



**International Society of Travel Medicine**

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# TRAVEL MEDICINE News

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope you enjoyed ISTM's first virtual conference held from 19-22 May 2021. It was the most high-end of virtual conferences I have attended and it had the various advantages and disadvantages of online conferences. The Scientific Program Committee, under the leadership of Christina Coyle and Gerard Flaherty, addressed the theme of "The Changing Face of Travel Medicine: Anticipating its Global Impact". It was a great program of state-of-the-art plenaries, symposia, workshops and cases of the day. A big thank you to all who participated, including our members and sponsors. We have now started formulating ideas for our next conference to be held face-to-face once again in Basel Switzerland from 21-25 May 2023. The Scientific Program Chairs for CISTM18 have already been appointed under the leadership of David Hamer and the Local Organizing Committee appointed under Christoph Hatz, who have started work on the program. I am very much looking forward to meeting you all again as we continue to manage the current COVID-19 pandemic, especially through vaccination, over the coming months. Take a [look at the video](#) on what to expect at CISTM18 put together by our Local Organizing Committee.

This is my first communication since transitioning to the role of ISTM President. I wish to acknowledge the great work done by Lin Chen as ISTM President, and the work that she continues to do as ISTM Immediate Past President on the ISTM Executive Board. I thank retired ISTM Immediate Past President, Leo Visser, and retired ISTM Counsellors, Andrea Rossanese and Elizabeth Barnett, for their wonderful service. You will find the Executive Board and leadership on our website, but I wanted to particularly warmly welcome Gerard Flaherty as ISTM President-Elect and our two new ISTM Counsellors: Francesca Norman and Hilmir Asgeirsson. We also welcome back Mike Jones as ISTM Secretary-Treasurer for a second term – a steady hand during what has been difficult pandemic times. We appreciate another steady hand in the secretariat, the Acting Executive Director, Jodi Metzgar.

### My goals as ISTM President are as follows:

- » Focus on the next generation of travel health professionals – the future of travel medicine
- » Engage with, and listen to, our membership – we are a membership-based organization

- » Support the core areas of practice in travel medicine, such as the leisure and business traveler
- » Support specialty areas and interests, such as the elderly, pediatrics, and migrant health
- » Promote evidence-based practice in travel medicine
- » Continue to grow the society and improve outreach of our programs to members
- » Strengthen relationships with national and regional travel medicine societies and networks
- » Ensure a sustainable future for the society

The ISTM is 30 years old this year, which is a wonderful milestone. There is a lot of work being done behind the scenes amongst our Leadership Council, Committees, Professional Groups and Interest Groups. The *Journal of Travel Medicine* is going from strength to strength under the editorial leadership of Annelies Wilder-Smith. JTM now has an impact factor of 8.490 (2021), which is fabulous. The ISTM website is also being revamped and we have already adopted new platforms for e-learning. The online CTH® examination is also forging ahead. GeoSentinel®, under the leadership of Michael Libman, has had some restructuring as there are now research as well as surveillance arms of the project funding. It is a privilege to work with such a great ISTM team. Thank you all for your service and contributions.

There is still much to do and I welcome ideas and feedback from the membership – please email these to [President@istm.org](mailto:President@istm.org). I will use the *Travel Medicine News* to help keep you apprised of developments in the ISTM.

