

# ISID NEWS

An Official Publication of the International Society for Infectious Diseases

## In This Issue

- [New ISID Exec. Dir.](#)
- [18th ICID - Buenos Aires](#)
- [News from ProMED](#)
- [IJID](#)
- [ISID Research Grant Reports](#)
- [Donate with Amazon](#)
- [Guide to Infection Control Update](#)
- [Planetary Health Meeting](#)
- [McGill Institute](#)
- [Follow ISID on Facebook](#)
- [Meetings Calendar & Announcements](#)

## Quick Links

- [Join ISID](#)
- [Make A Donation](#)

## Join Our List

[Join Our Mailing List!](#)

## ISID Executive Committee 2016-2018

- Jonathan Cohen  
(President) UK
- Rana Hajjeh  
(Secretary) Egypt
- Alison Holmes  
(Treasurer) UK
- Gagandeep Kang  
India
- Keith Klugman  
(Past-president) USA
- Marc Mendelson  
(President-elect) South Africa
- Ziad Memish  
Saudi Arabia

Volume 14, Number 5

March 2017

## The International Society for Infectious Diseases has named Chris Trimmer as new Executive Director



An executive with more than 17 years of leadership experience of complex global not-for-profit organizations, Chris Trimmer comes to ISID from her role as Executive Director of the World Obesity Federation (WOF) an organization dedicated to leading and driving the global effort to reduce, prevent and treat obesity. WOF

represents professional members of the scientific, medical and research communities from over 50 regional and national obesity associations from around the world.

Chris led significant strategic change during her tenure with WOF including facilitating and implementing a strong strategic plan, building strong advocacy networks, launching World Obesity Day which in 2016 reached over 6 million individuals, the introduction of a global image bank which endeavors to combat weight bias, and leading global policy change through advocacy activities and continues 'official relations' with WHO.

Prior to her role at World Obesity, she was the CEO of the Society for Experimental Biology, an international, professional association with over 2,500 members. The SEB focuses on creating connections through the global research community and ensuring that experimentation is at the heart of biology.

Chris has an MBA from the University of Southampton and a BSc in Biology from Royal Holloway University, part of the University of London. She is a member of the Scientific Reference and Advisory Committee of the European Federation of the Associations of Dietitians, a member of the PCMA Global Task Force and is on the International Advisory Board for the city of Sydney, Australia. Chris has extensive experience in event management and has lectured on a Masters in International Association Management on the project management of association events.

Professor Jon Cohen, President of ISID said, "We are very excited about Chris' appointment. She was selected from an extremely strong international panel of applicants, and brings huge experience of working in international professional organizations. She will play a key role in guiding the society through the next stage of its ambitious plans for the future."

Miguel O'Ryan  
Chile

Paul Tambyah  
Singapore

Ursula Theuretzbacher  
Austria

Chris Trimmer  
(Executive Director)

Britta Lassmann  
(Program Director)

Amy Galblum  
(Program Manager)

Larry Madoff  
(Editor, ProMED-mail)

Chris starts with ISID in April 2017.

## 18th ICID - BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

**MARCH 1-4, 2018**

The [18th International Congress on Infectious Diseases](#) will be held in Buenos Aires in conjunction with the XVIII Congreso de la Sociedad Argentina de Infectología (SADI, the Infectious Diseases Society of Argentina).

Planning is underway for topical scientific sessions with particular attention being paid to the major challenges of the region including, of course, Zika, dengue and other related viral infections, AIDS, tuberculosis, pneumonia, and enteric and parasitic infections.



### Gorgas Courses in Clinical Tropical Medicine

The ICID will collaborate for the first time with the Gorgas Courses in Clinical Tropical Medicine. Named for U.S. General William Crawford Gorgas, a tropical medicine pioneer who is credited with the elimination of yellow fever and malaria that allowed the Panama Canal to be built, the Gorgas Courses aim to fill an educational gap for the international medical community seeking an intensive experience in tropical medicine with a focus in clinical activities and substantial exposure to real patients. The partnership with the Gorgas Courses will be part of the overall scientific Program for the 18th ICID.

### HACKATHON on Infectious Diseases

As an exciting addition to the ICID, a Hackathon will be held at the 18th ICID in Buenos Aires. An interdisciplinary audience including medical, IT, graphics, business, education, etc. will come together for three days to develop solutions to pressing global health challenges. To stay up to date on the 2018 ICID Hackathon, [sign up on the Hackathon mailing list](#).



18th ICID website: <http://www.isid.org/icid/>

## News from ProMED and EpiCore

### Epicore Update:

EpiCore, a virtual community of health



professionals using innovative surveillance **EpiCore** methods to verify outbreaks of infectious diseases, was used to confirm *Lassa fever* outbreak in Nigeria



ProMED post originated

December 20, 2016

EpiCore request for information (RFI) sent

December 20, 2016  
at 20:23



142 EpiCore  
Members Reached



1st Response  
from EpiCore Member

December 21, 2016  
at 01:39

3 EpiCore Members reported that  
positive lab results had been found

December 21, 2016  
at 05:05



Incoming responses from Members  
contributed to  
follow up ProMED post on

December 28, 2016  
at 10:51



**5 hours  
16 minutes**

*time elapsed from EpiCore post  
to first member response*

To learn more about EpiCore and  
become a member please visit  
[www.epicore.org](http://www.epicore.org)

EpiCore is a partnership between ISID's ProMED-mail, HealthMap, TEPHINET  
and the Skoll Global Threats Fund

EpiCore, is an innovative surveillance program focused on verifying outbreaks faster. EpiCore members include human and animal health professionals who assist ProMED moderators by providing real-time information regarding events described in ProMED posts. Information provided by EpiCore members allows ProMED moderators to verify suspected outbreaks and disseminate additional information to the international public health community through ProMED-mail.

