

Travel Medicine NewsShare

NEWS, VIEWS AND NOTICES FROM THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF TRAVEL MEDICINE

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The aim of NewsShare is to allow easy exchange of information between members of ISTM in the form of news, view and notices. It must be noted that the views expressed by contributors are not necessarily those of the editors, the ISTM executive or its various committees unless stated to be so.

NEWS FROM THE SOCIETY

A Message from the President

Dear ISTM Members

We write to apprise you of an interesting opportunity that promises to be productive both for individual authors and for two highly regarded journals. We have been asked to edit the Travel Medicine section of the journal, *Clinical Infectious Diseases*. Dr. Sherwood Gorbach, the editor of *Clinical Diseases Infectious*, has asked that we solicit short mini-reviews on infectious disease topics in travel medicine. Dr. Gorbach has agreed that a mini-review could be expanded and published in the *Journal of Travel Medicine* as a major, comprehensive review with fewer constraints on number of pages or references.

Conceptually, the CID mini-review is intended to provide brief, reader-friendly reviews of important issues or major trends in an infectious disease topic within the broad field of travel medicine. These are intended to represent personal, authoritative viewpoints, and not to be exhaustive compendia of current literature. Such comprehensive reviews, which could also include non-infectious disease aspects of a topic, should be reserved for later publication in *JTM*.

While the mini-review can have multiple authors, we ask that the tone of the piece clearly reflect the wisdom and perspective of the seasoned expert. Because the target audience is the readership of *Clinical Infectious Diseases* (practicing infectious diseases physicians and fellows), the focus should include not only a description of a topic but also an explanation of how new information might affect interpretation of laboratory or clinical data or influence clinical decision-making. Think of these reviews as if they were informal "chalk talks" by an expert to small group of clinicians.

The article should be written in the form of a mini-review of approximately 2500 words (about 10 double-spaced typed pages), along with a maximum of 20-25 highly selected references and appropriate tables or figures. Because this is a peer-reviewed journal, we will send all papers for review. We would appreciate your providing the names of 2 or 3 reviewers who would be qualified to comment upon your manuscript.

We hope you will be willing to share your expertise. If you have a topic that you think would be appropriate for CID or *JTM* or both, please contact either of us. At that time we can apprise you of the requested timetables for submission.

Warm regards,

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The travel industry and public education committee survey

The Travel Industry and Public Education Committee recently commissioned a nationwide survey of 500 travellers to ascertain travellers' perceptions of health risks in travel. The survey, which was conducted by the market research firm *Strategy One*, revealed that more than 50% of all travellers surveyed were "unaware" of the different health risks involved with visiting their travel destinations.

The survey was conducted utilising a computer assisted telephone interviewing (CATI) facility and respondents were contacted randomly via random digit dialing sampling methods.

Consumer studies such as this one are valuable tools in meeting the goals of the Travel Industry and Public Education Committee, which is namely to raise the traveler's awareness of travel health issues.

Highlights of the survey include:-

- a) 40% of travellers surveyed did not seek advice concerning potential health risks and medications to reduce the risk of disease exposure.
- b) 80% of international travellers surveyed stated that they were 'unconcerned' about exposure to diseases such as malaria.
- c) Almost half of the respondents, *who knew that malaria could be fatal*, did not seek health advice about prevention prior to travel.

The statistics from the survey indicate an overall lack of awareness on behalf of international travelers and subsequently demonstrates a need for greater educational outreach to the public.

Communicated properly, these survey findings can function as helpful tools for ISTM members as well as national and international healthcare providers .

The international travel health survey was, in fact, a nationwide outreach. The survey was based upon a random telephone dialing sampling of people previously identified (via an omnibus survey) as having travelled internationally in the past year. Strategy One purchased this list of recent travellers from a firm that gathers marketing/demographic statistics.

For further information please contact B. Connor, M.D., TIPEC committee chair at <bconnor@pol.net>

WEB EDITOR

The ISTM Executive Board has decided to establish a new position within the Society with the goal of offering expanded functionality and information services both to our members and to the public. The Web Editor will be responsible for all editorial aspects of the website.

