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NEWS OF THE MONTH - OCTOBER 2025



Thank you for joining ECTMIH 2025!

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all participants, speakers, and partners who contributed to making the ECTMIH 2025 Congress such an inspiring and engaging event. Your active participation and enthusiasm made this gathering a true success. To help us improve future events, we kindly invite you to take a few minutes to complete our post-congress evaluation. Your feedback is highly valuable to us!

[Evaluation](#)

TOPICS

ECTMIH 2025

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Editors Choice

The Effectiveness of Dengue Vector Control: A Meta-Review

Global Career and Funding Opportunities

Wide range of international grants, fellowships, awards, and career calls

Upcoming Events

Stay informed about conferences, workshops, and global health meetings

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BBC Inside Science: What's the evidence for vaccines?



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The Effectiveness of Dengue Vector Control: A Meta-Review

Low et al. 2025

KEY POINTS

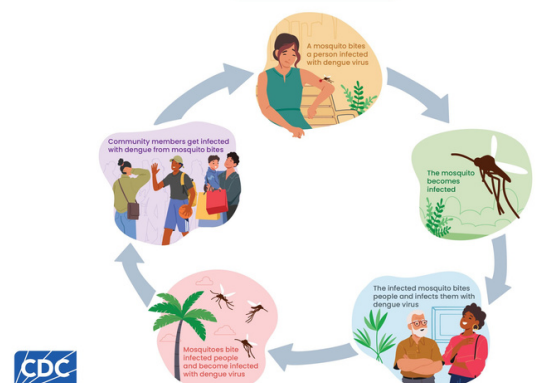
- **Scope & methods:** Overview of 15 systematic reviews (search: 2 May 2024); narrative synthesis limited to 3 reviews that included RCTs/cRCTs only; outcomes covered BI, HI, CI, PPI and dengue incidence/serology; quality appraised with AMSTAR-2 and study overlap assessed via Corrected Covered Area (CCA).
- **Main signals:** Community mobilisation and insecticide-treated materials (curtains/screens) were reported as weakly effective on entomological indices; effects on clinical outcomes remain unestablished, and non-overlapping primary trials across reviews may affect consistency.
- **Other interventions:** Reviews of environmental methods showed weak larval effects; findings were constrained by methodological limitations in one included review (low AMSTAR-2 score). Larvicides and other tools were variably effective on indices, with scarce disease-endpoint data.
- **Overlap & heterogeneity:** Considerable primary-study overlap (CCA up to ~48%) and inconsistent intervention groupings across reviews complicate synthesis.
- **Conclusion:** Insufficient evidence to recommend a single dengue vector-control method; authors encourage urgent trials of novel approaches, while noting that current local programmes may still have a role.

Low et al. present an overview of dengue vector-control evidence by collating 15 systematic reviews and focusing their narrative on three that synthesised RCTs/cRCTs. Across these, community mobilisation and insecticide-treated materials improved entomological indices, but epidemiological impacts were not demonstrated. Environmental and other interventions showed mixed, generally modest effects on vector indices, with sparse measurement of human disease outcomes. Quality appraisal (AMSTAR-2) and high primary-study overlap (CCA) highlight limitations for confident synthesis. The authors conclude that no single method can be recommended at present and call for rigorous trials of new approaches; existing local vector-control activities may continue pending stronger evidence.

[Read this Paper](#)

Dengue Virus Transmission Cycle

cdc.gov/dengue



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TWAS-SISSA-Lincei Research Cooperation Visits (Italy)

Three-month research visits in Trieste/Udine for young scientists from Least Developed Countries (LDCs) to pursue SDG-relevant projects/training.

Key Details:

- **Deadline:** 17 Nov 2025 (extended)
- **Eligibility:** ≤40 years (by 31 Dec), MSc+; national & employed in an LDC; not already in Italy; women encouraged
- **Duration & Hosts:** 3 months at SISSA, ICGB, OGS, Univ. Trieste/Udine, IOM-CNR, Area Science Park, Elettra, INFN
- **Fields:** Physics/Neuroscience/Math; human viral diseases & computational biology; oceanography/geophysics/blue economy; AI/HPC; synchrotron & structural biology (see call)
- **Support:** International travel + monthly subsistence via UNESCO-TWAS
- **How to apply:** Email signed application form + passport, CV, SDG statement, degree, publications list, host invitation letter (3-month slot agreed), and two signed referee letters to [this E-Mail](#)

Note: Fellowships are for South-South exchanges only (no placements in China under this programme). Applications must be submitted via the TWAS online portal.