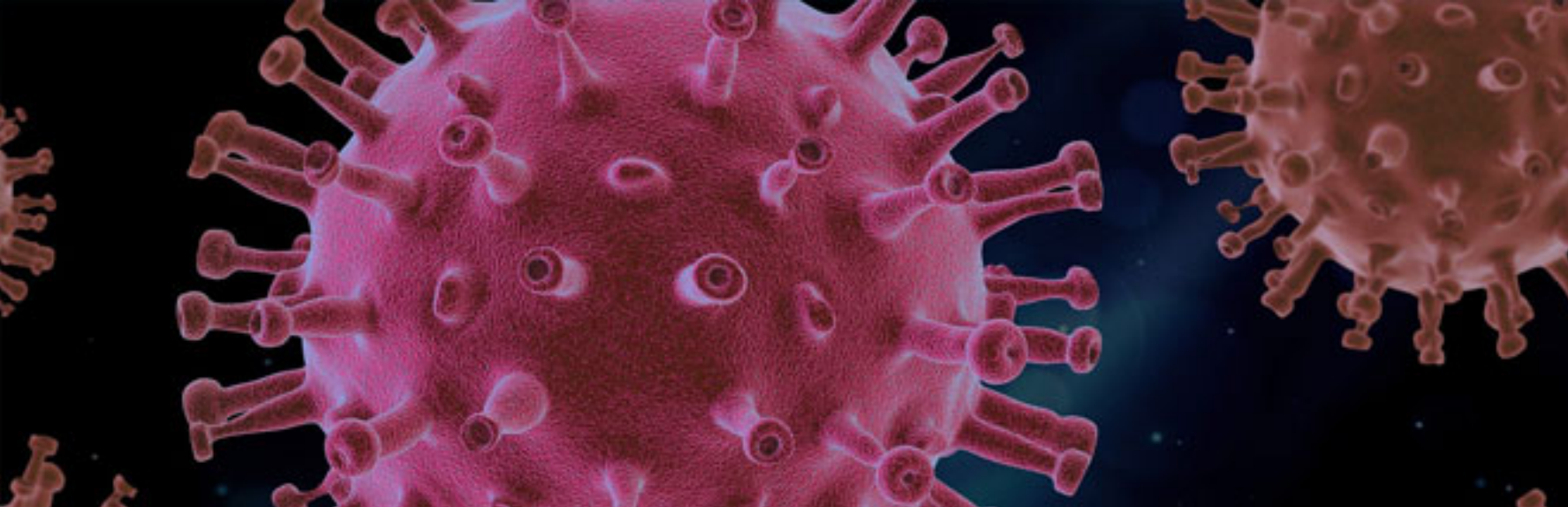
Peter Leggat,  
ISTM President



Unveiling **CISTM18**  
*Basel Switzerland*  
21-25 May 2023







EDITOR'S NOTE

Welcome to this edition of *Travel Medicine News*

As 2021 progresses I had hoped to begin with good news. Unfortunately, as the world continues to deal with the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic, we are not out of the woods yet. The virus continues to cause havoc in several countries and return to pre-2019 life remains a hope rather than an expectation. Vaccination progress varies between countries, caution is still the message of the day.

Here in the UK, we enjoyed some annual summer calendar events postponed in 2020. Her Majesty the Queen visited her favorite event – Royal Ascot – albeit for one day. Tennis went ahead at Queen’s Club and the Wimbledon Championships. Although some of the “big names” decided not to travel to the UK, spectator numbers were allowed to increase as the tournaments progressed. Tickets normally unavailable to locals were sold online in batches and the uptake was (unsurprisingly) great. Although rules and checks were in place for entry, we appreciated some wonderful sport. It was as though the nation had come out of hibernation. Then there was the football providing a happy focus until pent up emotions took hold – enough said!

After much international debate, the postponed 2020 Olympic Games got underway in Tokyo Japan. Increasing cases of COVID-19 meant the event was scaled back and fewer athletes competed. International travel is slowly returning but options remain restricted for many.

My weather report in the last edition is still a topic of discussion. After a cool wet May, July brought sustained temperatures of 30+ C and an amber heat alert in parts of England and Wales. Other countries have also seen unprecedented heatwaves, fires, and floods. The [UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties, \(COP26\)](#) in Glasgow in November couldn’t be more timely. Responsible travel must take its place in the discussions.

The COVID-19 vaccine rollout continues, although in the UK uptake has slowed in some age groups. Much remains to be done to vaccinate the world and develop treatments against this awful disease.

Live CISTM17, scheduled for Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, was another casualty of the pandemic. The online platform and the vast and varied program proved to be an amazing experience. If, like me you registered, the content is available online [here](#). Congratulations to the organizers for rising to the challenge. Now look forward to [CISTM18](#) in Basel, Switzerland. The Society continues to provide educational support and dedicated Journal articles [here](#). Congratulations to the *Journal of Travel Medicine* on the announcement of an 8.49 impact factor The TravelMed forum is slowly returning. See the latest [TravelTalk](#) in this edition of the newsletter.

Congratulations to our new President, Professor Peter Leggat, and President Elect Professor Gerard Flaherty, and thank you to Immediate Past president Lin Chen and the outgoing Executive Board members for their work and support during this challenging period. Welcome to the new Board Members Hilmir Asgeirsson from Sweden, Franscesca Norman from Spain, and new ISTM staff member Carol Tinnie, Program Coordinator.

Hopefully I can bring more uplifting news on the pandemic next time and thank you to everyone involved in caring for those affected.

