

ASTMH Annual Meeting

TropMed26

November 18-22, 2026

Gaylord National Harbor, MD, USA

(adjacent to Washington, DC)

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Advancing Science
for Tropical Medicine
and Health

ASTMH 

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF TROPICAL MEDICINE & HYGIENE
ADVANCING GLOBAL HEALTH SINCE 1903

in

f

@

X

✈

YouTube

The ASTMH 2026 Annual Meeting will be held on November 18-22, 2026 at the Gaylord National Harbor in National Harbor, Maryland, USA (adjacent to Washington, DC).



TABLE OF CONTENTS

- 2 Important Dates
- 3 Abstract Submission Categories
- 4 Selecting the Correct Abstract Category
- 4 ACMCIP Scientific Sessions
- 5 Abstract Submission Guidelines
- 5 Selection Criteria and Presentation Format
- 6 Late-Breaker Abstracts and the Advantages of Early Submission
- 6 Young Investigator Award
- 6 Key Points and Looking Ahead
- 8 Appendix: Abstract Submission Guidelines



2026 ASTMH President Terrie Taylor

OVERVIEW

The Annual Meeting is a dynamic forum for the exchange of the latest scientific and clinical advances in tropical medicine and global health. Abstract submissions, presented as either oral presentations or posters, are the cornerstone of the meeting's scientific content.



David Hamer, MD, FASTMH
Scientific Program Chair



Kristy Murray, DVM, PhD, FASTMH
Associate Program Chair

IMPORTANT DATES

Mid-March 2026

Online submission site opens: [Available here](#)

April 1, 2026

Abstract submission deadline

April 6, 2026

\$55 US non-refundable abstract fee due

Young Investigator Award applications due



MARCH

Mid-August 2026

Abstract acceptance notices for the April 1 submissions will be sent by email to presenting authors.

- These notices will indicate acceptance as an oral or poster presentation.
- These notices will not indicate the presentation date and schedule assignment.



AUGUST

Mid-September 2026

Abstract presentation date assignment will be sent by email to presenting authors.



SEPTEMBER

November 18-22, 2026

Annual Meeting: Abstracts may be assigned for presentation at any time during the Annual Meeting. Presenters should keep their schedules open until that time.



NOVEMBER



Do you need help writing your abstract?

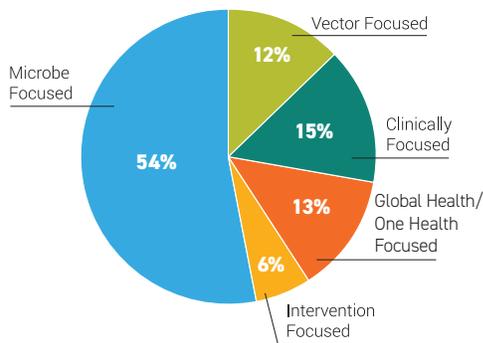
VIDEO: How to Write an Abstract [VIEW HERE](#).

[CLICK HERE](#) for a list of Frequently Asked Questions about the abstract submission process.



Wafaa El-Sadr, 2025 Opening Keynote Speaker

Scientific Session Content



ABSTRACT SUBMISSION CATEGORIES

When submitting an abstract, please select the most relevant category and approach.

Categories

Clinically Focused

- **Clinical Tropical Medicine, including HIV and Tropical Co-infections**
- **Diarrhea and Bacterial Illness:** Antimicrobial Resistance, Enteric Infections; Systemic Infections; Trachoma; Other Bacterial Infections
- **Respiratory Infections**

Global/One Health Focused

- **Global Health:** Diversity, Inclusion, Decolonization and Human Rights; Information/Communication/Technologies Solutions in Global Health including Modeling; Planetary Health including Climate Change; Security/Emerging Infection Preparedness, Surveillance and Response(s); Maternal, Newborn and Child Health and Nutrition; Other
- **One Health:** The Interface of Humans, Ecosystems and Animal Health