This will include

- solicitation and development of content,
- updating of informational services provided by the Web page, and
- identification and coordination of appropriate links.

Exploration of commercial partnerships that maintain the integrity and image of a professional and academic society will be within the scope of the position. The individual selected may establish an editorial board if desired. The position will be central to the Society and shall be equal in stature to that of the editors of ISTM print publications. The selected individual should have excellent organisational and editorial skills and significant experience in the field of travel medicine. Programming support is available and such skills are not integral to the position. Funding for an editorial assistant is negotiable.

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Research Committee News

The Research Committee Grant Application form is now available electronically. To access this form, visit the ISTM web site (www.istm.org) and find the link on the primary blue menu on the left hand side of the web page. The file is in three formats (HTML, PDF and RTF) to suit members worldwide.

Apply today for future research funding !

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Encouraging others to join the International Society of Travel Medicine

We need your help to encourage others to join the ISTM

Think of the benefits. We can strengthen our links with other professionals involved in the health care of the international traveller. The Society publishes a variety of essential material including the Journal of Travel Medicine, this NewsShare publication, various electronic discussion groups, the Travel Clinic directory and other miscellaneous items. There is a reduced attendance fee for members at the biennial conference CME (continuous medical education) points may be available at the various meetings for doctors and nurses. There is a great potential for international collaborative research between members. The GeoSentinal surveillance network is beginning to show the benefit of pooling observations from our members, spread throughout the world, in identifying new and emerging disease outbreaks. There is a reduced rate for GIDEON Software. With all this good news can you really keep it to yourself?

Please use the form on the back of NewsShare to encourage your colleagues to join the Society.



Notes from the Editor

It is the intention of the society to allow news from ISTM to be distributed to members by e-mail as an alternative to a 'hard copy' newsletter. Eventually the 'hard copy' of NewsShare may be phased out and important news would then be included with the journal as well as being circulated electronically. This has many advantages, not least, speed of circulation and cost saving to the society.

Anticipating this we are now only including in NewsShare - ISTM committee news, personal contributions from members and details of forthcoming events such as courses and conferences.

Please remember to inform the ISTM secretariat (address as on the membership application form) if you are already in apposition to receive news only by e-mail. You also had an opportunity to do this on the membership questionnaire circulated recently.



CONFERENCES AND COURSES

PERU

Learn Tropical Medicine in the Tropics
The Gorgas Course in Clinical Tropical Medicine
Course next available
31 January - 31 March, 2000
For a full information package contact:
David O Freedman, MD, The Gorgas Memorial Institute,
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Telephone: 800-UAB-MIST (US) or 205 934 2687 (from
overseas) or Fax: 205 933 5671.
E-mail: gorgas@geomed.dom.uab.edu or
www.medinfo.dom.uab.edu/Gorgas/Course.html

UGANDA

5th Tropical Medicine Expedition
In collaboration with the Travel Medicine Centre,
Cologne, Germany and the University of Makerere,
Kampala, Uganda
27 February - 10 March 2000
Secretariat: Dr. Kay Schaefer,
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Tel/Fax: +49-221-340 49 05 or
E-Mail: contact@tropmedex.com or
website www.tropmedex.com

SWITZERLAND

Traveller's health
Basel, 6-10 March 2000
Swiss Tropical Institute (STI)
Course Secretariat PO Box CH-4002 Basel
Telephone +41 61 284 82 80
Fax: +41 61 284 81 06
e-mail: sticourses@ubaclu.unibas.ch
website: www.sti.unibas.ch

USA

Travel and Environmental Medicine Course
Eldorado Hotel, Santa Fé, NM
22-26 March 2000
The course is jointly sponsored by the Wilderness
Medical Society and the American Society of Tropical
Medicine and Hygiene.
For additional information
please contact WMS at Tel: (719) 572 9255,
wms@wms.org, or ASTMH at Tel: (847) 480 9592,
astmh@astmh.org
or www.astmh.org.