Changes are afoot within the Society. I have been honored with the position of the Publications Oversight Committee (POC) Chair, so this will be my last *Travel Medicine News* (TMN) edition as Editor-in-Chief. However, I leave you in safe hands, as current TMN Associate Editor, Nancy Pietroski, has been appointed to the role. Nancy has been an active member of ISTM for many years, and personal experience shows Nancy to be a competent and experienced Editor and I know she will do a great job. Nancy will also continue in her role of monitoring the TravelMed forum. Many congratulations to Nancy.

My sincere thanks to contributors and to Nancy Pietroski and Whitney Alexander for their support with this edition.

Take care and stay safe everyone.

Sandra Grieve,  
*ISTM Travel Medicine News Editor-in-Chief*



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## SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

### A slow return to air travel normality in Scotland

On Friday 3rd September, Elizabeth and I made our way to Edinburgh Airport for the first time in 18 months. On 23rd March 2020, we had returned after a disrupted departure from New Zealand, just escaping before New Zealand and the UK went into lockdown. Edinburgh, Scotland's busiest airport handled 15 million passengers in 2019 but only 3.5 million in 2020 and was still extremely quiet. A third of the forecourt car park at Edinburgh accommodates a drive through COVID-19 testing center, and we wore masks and socially distanced as we boarded a direct British Airways Embraer 190 flight to Guernsey, and enjoyed ten day's vacation in fine weather. At Guernsey Airport our Guernsey Tracker Apps with uploaded vaccination documents were checked and we received our stock of lateral flow tests to be used every two days. When we returned to Edinburgh, after baggage reclaim, we walked past a large signpost for international travelers from red-listed countries, directing them to the buses that take them to hotel quarantine. USA travelers can relax as amber country list visitors.

I have continued as a registered COVID-19 vaccinator working 8-16 hours each week, but patient flows have been frustratingly low for weeks, prior to the rush that we expect when third doses of Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine are delivered alongside influenza shots from next week in a contracted number of Mass Vaccination Centers. NHS Lothian can certainly not be faulted for not being thorough, and I have completed another 6 hours of module work and will be subjected to more observed practice IM shots before being let loose with the flu jab on patients. My background in Travel Clinics and as a Consultant in ID counts for nothing, but a little humiliation is easily tolerable when the prime target is gaining control over COVID-19.

In my Membership Assembly Report in May, I expressed the hope that reserves would have recovered to 2017 levels at the close of the last financial year at June 30th 2021, substantially assisted by a well-attended and well-sponsored and brilliantly organized Virtual CISTM17. This was a crowning achievement for our past President Lin Chen, Scientific Program Chair Christina Coyle, and Acting ISTM ED Jodi Metzgar and her Secretariat

colleagues. The conference was financially successful. Our auditors, Fulton & Kozak, have started work and I expect to be able to say more at the close of the calendar year, expecting net assets above \$2 million. We need that reserve level, and more, if we are to safely meet the challenges ahead.

Warm greetings to all our members.