If are interested in participating in this innovative surveillance program, [Sign up for EpiCore](#).

\*\*\*\*\*

## ProMED App Updated



The app for ProMED has been updated and is available for iOS and Android for free at your [Apple](#) or [Google Play](#) store. This is a convenient and simple way to keep ProMED at your fingertips.

## Avenues to Access ProMED

Readers can follow all of the ProMED networks on Twitter and Facebook by clicking related icons on each of the network webpages. Start at: [www.promedmail.org](http://www.promedmail.org).

## International Journal of Infectious Diseases

### Special Issue for World Tuberculosis Day

March 24, 2017

IJID is once again honoring World TB Day with the publication of a special issue, "[Commemorating World Tuberculosis Day 2017](#)."



### IJID Editorial

["World TB Day 2017: advances, challenges and opportunities in the "end-TB" era."](#)

Eskild Petersen, Markus Maeurer, Ben Marais, et al.

\*\*\*\*\*

The *IJID* is the official publication of the ISID and is now published in an open access format on a monthly basis. The *IJID* aims to provide a source of information relevant to professionals involved in the epidemiology, clinical diagnosis, treatment and control of infectious diseases with particular emphasis placed on those disease which are most common in under-resourced countries.

The *IJID* publishes original clinical and laboratory-based research, reports of clinical trials, reviews, medical imagery and a limited number of case reports. To access the *IJID* and sign up for regular Table of Contents updates go to: <http://www.ijidonline.com>

## ISID Research Grant Reports

**Ms. Elizabeth Melisa Villasís Mayuri, Peru**

Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia  
Laboratorio de Malaria, Laboratorios delInvestigación para el Desarrollo (LID).



*Functional assessment of monoclonal antibodies for their ability to block in vitro the invasion of Peruvian P. falciparum parasite isolates into erythrocytes*  
[Final Report: Villasis](#)



**Dr. Natalia de Miguel, Argentina**  
 Laboratorio de Parásitos Anaerobios, Instituto de Investigaciones Biotecnológicas-Instituto Tecnológico Chascomús (IIB-INTECH), CONICET-UNSAM  
*Epigenetics regulates transcription and pathogenesis in the parasite Trichomonas vaginalis*  
[Final Report: de Miguel](#)

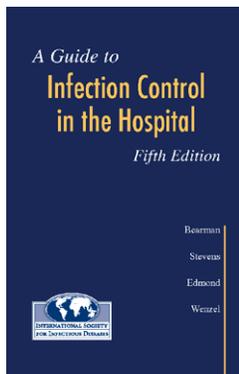
## Amazon Smile Program

### An easy way to donate

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support ISID every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to your favorite charitable organization. Easy!

Use this link to register the "International Society for Infectious Diseases" for your donations: [Smile](#)

## 5th Edition: Guide to Infection Control in the Hospital



### GUIDE Survey

In January, ISID conducted a short survey in of the 8,055 members who had previously downloaded the 5th edition PDF version of the *Guide*. The survey will help inform the ISID Publications Committee on the update and revision of the format, presentation and content of the 6th edition. A redesign will be directed towards an electronic format and inclusion of information on infection control for lower resource settings.

The survey revealed that 4 out of 5 respondents use electronic devices at work and survey respondents had preference for a laptop version of the *Guide* over other formats.

The currently most frequently consulted chapters of the *Guide* are:  
 Chapter 4: *Antibiotic Resistance Challenges*  
 Chapter 3: *Role of the Microbiology Laboratory in Infection Control*  
 Chapter 6: *Hand Hygiene*

If did not get your link to download the *Guide* and you are interested in receiving a PDF copy, you can send an email request to membership@isid.org.

## Inaugural Planetary Health/GeoHealth Annual Meeting

### Annual Meeting - April 29th - 30th

Organized by the Planetary Health Alliance, along with the Rockefeller Foundation, Wellcome Trust, American Geophysical Union, the Ecological Society of America, and The Lancet, this will be a 1.5 day research conference in Boston, MA, USA, bringing together a diverse group of students, investigators, medical practitioners, instructors, policy makers, and other interested individuals who are committed to understanding and communicating the human health impacts of global environmental change. The objective is to showcase the extraordinary momentum that is taking place around the world in the field of planetary health while highlighting institutional developments, emerging investigators, research developments, and applications to policy-making and natural resource management.

Opening remarks: Jonathan Patz, Director of Global Health Institute, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Closing remarks: Gina McCarthy, Former Administrator of Environmental Protection Agency

[Website](#)

## McGill Summer Institute In Infectious Diseases and Global Health

### June 12-23, 2017

McGill University and McGill University Health Centre have exceptionally strong research groups and centres working on TB, HIV, and neglected tropical diseases. These Centres work together each summer to hold several short courses on infectious diseases. McGill Summer Institute courses feature internationally known faculty, a focus on highly applicable new knowledge, and an opportunity to network with fellow global health professionals from around the world.

Topics: TB Research Methods, Global Health Diagnostics, Bioinformatics for Neglected Parasitic Diseases, Advanced TB Diagnostics, Genomic Epidemiology of Infectious Diseases, Qualitative Methods in Global Infectious Diseases Research.

[Website](#)

## Follow us on Facebook, Twitter & LinkedIn

Lots of ways to keep up to date with ISID, the 18th ICID and IMED.



## Calendar and Announcements

ISID maintains a list of upcoming Infectious Diseases meetings worldwide on our website. Please see: [CALENDAR](#)

If you wish to modify your membership status at ISID please contact the Society at [membership@isid.org](mailto:membership@isid.org)