Intervention Focused

- **Measures for Control and Elimination of Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs)**
- **Water, Sanitation, Hygiene and Environmental Health (WaSH-E)**

Microbe Focused

- **Parasites – Helminths – Cestodes (including taeniasis and cysticercosis, echinococcosis/hydatid disease, and others)**
- **Parasites – Helminths – *Filaria*:** Diagnostics and Therapeutics; Molecular Biology and Immunology; Epidemiology and Modeling; Treatment and Morbidity Management; Behavioral and Social Sciences; Other
- **Parasites – Helminths – Intestinal Nematodes**
- **Parasites – Helminths – Schistosomes and other Trematodes:** Diagnostics and Treatment; Epidemiology and Control; Immunology, Pathology, Cellular and Molecular Biology
- **Parasites – Kinetoplastida and Other Protozoa (includes *Leishmania*, *Trypanosomes*):** Diagnosis and New Detection Tools; Epidemiology; Immunology; Invasion, Cellular and Molecular Biology; Treatment, Drug Delivery, Drug Repurposing and Drug Discovery; Genomics, Proteomics and Metabolomics, Molecular Therapeutic Targets; Vaccines
- **Parasites – Malaria/*Plasmodia*:** Antimalarial Resistance and Chemotherapy; Diagnosis-Challenges and Innovations; Drug Development and Clinical Trials; Genetics, Genomics and Evolution; Epidemiology; Immunology; Pathogenesis; Prevention; Elimination; Surveillance and Data Utilization; Parasite Biology; Vaccines and Immunotherapeutics
- **Viruses:** Emerging Viral Diseases; Epidemiology; Evolution and Genomic Epidemiology; Field and ecological studies of viruses, including surveillance and spillover risk and emergence; Immunology; Pathogenesis and Animal Models; Therapeutics and Antiviral Drugs; Transmission Biology; Vaccine Clinical Trials

Vector Focused

- **Arthropods/Entomology (Ticks, Mosquitoes, Other):** Biology, Physiology and Immunity; Biology and Genetics of Insecticide Resistance; Molecular Biology, Population Genetics and Genomics; Bionomics, Behavior and Surveillance; Epidemiology and Vector Control
- **Arthropods/Entomology (Ectoparasite-Borne Disease):** Babesiosis and Lyme Disease; Ectoparasite-Borne Disease – Other



2026 Past President David Fidock

Approach

When submitting, we encourage you to select the approach that best complements the abstract content:

- Case study
- Cell biology
- Diagnostics
- Elimination
- Epidemiology
- Field and ecological studies
- Genetics/genomics/evolution
- Immunology
- Mathematical and statistical modeling
- Molecular biology
- Pathogenesis and host responses
- Population surveillance
- Prevention
- Therapeutics and resistance
- Vaccinology
- Other

LOGIN REMINDER: Use your ASTMH account login credentials to submit your abstract. In order to submit an abstract, you must have an existing ASTMH account. See page 7 for more details.

SELECTING THE CORRECT ABSTRACT CATEGORY

Most categories reflect an organism or disease-based approach. For multidisciplinary or less traditional topics, [click here](#) for guidelines that may help.

Please note: For vector-focused and mosquito-focused abstracts, use Entomology.



ASTMH thanks the Burroughs Wellcome Fund for supporting ACMCIP Scientific Sessions and speakers from the Woods Hole Immunoparasitology Meeting, Kinetoplastid Molecular Cell Biology Meeting, Molecular Parasitology Meeting and Midwest Neglected Infectious Diseases Meeting.