[Apply here](#)

Harvard Global Health Institute – LEAD Fellowship 2026/27 (Fully Funded)

Leadership fellowship (virtual + 6-week residency in Boston) designed to promote women's leadership in global health; open to leaders from LMICs.

Key Details

- **Deadline:** 30 Nov 2025
- **Timeline:** Sep 1, 2026 – Aug 31, 2027; light virtual engagement in fall + in-residence 6 weeks (Apr 2027, Boston, MA)
- **Eligibility:** Master's degree+; ≥10 years full-time professional experience in global health; employer support + a champion/mentor; able to take leave for April residency; J-1 visa eligible; no full-time fellowship ≥4 months in the prior 2 years
- **Funding:** Flights, visa fees, housing covered; living stipend during weeks in residence
- **Application (online):** CV, Letter of Intent (≤1.5 pages), 4 short essays (career plan, project plan, mentoring plan, programme impact), Letter of Institutional Commitment, Letter of Mentor Commitment, 2 additional references

Note: Applicants self-nominate; all genders welcome, with a program focus on advancing women's leadership.



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G-WAC (KNUST, Ghana) – PhD Scholarships (DAAD-funded)



Fully funded PhD training at the German-West African Centre for Global Health & Pandemic Prevention (G-WAC), KNUST, Kumasi.

Key Details

- **Deadline:** 31 Oct 2025
- **Eligibility:** Master's degree (MSc/MPhil/MPH or equivalent) in Public Health, Veterinary, Medical, Natural or Social Sciences; applicants from any West African country; English proficiency required. Female applicants strongly encouraged.
- **Tracks:** Bacteriology & Parasitology · Epidemiology/Modelling/Data Science · Global Digital Health · Health Systems/Policy/Economics · Virology & Diagnostics · Zoonoses/Community Engagement/Social Science
- **Support:** DAAD (German Federal Foreign Office) – covers travel, accommodation, and some research costs.
- **Apply:** Submit to both the G-WAC Scholarship Portal and the KNUST School of Graduate Studies portal. (Applications not submitted to KNUST Graduate School won't be considered.)
- **Process:** Shortlisting → interview (after deadline) → results ~2 weeks post-interview.

Contact: E-Mail / +233 3221 92173 (Mon-Fri, 08:00-17:00)

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SAHRI Fellowship (ITM Antwerp) – 2026-2029

Three-year, fully funded track to develop mid-career sSA researchers into leaders in infectious-disease research & biomedical innovation.

Key Details

- **Deadline:** 1 Feb 2026
- **Eligibility:** Nationals of sub-Saharan Africa; Master's-equivalent; mid-career clinical/biomedical researchers; interest aligned with EDCTP priorities; institutional leave/support required. Women strongly encouraged.
- **Structure:**
 - **Year 1 (Academic):** MSc in Tropical Medicine at ITM Antwerp (60 ECTS) + Systems Thinking in Biotech Development (KU Leuven ATM).
 - **Year 2 (Placements):** 6-month internship at BioNTech (Mainz) + hands-on research with EACCR centres (ET/KE/RW/TZ/UG) or IRSS-CRUN (BF).
 - **Year 3 (Return-home):** Implement a research project in home country; opportunity to pursue a PhD.
- **Cohort size:** 12 fellows
- **Funding covers:** Tuition & internship costs, accommodation, living stipend, research expenses, international travel, health insurance
- **Apply:** First apply to ITM's MSc in Tropical Medicine - SAHRI track
- **Contact:** E-Mail

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India Reimagined Fellowship

India Reimagined Fellowship – Call for Nominations (2026)

Fully funded 3-year fellowship to relocate exceptional talent to Indian host institutions to build sustainable “impact engines” in biomedical science & public health.