Mike Jones,  
*Secretary-Treasurer*



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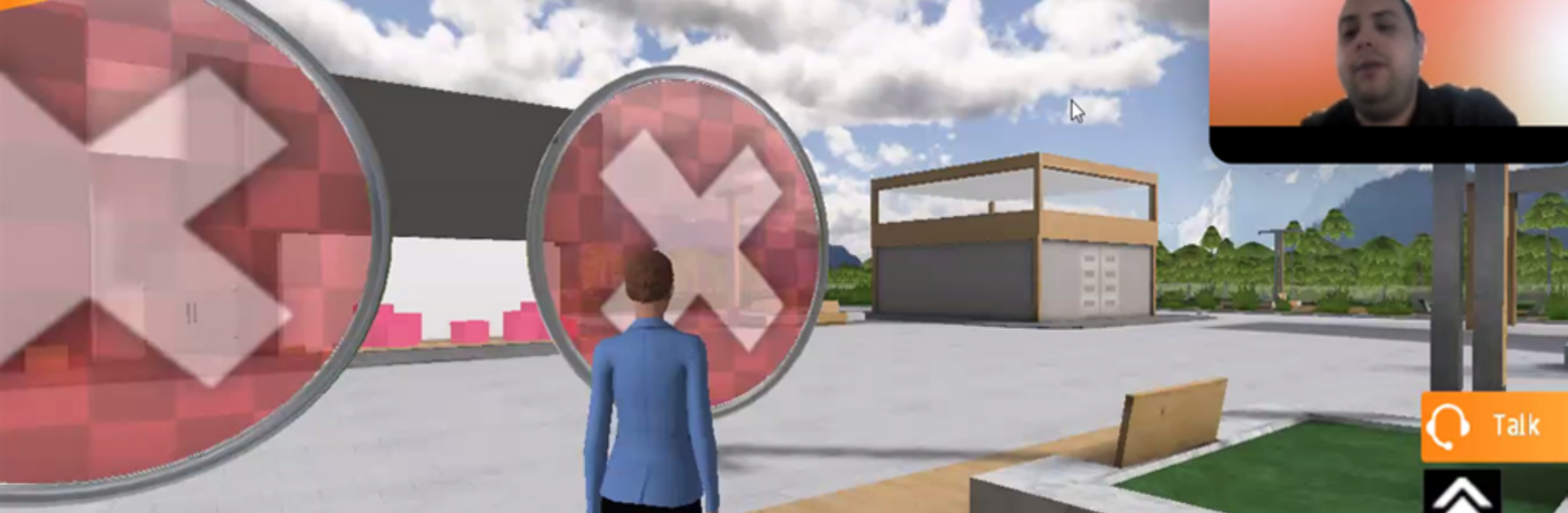
### Keep Your Membership Current to Continue Receiving These Member Benefits!

The ISTM, with more than 4,300 members in 100 countries, is the largest worldwide organization of travel medicine healthcare professionals. Members include physicians, nurses, and pharmacists from the private sector, academia, and government entities. Join ISTM today to take advantage of these exclusive benefits:

- ✓ Online Member-only community offering access to and discussions with the only worldwide network of people working in travel medicine.
- ✓ Clinic listing in the Online Global Travel Clinic Directory linked to the WHO, CDC, and other government agencies.
- ✓ Weekly medical and safety travel alerts.
- ✓ Member Benefit Webinars and Online Programs as well as informational and educational white papers and case studies free to ISTM Members.
- ✓ Special discounts on products travel medicine professionals use every day, only available to ISTM Members.
- ✓ Access to the *Journal of Travel Medicine*, a peer-reviewed scientific publication.
- ✓ Eligibility to apply for Research Grants and Bursaries.
- ✓ Member discounts for online and in-person educational programs and conferences.







## NEWS FROM THE SECRETARIAT

The Secretariat is glad to have experienced our first virtual Conference of the ISTM with all of you. We especially want to thank everyone who attended CISTM17 for their patience, commitment, and efforts to make this congress a success. We received very positive response from attendees about the lively and engaging scientific programme. If you were unable to attend the live conference, we invite you to view recorded sessions on the ISTM LMS [here](#).

Plans are currently underway for a hybrid CISTM18, 21-25 May 2023, which will take place in Basel, Switzerland and online. We invite you to view the promotional video introduction to this vibrant, culturally renowned destination [here](#). As an international travel medicine society, there is much anticipation to explore Basel and have an opportunity to meet in person by leaders, members and staff.

The Secretariat has been working hard to incorporate new Executive Board, Committees, and Professional and Interest Group leaders following our May meeting. Please take time to acquaint yourself with [current ISTM leaders](#) and our [Groups and Committees](#). Groups and committees are an excellent way for ISTM members to engage with the Society, keep our efforts current, and explore leadership opportunities.

ISTM will offer its 20th Certificate of Knowledge™ in Travel Medicine examination online in October. The secretariat is offering the exam on three different days at varying times to allow people in different time zones to take the exam comfortably. We have partnered with ProctorU, an online proctor provider to offer the CTH® exam. The exam will be offered online again in 2022.

I am delighted to introduce new ISTM staff member, Carol Tinnie, Program Coordinator. Carol joined the Secretariat staff in July 2021. Her role includes support, planning and the coordination of ISTM programs, and their activities. She has a strong background and experience in technology, education, and support of medical education and health informatics.

Planning is currently underway for CISTM18. Watch for email communications from the Scientific Program Committee (SPC) and

secretariat, and updates will be on the website [here](#). SPC Chairs have chosen the theme “Dawn of a New Era in Travel Medicine”, and the Call for Proposals will be opening soon.