NEPAL

Study Tour: Trekking and Travel Medicine
25 March-9 April 2000
Contact: Master Travel, Croxted Mews, 288 Croxted
Road, London. SE24 9BY.
Telephone: 0181 671 7521 or
Fax 0181 671 7327.
E-mail: tours@mastertravel.co.uk. or
Web Site www.mastertravel.co.uk

ITALY

2nd European Conference on Travel Medicine
Venice, Fondazione Cini, Isola di San Giorgio
29-31 March 2000
For more information contact: Dr. Walter Pasini, Viale
Dardanelli 64: 47900 Rimini, Italy.
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ARGENTINA

9th International Congress on Infectious Diseases
10-13 April 2000
For further information please contact: International
Society for Infectious Diseases,
181 Longwood Avenue, Boston, MA 02115, USA.
Telephone: (617) 277 0551 or
Fax: (617) 731 1541. E-mail: isidbos@aol.com

SPAIN

Food Safety in Travel and Tourism
Barcelona
12 - 14 April 2000
Secretariat: Denise Donnelly, Event Organiser
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UNITED STATES

Stress, The Business Traveller and Corporate Health
Washington, DC
27 - 28 April 2000
For further details: WebSite address:
www.hsd.worldbank.org/symposium

ITALY

Infettivologia 2000
Infectious Diseases Past and Present
Casale Monferrato 15-19 May 2000
Organising Secretariat: Planet srl, Via Borgone 57-
10139 Torino, Italy
Telephone: +39 11 3825357 or
Fax: +39 11 3825682. E-mail: planet@cse.it

GHANA

Medical practice with limited resources
12-30 June in rural Ghana,
Swiss Tropical Institute Course
Secretariat PO Box CH-4002 Basel
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Fax: +41 61 284 81 06
e-mail: sticourses@ubaclu.unibas.ch
website: www.sti.unibas.ch

TAIWAN

Travel Medicine in the 21st Century
Taipei
24-25 June 2000
The International Travel Medicine Conference 2000,
organized by the Asia Pacific Society of Travel
Medicine (ASTM) and the Chinese Association of Travel
Medicine (CATM)
Secretariat: PO Box 68 - 439, Taipei, Taiwan
Tel: +886 2 2523 6017 Fax: + 886 2 2537 7479
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INDONESIA

*3rd Asia Pacific Travel Health Conference (APTH) and 6th
National Congress of Tropical and Infectious Diseases*
Bali
21 - 23 July 2000
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MEDITERRANEAN

*Infectious Disease Update with Emphasis on Europe
Mediterranean Cruise*
22 May - 1 June 2000
For further information please contact: Continuing
Education Inc. 5700 4th Street North, St. Petersburg,
FL33703
Tel: 1- 800 - 422 - 0711
e-mail: contactus@continuingeducation.net

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Wilderness Medical Society Summer Conference
Park City, Utah
8 - 12 August 2000
For further information please contact: WMS Convention
Services, PO Box 3390, Salt Lake City, Utah 84110
Fax: 1 801 483 6644 WebSite: www.wms.org

NETHERLANDS

Maastricht Travel and Tropical Medicine symposium
Maastricht 29 September 2000
Secretariat: MTTM: P.O. Box 1660,6201 BR Maastricht
Tel: +31 43 3566985

CANADA

11th Conference on the Health of International Travellers
Montreal, Quebec
9 - 10 November 2000
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International Society of Travel Medicine Membership Application Form

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(include titles e.g., PhD., M.PH., Prof., Dr., M.D., R.N., Mr., Mrs.)

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Last name _____	First name _____
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Address _____	
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Country _____	E-mail _____
Phone _____	Fax _____
Do you work at a travel clinic ___Y, ___N. If yes, would you like to be included in the ISTM travel clinic directory? ___Y, ___N. If yes, we will send you a questionnaire.	

DUES

(January through December) are as follows: Please check the type of membership desired.

Individual Membership

- 1 year U.S. \$100
- 2 years U.S. \$200

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- 1 year U.S. \$65
- 2 years U.S. \$130

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- 1 year U.S. \$65
- 2 years U.S. \$130

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