Key Details

- Total grant: USD 300,000 per fellow (3 × USD 100k tranches) paid to the host institution
- Who: Indian-origin and international researchers/entrepreneurs/clinicians willing to relocate to India for ≥3 years (full-time); institutional nomination only (no self-applications); host must be FCRA-approved/exempt
- Places: Up to 3 fellowships; max 1 application per institution
- Uses of funds: Fellow salary, lab & staff costs, equipment, project travel, approved expenses
- Disbursement:
 - Year 1 (USD 100k): upon award, MoU, dedicated project account; project start
 - Year 2 (USD 100k): requires Annual Progress Report + Utilization Certificate + mid-term expert review
 - Year 3 (USD 100k): after satisfactory second-year review; focuses on scale-up (clinical validation / implementation / commercialization as relevant)
- Reporting: Annual progress + UC; Final report (outcomes, sustainability plan) + final audited accounts
- How to apply (institution-led): Identify candidate → secure host commitment → compile nomination package (CV, ≥2 references, letter of nomination & institutional commitment, summary of contributions, 10-page proposal, proof of qualifications/publications/patents/prior funding) → host submits by email
- Timeline: Deadline 31 Jan 2026; rolling review; decision ~12 weeks post-submission; first tranche within ~6 weeks after acceptance & MoU
- Submit/Queries:

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NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

INDIA REIMAGINED FELLOWSHIP

Inviting Global Talent To Build Biomedical Research Excellence In India

GRANT
USD 300,000 (approx. INR 2.5 Cr) per fellow

ELIGIBILITY
Open to **scientists, clinicians, entrepreneurs, and innovators** (Indian origin or global) willing to **relocate to India** and work **full time** during the fellowship

NOMINATION
Only **FCRA approved/ exempt** Indian institutions can nominate candidates (individual applications are not accepted)

Email For Queries:
india.reimagined@blockchainforimpact.nl

Application Deadline:
January 31, 2026

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The poster features a background image of the Gateway of India and a statue of Mahatma Gandhi. The BFI logo is in the top right corner.



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OUTBREAK READY / GRIPP Call 1 (LMICs)

Up to €2M to strengthen clinical trial site readiness in LMICs between outbreaks – building a more resilient, equitable research ecosystem. Delivered with EDCTP.

Focus (pick ≥1 GAP-CTS action)

- Innovation: adaptive/decentralized designs, core outcome sets, digital tools (ICT, wearables, AI), interoperable data systems, capacity-building.
- Ethics & Regulatory: national frameworks aligned to intl. standards, reliance/joint reviews, REC capacity, single-window/parallel pathways (use WHO benchmarking tools).
- Collaboration: “always-on” trial networks, harmonized endpoints/protocols, shared data platforms, government engagement.

Key Details

- Grant value: €100k–€500k (up to 100% eligible costs) · Duration: up to 24 months
- Call budget: up to €2M · Open: 4 Sep 2025 · Deadline: 14 Nov 2025 (23:59) · ID: GRIPP2025
- Process: Single-stage via EDCTPgrants (register to apply) · Results by: 15 Feb 2026

Who can apply (consortium 2–4 orgs)

- ≥1 org currently funded by a GloPID-R member to run a phase I–III trial on (re-)emerging epidemic diseases (proof: award letter + WHO-compliant registry).
- ≥1 LMIC organization.
- For Action 6 proposals: include a national regulator and/or ethics committee in the LMIC.
- Primary benefit must strengthen the LMIC clinical-trial ecosystem (not just one trial).

Funder specifics (align where possible)

- France (ANRS-MIE): include a French organization.
- UK (DHSC/NIHR) & Gates Foundation: no extra requirements.
- South Korea (NRF/KRIBB): Korean researcher/organization required.
- South Africa (SAMRC): South African researcher/organization required.

Impact expected

Strengthen LMIC sites to lead & implement high-quality trials during future outbreaks; advance innovation, ethics/regulatory, and collaboration system-wide.

Apply / Learn more

Submit via EDCTPgrants (call text, form template, FAQs available). [E-Mail](#)

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Call for Papers – Parasitology Special Issue: African Parasitology

Window: 1 Sep 2025 – 1 Mar 2026 · Journal: Parasitology (Cambridge University Press)

Aim

Showcase the depth, diversity, and global relevance of parasitology research conducted across Africa—spanning medical, veterinary, wildlife, and aquatic systems, from fundamentals to applied control.