ISTM Acting Executive Director,  
*Jodi Metzgar*



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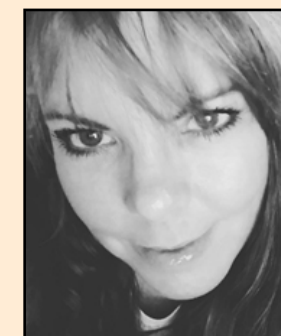
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# GeoSentinel

The very exciting news for GeoSentinel® is that our application for funding as a research network has been successful after undergoing an external peer-review process. As of September 1, 2021, we are now permitted to use our funding both to continue our surveillance work, and to transform ourselves into a research organization. The GeoSentinel® platform is ideally suited for the investigation of many pressing problems related to the movement of infectious diseases across borders. Our challenge will be to help guide and support our sites as they transition from not only collecting surveillance data on patients, but also actively enrolling them in a range of studies in development or already in progress.



Michael Libman,  
GeoSentinel®  
Principal  
Investigator

Our funding from the CDC continues to be in the form of a Cooperative Agreement (CoAg). This is different from a traditional peer-reviewed grant, in that the granting agency maintains close involvement in the oversight of the project as a whole. With many new studies being proposed for the Network, this will effectively be a new type of collaboration for us. We will now have significant funds available to support research and researchers. Together with the GeoSentinel® Foundation (led by Brad Connor), we will be able to advance our research agenda internally while helping our members to leverage support from other sources.

As we have already announced, the new CoAg comes with a new organizational structure for the Network. Michael Libman (Montreal – McGill) moves from co-PI to PI, responsible for the overall direction of the Network. David Hamer (Boston – Boston University) becomes the Surveillance Lead and will oversee all our traditional surveillance and newer enhanced surveillance activities. Ralph Huits, the Site Director for Antwerp – Institute for Tropical Medicine, becomes our Research Lead, and has the challenge of guiding us through our new adventures in clinical and

epidemiological research. Our Office of the Principal Investigator (OPI) also includes our two CDC Project Officers, Kristina Angelo and Grace Appiah, and our Senior Advisor Phyllis Kozarsky. Aisha Riswan stays on as our Project Manager, and Hannah Emetulu will be not only our Data Manager, but will also support sites in their work to gain local approval for research projects.

EuroTravNet, the organization comprised of all our European sites, has taken the initiative during this transition to name a new Lead and Liaison with the central network leadership, Pat Schlagenhauf (Zurich). Europe is home to many of the great travel and tropical medicine academic institutions of the world, and Pat has offered to help us link our efforts. Many of you will know Pat well from her long-standing membership and leadership in GeoSentinel® as well as her active participation in ISTM and role as the Editor-in-Chief of *Travel Medicine and Infectious Diseases*. We greatly look forward to working with Pat and being able benefit from her extensive experience and achievements in the field.

We would also like to express our great gratitude to the leaders of GeoSentinel®, whose positions have ended with the implementation of our new structure. Karin Leder has contributed nearly 8 years and countless valuable insights as chair of the Data Collection Working Group. Kevin Kain has provided the foundation for our new research mandate as head of our Enhanced Clinical Surveillance Working Group. Philippe Gautret has guided our work on migrants and many other enhanced surveillance projects on focused traveler types with the Special Populations Working Group. Vanessa Field has led our efforts to follow clusters and unusual events and alert our members through the Tracking and Communications Working Group.

One major new committee is in the process of being constituted: the Scientific Review Committee. This committee will review all new proposed projects for scientific merit, prioritization within the GeoSentinel® mandate, and potential internal funding. There will be a chair and two members from GeoSentinel®, as well as delegates from the ISTM and the CDC. We encourage everyone with ideas for projects to contact the OPI. We will be happy to help with the development of protocols for the consideration of the committee.

Travel and migration are once again beginning to increase. This is the beginning of a new era for GeoSentinel®, and an exciting opportunity for all our members to participate in research and surveillance work which will provide important new evidence in the field of travel medicine and improve guidance for public policy and public health.



## Special Recognition Award

The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow RCPS(Glasg) has bestowed The Faculty of Travel Medicine (FTM) Honorary Fellowship on Professor Patricia Schlagenhauf-Lawlor. Professor Schlagenhauf-Lawlor is the first Pharmacist to receive this award. As a well-respected strong advocate of the practice of travel medicine, and the author of many evidence-based articles to aid practice, this award is very well deserved. Professor Schlagenhauf-Lawlor is a regular contributor at ISTM conferences and is well known to many of us. We send Pat our warmest congratulations.



