

## 2016 Report to Members

### Message from the President

Our vision is to live in a world where travellers have access to quality medical care no matter who or where they are. In 2016, your generous support allowed us to extend our reach in two important areas: Our scholarship program and older travellers' health.

Five doctors received IAMAT scholarships to study and train in travel medicine. We launched a new scholarship in the United Kingdom which included clinical observation at a hospital specializing in tropical diseases. We also continued to sponsor scholars to train with travel medicine experts in South Africa and the USA. We are proud of our scholars' commitment to improving care for local patients and travellers in their communities.

We also recognize that travellers over age 60 are a growing segment of the travelling population. In October, we released *The Older Traveller: A guide for the health practitioner* to address the diverse health concerns of older travellers. The guide received a warm reception from health practitioners looking for detailed guidance in this area. In 2017, we will focus on providing more resources for older travellers in addition to our existing services.

Your membership makes it possible for us to keep you informed and gives you the peace of mind to travel confidently. Thank you for being part of the IAMAT family.

Sincerely,

M. Assunta Uffer-Marcolongo

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### Health Network

- We welcomed 17 new clinics and private practice doctors in 14 countries:
  - ▶ Botswana
  - Cameroon
  - ▶ China
  - Greece
  - ▶ Guatemala
  - ▶ Israel
  - ▶ Italy
  - ▶ Malaysia
  - ▶ Nigeria
  - Portugal
  - South Africa
  - United Arab Emirates
  - Vietnam
  - ▶ Zimbabwe

## Travel Health Information

- Interactive city-level climate charts and air pollution information were added to the Country Health Advice online database.
- Popular blog post topics:
  - ▶ Travelling with medications
  - Chikungunya and Zika viruses
  - ▶ How to assemble a travel first aid kit
  - Travel vaccines on a budget
  - How to choose a good mosquito net

## **Scholarships**

- IAMAT Stella & George Bryant Travel Medicine Scholarship:
  - Awarded to Weedgina St Vil (Cap-Haïtien, Haiti) and Manuel Villalobos (San José, Costa Rica) for clinical observation and training at the Hospital for Tropical Diseases and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in London, United Kingdom.
- IAMAT Violet Williams Travel Medicine Scholarship:
  - Awarded to Ahmad Mosad Ibraheem (Mansoura, Egypt) for training with the South African Society of Travel Medicine in Johannesburg, South Africa.
- IAMAT China Travel Medicine Scholarship:
  - Awarded to Meng Jing (Chengdu, China) and Liu Chunfang (Shenzhen, China) for training at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, USA.



## The Older Traveller

The Older Traveller – A guide for the health professional provides advice on health issues encountered by older travellers and practical information on how to counsel older persons for travel. IAMAT edited and published the guide in collaboration with the South African Society of Travel Medicine and the South African Geriatrics Society.

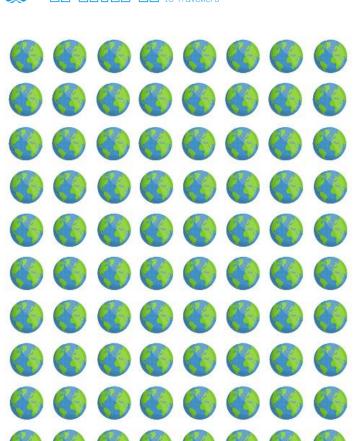
# Conferences and Meetings

- The Executive Director attended the Asia-Pacific Travel Health Conference in Kathmandu, Nepal and the South African Society of Travel Medicine Congress in Port Elizabeth, South Africa.
- The President attended the Annual Meeting of the American Society for Tropical Medicine & Hygiene in Atlanta, USA.
  - ► The Vincenzo Marcolongo Memorial Lecture sponsored by IAMAT featured Suneth Agampodi of Sri Lanka on the topic "Leptospirosis in the Tropics: The Diagnostic Challenge."

### Outreach

- 20% increase in media mentions over previous year, including:
  - ▶ The New York Times
  - Washington Post
  - ▶ Travel + Leisure
  - **▶ CBC News**
  - Consumer Reports
- We had an exhibit at Go Global Expo in Toronto, Canada in September and at a physicians' education event in the Region of Peel, Ontario, Canada.





## Where Does My Donation Go?

IAMAT programs and operations for the year ending on December 31, 2016.

### **Programs + Projects = 85%**

#### Travel Health Information

- Up-to-date travel health information including immunizations, disease risks, and food and water safety precautions for all countries.
- Research, data collection, and producing whitepapers, charts, and tipsheets.
- Public education projects focusing on healthy travel, including prevention of injuries and the spread of infectious diseases by travellers.

#### Health Network

 Expanding our listings of qualified English-speaking doctors to more cities and countries, including increasing access to mental health practitioners.

#### Travel Medicine Scholarships

 Awarding travel medicine scholarships to doctors and nurses from countries where travel medicine is an emerging specialty.

### **Donor Development = 3%**

 Promotion and outreach. IAMAT does not employ the services of third-party fundraisers.

#### Administration = 12%

Management and general operating costs.