ACMCIP SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS

ACMCIP Scientific Sessions represent the interests of the American Committee of Molecular, Cellular and Immunoparasitology, a subgroup of ASTMH. This Burroughs Wellcome Fund-supported effort honors abstracts that demonstrate excellence in their topic area. These sessions feature cross-parasite approaches to molecular, cellular and immunoparasitology. These abstracts are joined by award-winning presentations from the Woods Hole Immunoparasitology, Molecular Parasitology, Midwest Neglected Infectious Diseases Meeting and, in alternating years, the Kinetoplastid Molecular Cell Biology Meetings. All abstract submissions indicating a preference for oral presentation for the categories indicated below will be considered for inclusion in ACMCIP Scientific Sessions. Abstracts not selected for ACMCIP sessions will then be considered by the parasite-specific Scientific Sessions for oral presentation:

- Parasites – Cestodes (including taeniasis and cysticercosis, echinococcosis/hydatid disease, and others)
- Parasites – Helminths – *Filaria*: Molecular Biology and Immunology
- Parasites – Helminths – Nematodes – Intestinal Nematodes
- Parasites – Helminths – Schistosomes and Other Trematodes – Immunology, Pathology, Cellular and Molecular Biology
- Parasites – Kinetoplastida and Other Protozoa (includes *Leishmania*, Trypanosomes): Invasion, Cellular and Molecular Biology; Genomics, Proteomics and Metabolomics, Molecular Therapeutic Targets; Immunology
- Parasites – Malaria/*Plasmodia*: Pathogenesis; Genetics, Genomics and Evolution; Immunology



ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

See the Appendix on page 8 to view important information regarding abstract submission guidelines.

SELECTION CRITERIA AND PRESENTATION FORMAT

- Abstracts are evaluated based on the scientific strength of the research, timeliness of the findings, whether the results significantly impact current research or clinical approaches, and how the abstract fits into a broader thematic focus of the Annual Meeting.
- For most abstract categories, the Scientific Program Committee develops session themes after all submissions have been received and reviewed.
- Acceptance rates for oral abstracts vary by category and by meeting year. The acceptance rate for the last four Annual Meetings averaged 33%, and ranged from 28% in 2022 to 45% in 2025.

Important Note: We encourage all submitters who are interested in an oral presentation to select the option for oral presentation preference. If your abstract is not selected for an oral presentation, it will automatically be considered for a poster presentation.

- Most abstracts not selected for oral presentation will be assigned as poster presentations.
- A small number of abstracts selected for poster presentation will be featured as brief oral "Lightning Talks" during a designated timeframe determined by the Scientific Program Committee.
- Abstract presenters selected for oral presentation for a Scientific Session (oral abstract session) who are unable to attend the Annual Meeting in person will have the option to submit a pre-recorded presentation. Please note: The 2026 Annual Meeting will not include an option for ePoster presentations.
- Abstracts with a Focus on Educational Content: Educational content is increasingly relevant to all disciplines within ASTMH, as well as to those at all career stages. If the topic of your abstract is focused on educational content (e.g., instructive/didactic content) rather than scientific research, please check the box in the abstract submission site for Educational Content. Please note that the results of an educational intervention are considered scientific research and not educational content.

In order to optimize the quality of your abstract and likelihood of acceptance:

- Adhere to all recommendations in the Call for Abstracts
- Include adequate background information such as hypothesis and rationale
- Include a brief description of methods
- Focus on preliminary findings and results achieved to-date
- Select the correct abstract submission category





LATE-BREAKER ABSTRACTS AND THE ADVANTAGES OF EARLY SUBMISSION

- Late-Breaker Abstracts will be due in mid-July.
- The Late-Breaker Abstract submission fee is \$90 US.
- Timeliness of the data will be a major factor in the evaluation process.
- Due to the high volume of submissions, the acceptance rate for oral presentations is approximately 5%.
- Due to publishing deadlines, Late-Breaker session abstracts do not appear in the Abstract Book.
- Late-Breaker Abstract submission should not be used as a backup to the April submission deadline.

When considerable research data is anticipated for collection between April and the Annual Meeting, submitters are advised to submit their abstracts for the April 1 (i.e., non-Late-Breaker) deadline, providing information on the importance of the study, preliminary findings, anticipated completion date and anticipated impact. If the abstract involves work in progress, please ensure that sufficient data will be ready to present by the time of the ASTMH meeting.



YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD

APPLICATION DEADLINE: APRIL 6, 2026

- This award recognizes the work of outstanding young investigators and encourages young scientists to pursue careers in various aspects of tropical disease research. Recipients receive a cash award.
- [Click here](#) to apply for the Young Investigator Award.



KEY POINTS AND LOOKING AHEAD

When is the abstract submission deadline?

April 1, 2026

What is the abstract submission fee?

There is a \$55 US non-refundable processing fee for each abstract submitted, regardless of acceptance status. The abstract fee is due by April 6. Please note that payments made by wire transfer and received by the ASTMH bank account without any identifying information cannot be applied to an abstract submission. The abstract will be considered unpaid and incomplete and the abstract will not be considered for presentation.



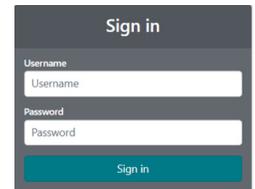
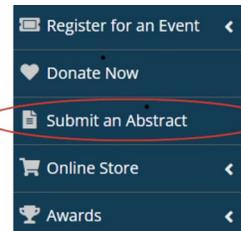
Do I have to be an ASTMH member to submit an abstract?

ASTMH membership is not required to submit an abstract.



How do I log in to submit my abstract?

- **Click here** to access the submission site.
- In order to submit an abstract, you must have an existing ASTMH account.
- Log into your ASTMH account with your ASTMH account username and password.
- If you have an existing ASTMH account, your username will be the email address associated with your ASTMH account.
- If you have an existing account and you need to reset your password, use the link on the login screen. Please note that the process to reset your password can take some time and is not instant, so allow for wait time. **Click here for additional instructions to reset your password.**
- If you do not have an existing ASTMH account, use the link on the login screen to create an account. **Click here for additional instructions to create a new account.**
- Once you log into your account, click **My Account** and click **My Profile** to review your account data to ensure your contact information is correct.
- Using the menu on the left side of the screen, click **SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT**.
- Enter the same username and password that you used to log into your ASTMH account.
- If you experience a problem, clear your browsing history and try again.



How do I indicate my abstract category and presentation preference?

During the submission process, you will select a topic category for each abstract and an approach to facilitate the review process. You will then indicate your preference for either an oral or poster presentation.

Important Note: We encourage all submitters who are interested in an oral presentation to select the option for oral presentation preference. If your abstract is not selected for an oral presentation, it will automatically be considered for a poster presentation.

How will the final presentation format be determined?

The Scientific Program Committee will review abstracts and determine the final presentation format of oral or poster presentation.

When will I be notified?

Acceptance notifications will be sent in mid-August 2026. Presentation date and schedule assignments will be sent in mid-September 2026.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Natalia Gutierrez, Scientific Program Coordinator, at ngutierrez@astmh.org.

Submit your abstract here

ASTMH Membership

Join the largest international scientific organization of experts dedicated to reducing the worldwide burden of tropical infectious diseases and improving global health.

Not a member?

We have special membership rates for students, medical residents and fellows, those who are in the early stages of their career and those from LMICs.

[Join here](#)

APPENDIX: ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

BEFORE YOU BEGIN...

Use Your ASTMH Login Credentials to Submit an Abstract:

- Log into your ASTMH account with your ASTMH account username and password in order to submit your abstract.
- In order to submit an abstract, you must have an existing ASTMH account.
- If you do not have an existing ASTMH account, use the link on the login screen to create an account. [Click here for additional instructions to create a new account.](#)
- If you have an existing account, your username will be the email address associated with your ASTMH account. If you need to reset your password, use the link on the login screen. [Click here for additional instructions to reset your password.](#)
- Please note that the process to reset your password can take some time and is not instant, so allow for wait time.