The citation and award at the virtual ceremony is available to [view on RCPS\(Glasg\) You Tube platform](#) at 15.06 minutes.





# PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

## NURSING

**M**y name is Caroline Nash. I am the new Chair of the NPG Steering Committee. I am an Australian based practitioner who works as a Senior Clinical Manager for Aspen Medical, an Australian owned global provider of healthcare solutions. I would also like to introduce Catherine Keil as the new Chair Elect. Catherine is an Australian/British Nurse Practitioner who specializes in travel health and immunizations. Other members of the steering committee are Heather Connor, Tara Lombardo, Jutarmas Olanwiiitwong, Danielle Peel, Lisa Scotland, and Alexandra Stillwell. Please review the [NPG page](#) on the ISTM website for further details about our steering committee members and feel free to reach out to any of us.

I write this review as my first official task and would like to use the opportunity to thank Heather Connor as the Immediate Past Chair who has worked tirelessly as leader of the steering committee and the wider NPG group. Heather has been instrumental in furthering the engagement of nurses by facilitating a number of educational and professional networking opportunities and representing the group at a high level. She continues to be a great role model for nurses in the travel medicine field with her warm and friendly nature and her high level of professionalism, knowledge, expertise, and skill.

We are sad to say farewell to two members of the NPG steering committee, Lisa Lynch Jones and Ruth Anderson. Lisa and Ruth contributed enormously to the NPG with their diverse range of travel medicine expertise. We look forward to keeping in touch with them as friends and colleagues.

Thank you to the members of NPG who attended CISTM17 and to those who facilitated or presented at workshops and sessions. Your contribution and support are greatly appreciated. The NPG also held a nurse reception on May 22nd at the CISTM17 conference, which was well attended. It was a great way to interact globally given the circumstances. Finally, I would like to congratulate the winners of the ISTM NPG awards, the Emerging



Nurse Leader Award going to Tara Lombardo and the Distinguished Nurse Leadership Award presented to Heather Connor, two very worthy recipients.

In closing, I look forward to the opportunity to communicate with the NPG group on a regular basis. I would also like to encourage members to interact via the NPG listserv with questions, ideas, suggestions, or information sharing. I would also reiterate as mentioned above, for members to feel free to contact any of the steering committee members.

Caroline Nash,  
*Nursing Professional Group Chair*

## PHARMACIST

**T**he virtual CISTM17 conference in May 2021 marked not only my transition as the next chair of the PPG for the 2021-23 term, but more importantly, we welcomed several new Council members from around the globe. Kirsten Chale, Ryan Quinn, and Lisa Woodill come to us from Canada while Peter Felkai hails from Hungary. Interestingly, Peter Felkai also represents our first non-pharmacist member of the PPG Council and is a practicing physician. His addition to the PPG Council represents our group's efforts to continually expand our membership into new countries and also welcomes non-pharmacists into our group. We look forward to continuing our work to expand the PPG even further to increase the diversity of membership and the countries that the Council represents for the benefit of all members and for ISTM.

While we are still dealing with COVID-19 on each of our respective home fronts, PPG members remain quite active. The Council, through the leadership of Keri Hurley-Kim, is looking to establish PPG awards to be announced during our next biennial Congress in 2023. We will be looking to add an "Excellence or Achievement in Travel Health" award as well as a "New Practitioner of the Year".

Additionally, our Immediate Past Chair, Derek Evans, remains quite active and continues to work with the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) to help establish joint standards for the practice of travel health. The

PPG's proposal currently sits with the FIP and we look forward to working with them to further advance the practice of travel health in order to benefit all of our patients.

Sherilyn Houle, Derek Evans, and Pat Schlagenhauf have also recently finalized a review paper on the use of ayahuasca by travelers. This paper will be submitted shortly for consideration by a peer-reviewed travel medicine journal. If accepted, this will represent the PPG's first published paper. We look forward to seeing their work in print soon to help educate other travel health practitioners on this emerging practice.

Lastly, the PPG's project on carrying medicines across borders that was initiated by Past Chair Larry Goodyer continues forward with Council members picking up the work of maintaining the database which is freely accessible through the PPG's ISTM website [here](#).

As I start my term as your Chair, I am excited for the work ahead, as well as being able to work with my pharmacist and non-pharmacist colleagues to help advance travel health practice and education for our members and the patients that we all serve.

