscape for mosquito control in the region, and at the global scale. Jointly planned and hosted by the Royal Thai Ministry of Public Health, the Thai Pest Management Association, and Kasetsart University, the Asia Pacific Conference on Mosquito and Vector Control exemplifies the creative partnerships needed for reimagining mosquito control and engaging innovations for a changed world.

Website: <https://www.amv2023.com/>



IFTM Journal- *One Health*

The IFTM sponsored journal, *One Health*, has gone from strength to strength since the Federation entered into partnership with Elsevier to publish this journal. The journal has grown from publishing 18 papers in one year to over 150 papers in 2021. The impact factor, forced by the pandemic, grew quickly to 9 in the most recent measure. It is exciting to see that the journal in publishing critical work in key areas and that it encourages support from members of IFTM.

Some recent papers from the IFTM extended board include:

Kristi L. Koenig, Christian K. Beÿ, **Aileen M. Marty**, Monkeypox 2022 Identify-Isolate-Inform: A 3I Tool for frontline clinicians for a zoonosis with escalating human community transmission, *One Health*, Volume 15, 2022, 100410, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.onehlt.2022.100410>

Santiago Mas-Coma, Ilra R. Funatsu, Rene Angles, Paola Buchon, Cristina Mas-Bargues, Patricio Artigas, M. Adela Valero, M. **Dolores Bargues**, Domestic pig prioritized in one health action against fascioliasis in human endemic areas: Experimental assessment of transmission capacity and epidemiological evaluation of reservoir role, *One Health*, Volume 13, 2021, 100249, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.onehlt.2021.100249>.

Tiago Correia, **Cláudio Tadeu Daniel-Ribeiro**, **Paulo Ferrinho**, Calling for a planetary and one health vision for global health, *One Health*, Volume 13, 2021, 100342, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.onehlt.2021.100342>.

Francisca Astorga, Quentin Groom, Paloma Helena Fernandes Shimabukuro, **Sylvie Manguin**, Daniel Noesgaard, Thomas Orrell, Marianne Sinka, Tim Hirsch, Dmitry Schigel, Biodiversity data supports research on human infectious diseases: global trends, challenges, and opportunities, *One Health* 2023, (in press). <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.onehlt.2023.100484>

International Congress for Tropical Medicine and Malaria (ICTMM) 2028

The bid for the ICTMM2028 is now open. Send your applications to either the IFTM President (m.jones@uq.edu.au) or the Secretary General (sylvie.manguin@ird.fr). Some guidelines for the ICTMM bids are as follows:

1.- The bid should be made by a **national society of Tropical Medicine or related science**. The representative of the Society should contact us (the IFTM Board) and inform the board of its intention to present a bid. The IFTM Board will let you know when you may establish the direct personal contact with us and personally present your ideas. The next occasion will be the ICTMM-2024 in Kutching, Malaysia.

2.- There is a trend to change continents for the ICTMM organization whenever possible. This means that, considering that the last two ones of 2022 and 2024 were and will be in Asia, logically the continents of Europe, North America, South America and Africa will be preferred for 2028, of course provided that there are good candidates interested.

On behalf of the IFTM
Malcolm Jones