Update Your ASTMH Account Information:

- When you log into your ASTMH account, click **My Account** and then click **My Profile** to review your data to ensure your contact information is correct.
- Inaccurate or outdated contact information will lead to delays or undeliverable abstract notifications.

Confirm Email Address for Presenting Author:

- It is imperative that you provide the correct, preferred email address for the presenting author.
- All communications regarding the abstract will be sent to the email provided for the presenting author.
- ASTMH staff is unable to follow up with presenting authors if emails are returned as undeliverable.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Select Your Preference for Oral or Poster Presentation:

Oral abstract presentations are allocated approximately 10 minutes for presentation within a Scientific Session. Due to the large number of submissions, the selection process for oral presentations is especially competitive. Please note that many abstract submissions indicating a preference for oral presentation that are not accepted for oral presentation will be assigned to poster presentations.

Important Note: We encourage all submitters who are interested in an oral presentation to select the option for oral presentation preference. If your abstract is not selected for an oral presentation, it will automatically be considered for a poster presentation.

Poster presentations: Poster presentations will be in-person presentations that take place during one of three lunchtime poster sessions. Poster presenters are expected to stand alongside their posters to elaborate on and discuss the poster with attendees. Please note: The 2026 Annual Meeting will not include an option for ePoster presentations.

Abstract Format:

- Abstracts must be in English.
- The title, authors, author affiliations and abstract body should be entered in title case. (Correct format: Abstract Title; Incorrect format: ABSTRACT TITLE.)
- Enter the abstract as one paragraph **without** embedded headings (e.g., Introduction, Methods, etc.).
- Do not enter the city, state and country in the field designated for INSTITUTION. Use the fields specifically designated for CITY, STATE and COUNTRY to insert this information.
- Do not include tables or figures, acknowledgments, funding sources, references or other supplementary information in the abstract body.
- The character limit for the abstract (not including title, authors, etc.) without counting spaces is 1,850 characters. The character limit for the abstract accounting for spaces is 2,100 - 2,200 characters.

Authorship: Enter author names on the screen designated for Author(s).

- If there are additional authors for your abstract, click “Add Author” on the Author Block screen.
- The author’s first name (given name) should be entered into the First Name field, and the last name (family name) in the Last Name field.
- Do not include author names in the field called Abstract Body. Author names that are entered into the Abstract Body field instead of the fields designated for Authors will not appear in Annual Meeting publications.
- Additional author names can be entered individually or under a group designation. Group designation is advised for abstracts with multiple contributors who are part of a working group or consortium. To enter a consortium or community partner as an author, (rather than an individual’s name), [click here for instructions](#).

WHAT TO EXPECT AFTER SUBMISSION

Acceptance Notices:

- Acceptance notices will be sent to the presenting author’s email address in mid-August 2026.
- These notices will indicate acceptance as an oral or poster presentation.
- These notices will not indicate the presentation date and schedule assignment.

Presentation Schedule:

- Presentation date and schedule assignment will be sent to the presenting author’s email address in mid-September 2026.
- Abstracts may be assigned for presentation at any time during the Annual Meeting, November 18-22, 2026.
- ASTMH cannot guarantee scheduling of an abstract on a specific date or time. Abstract presenters should maintain schedule availability throughout the Annual Meeting.

PLEASE NOTE:

Changes in Presenting Author Email and Abstract Content:

- If the presenting author’s email address changes after the abstract submission deadline, send the name, abstract number and updated email address to ngutierrez@astmh.org.
- There is an additional \$50 US charge for changes to the author list and abstract content after the abstract submission deadline. No changes may be made after May 21, 2026.

Publication:

- All accepted abstracts will be published in the Annual Meeting program materials and Meeting App.
- Abstracts are published approximately 4-6 weeks in advance of the Annual Meeting in the Meeting App.
- Abstract publication in these venues does NOT preclude later full publication of the results in scientific journals.