Karl Hess,  
*Pharmacists Professional Group Chair*





# COMMITTEES

## PUBLICATIONS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Note from Gerard Flaherty, former Publications Oversight Committee Chair



### Sandra Grieve is the new Chair of the Publications Oversight Committee

Sandra Grieve has recently been appointed to the role of Publications Oversight Committee (POC) Chair. Sandra has been an active member of the committee over many years, and her contributions have included a successful term as editor-in-chief of the ISTM newsletter. Sandra

is a highly respected independent travel health specialist nurse living in the UK. I have known Sandra and her husband, Alex, since Sandra and I were students together on the Diploma in Travel Medicine course in Glasgow.

Sandra's significant achievements in travel medicine have been recognized by the awards of fellowship of the ISTM and the Faculty of Travel Medicine. She served with distinction as Chair of the Steering Group for the Northern European Conference on Travel Medicine, which she hosted with colleagues in London in 2016. In her leadership role within the Royal College of Nursing, she was centrally involved in the development of competency guidelines for travel health nurse practice. Among her many ISTM contributions was membership of the international scientific committee for the CISTM15 conference. I know Sandra to be a highly organized, efficient leader of the utmost integrity, who encourages and supports her team and who can always see the wood for the trees and bring common sense to bear on complex situations.

I am therefore delighted to hand over the reins of this important committee to Sandra and wish her every success in her term. She will have the privilege of working with a fine team who serve the Society well. This is an opportunity also to welcome the committee's two most recently appointed members – Dr. Jakrapun Pupaibool and Dr. Luis Furuya Kanamori - who are based in the United States and Australia, respectively.

The POC will continue to exercise its vital oversight role according to its revised charter available [here](#). In the coming months it will work closely with the Digital Communications Committee and recently formed ISTM Website Taskforce as they lead the design of a vibrant new ISTM website. The motto on the O'Flaherty clan's coat of arms seems apt at this juncture – Fortuna Favet Fortibus!

Gerard Flaherty,  
*ISTM President-elect*



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## MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

- » **American Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene ASTMH 2021 70th Annual Meeting**  
National Harbor, Maryland, United States of America  
17-21 November 2021  
[www.astmh.org/annual-meeting](http://www.astmh.org/annual-meeting)
- » **Northern European Conference on Travel Medicine (NECTM)**  
Rotterdam, the Netherlands  
16-18 March 2022  
[https://mkon/nu/nectm\\_8](https://mkon/nu/nectm_8)







## TRAVELTALK: COVID-19: SO MANY INFECTIONS, SO MANY QUESTIONS!

COVID-19 questions still continue to dominate the TravelMed forum as travel is starting to pick back up (albeit, this may be temporary). Below are some useful links supplying answers for travelers.

Nancy Pietroski, *Travel Medicine News Associate Editor*

**How many COVID-19 infections are there in the country(ies) where I will be traveling?**

[WHO Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Dashboard](#)

**What percentage of the population is vaccinated in those countries?**

[Our World in Data](#)

**What are testing requirements for these countries?**

Government sites:

[US Dept of State – Bureau of Consular Affairs](#)

[CDC COVID-19 Travel Recommendations by Destination](#)

[UK Foreign Travel Advice](#)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/international-travel-country-listings-update>

<https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/covid-19>

Commercial sites:

[IATA COVID-19 Travel Regulations Map](#)

[KAYAK International Travel Restrictions by Country](#)

[Trip.com Travel Bans & Travel Restrictions by Country/Region](#)

[Skyscanner](#)



**Can COVID-19 vaccines be administered with other vaccines (such as ones for travel)?**

[The CDC has issued a general statement: \[see website for complete information\]](#)

COVID-19 vaccines and other vaccines **may now be administered without regard to timing**. This includes simultaneous administration of COVID-19 vaccine and other vaccines on the same day, as well as coadministration within 14 days. It is unknown whether reactogenicity of COVID-19 vaccine is increased with coadministration, including with other vaccines known to be more reactogenic, such as adjuvanted vaccines or live vaccines. When deciding whether to coadminister an(other) vaccine(s) with COVID-19 vaccine, vaccination providers should consider whether the patient is behind or at risk of becoming behind on recommended vaccines, their risk of vaccine-preventable disease (e.g., during an outbreak or occupational exposures), and the reactogenicity profile of the vaccines.

**If multiple vaccines are administered at a single visit, administer each injection in a different injection site.** For adolescents and adults, the deltoid muscle can be used for more than one intramuscular injection administered at different sites in the muscle.

[UK vaccine information PHE Green Book](#)

**Can different COVID-19 vaccines be interchanged in a schedule?**

[The CDC has issued a general statement: \[see website for complete information\]](#)

Any currently FDA-authorized COVID-19 vaccine can be used when indicated; ACIP does not state a product preference. However, COVID-19 vaccines are not interchangeable.

**mRNA COVID-19 vaccines (Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna)**

Data on the safety and efficacy of a mixed-product series have not been evaluated. Both doses of the series should be completed with the same product.

**Janssen vaccine**

The safety and efficacy of Janssen COVID-19 vaccine administered after an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine has not been established. However, in limited, exceptional situations where a patient received the first dose of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine but is unable to complete the series with either the same or different mRNA COVID-19 vaccine (e.g., due to contraindication), a single dose of Janssen COVID-19 vaccine may be considered at a minimum interval of 28 days from the mRNA COVID-19 vaccine dose.

[UK vaccine information PHE Green Book](#)

**Which vaccines are approved throughout the world?**

[COVID19Vaccine Tracker](#)

[continued on next page](#)







### Can someone who was not vaccinated in their country finish the series with another vaccine in their country?

[The CDC has issued this statement regarding the US:](#) [see website for complete information]

People who were vaccinated outside the United States with a currently FDA-authorized COVID-19 vaccine and have received all the recommended doses **do not need** any additional doses. People who received the first dose of an FDA-authorized COVID-19 vaccine that requires two doses do not need to restart the vaccine series in the United States but should receive the second dose as close to the recommended time as possible.

- Some people may have received a COVID-19 vaccine that is not currently authorized in the United States. Limited data are available on the safety or efficacy of receiving a COVID-19 vaccine currently authorized in the United States after receipt of a non-FDA-authorized COVID-19 vaccine. However, in some circumstances people who received a COVID-19 vaccine not currently authorized in the United States may be offered revaccination with an FDA-authorized vaccine.
- COVID-19 vaccines not authorized by FDA but listed for emergency use by World Health Organization (WHO)\*
  - People who have received all recommended doses of a COVID-19 vaccine that is listed for emergency use by WHO **do not need** any additional doses with an FDA-authorized COVID-19 vaccine.
  - People who have not received all the recommended doses of a COVID-19 vaccine listed for emergency use by WHO may be offered a complete, FDA-authorized COVID-19 vaccine series.
- COVID-19 vaccines neither authorized by FDA nor listed for emergency use by WHO
- People who received all or some of the recommended doses of a COVID-19 vaccine that is neither authorized by FDA nor listed for emergency use by WHO may be offered a complete, FDA-authorized COVID-19 vaccine series.

- As of August 13, 2021, WHO has listed the following COVID-19 vaccines for emergency use:

- Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccines (e.g., COMIRNATY, Tozinameran)
- AstraZeneca-Oxford COVID-19 vaccines (e.g., Covishield, Vaxzevria)
- Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) COVID-19 vaccine
- Moderna COVID-19 vaccine
- Sinopharm COVID-19 vaccine
- Sinovac-CoronaVac COVID-19 vaccine

[UK vaccine information PHE Green Book](#)

### Where can I get general COVID-19 alerts for the country(ies) where I am traveling?

[FlightAware](#)

[Google News Travel Restrictions](#)

[OSAC](#) (partnership between U.S. State Dept/and private-sector security community)

[Schengen Visa Info News](#)

[UK FCDO](#)

### Do I need a COVID-19 certificate or passport?

[EU Digital COVID Certificate](#)

[IATA Travel Pass Initiative](#)

[The Commons Project](#)

[IBM Digital Health Pass](#)

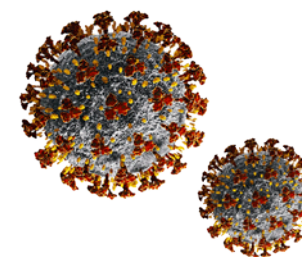
#### **UK Countries**

[England](#)

[Scotland](#)

[Wales](#)

[Northern Ireland](#)



Note: the ISTM “[COVID-19 Vaccination Certification Position Statement](#)” was posted in the May issue of *Travel Medicine News*

### Where can I get more information about COVID-19?

[WHO COVID-19 FAQs](#)

[Royal College of Nursing COVID-19 and vaccination FAQs](#)