Scope (examples)

- Host-parasite interactions in African contexts
- Vector biology & ecology; parasite biodiversity/systematics
- Zoonoses & One Health; wildlife/conservation & livestock/veterinary parasitology
- Aquatic/fish parasitology; diagnostics, surveillance & control strategies
- Molecular biology, genomics/proteomics of African parasites
- Climate change & environmental drivers of parasite distribution
- Capacity-building and collaborative research in African parasitology



Guest Editors

Prof. Nico J. Smit (North-West University, South Africa)
with support from Prof. Russell Stothard (Editor-in-Chief) & Prof. John Ellis (Editor—Special Issues)

How to submit

Use the journal's "Submit your article" portal; select the Special Issue "African Parasitology."

Contributions are welcome from African researchers and international collaborators working on African parasites.

Deadline: 1 March 2026

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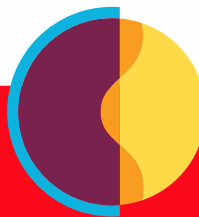
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Second World Summit for Social Development



**SECOND
WORLD SUMMIT
FOR SOCIAL
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DOHA 2025**

4-6 November 2025, Doha, Qatar

Thirty years after Copenhagen 1995, governments reconvene to reaffirm the Copenhagen Declaration's 10 Commitments, assess gaps, and accelerate progress on the 2030 Agenda.

Main Objectives:

- Reaffirm 10 Commitments; align with 2030 Agenda.
- Advance poverty eradication, full employment, social inclusion.
- Strengthen global partnerships and inclusive policies; broaden collaboration across UN, civil society, academia, and private sector.

[More Information](#)



International Conference on Family Planning (ICFP 2025)

1-6 November 2025, Bogotá, Colombia

Highlights:

- Pre-conferences, side events, and site visits from 1 November
- Main conference programme 3-6 November
- Strong focus on youth, equity, universal health coverage, and global collaboration

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ASTMH Annual Meeting 2025 – Toronto, Canada

- Dates: 9-13 Nov 2025 • Venue: Metro Toronto Convention Centre (Toronto, ON) – first ASTMH meeting held outside the U.S
- Premier global forum for tropical medicine & global health; plenaries, symposia, posters, networking.
- Logistics: Registration and visa invitation letters via ASTMH; meeting app and housing info available on the site; pre-meeting courses offered.

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Global Health Norway Conference 2025 – “Together for Global Health” (Bergen)

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REGISTRATION CLOSED – deadline passed (1 Oct 2025, 16:00).
No further registrations can be accepted.

Dates & times: 5-6 November 2025 · Day 1 starts 08:00, Day 2 ends 15:00

Venue: University of Bergen, Nygårdsgaten 5 (city centre)

Host: Centre for International Health (UiB) on behalf of the Global Health Norway network

Fees: No registration fee · Conference dinner (5 Nov): NOK 450

Abstracts: Call closed 11 Apr 2025 (decisions sent)

Part I – Keynotes & themes

- North-South partnerships (equity, decolonial perspectives) – Keynote: Carmeliza Rosario (CIH, UiB)
- Climate & health (incl. heat-induced kidney disease) – Keynotes: Carl-Gustaf Elinder (Karolinska/KI) & Helge Drange (Geophysical Institute, UiB)
- Future global health challenges (GBD updates; priority-setting) – Keynotes: Simon Øverland (CIH, UiB), Kjell Arne Johansson (BCEPS, UiB), Stein Emil Vollset (IGS, UiB)
- Artificial intelligence in global health – Keynote: Pinar Heggernes (UiB)

Part II – Grand Opening: Norwegian Research School in Global Health for Sustainable Futures

Opened by Mari Sundli Tveit, Chief Executive, Research Council of Norway.

Part III – Scientific sessions

Oral/poster presentations from accepted abstracts.

Audience: Researchers, clinicians, and students working in or with Norwegian institutions on global health.

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BETTER HEALTH FOR ALL IN A CHANGING WORLD

29 September–2 October 2025



Thank you, ECTMIH 2025

ECTMIH was a joy! Energising keynotes, sharp debates, and those corridor moments that spark real collaboration. Our heartfelt thanks to the organising committee, track leads, chairs, speakers, volunteers, and partners: the immense effort behind the scenes showed in every detail and more than paid off. It's a privilege to work in such a vibrant field where science, practice, and policy pull together to make a difference.

We leave inspired, better connected, and excited for what's next.



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BBC Inside Science: What's the evidence for vaccines?

SUMMARY

BBC Inside Science: "What's the evidence for vaccines?" (4 Sep 2025 · ~28 min)

Host Marnie Chesterton speaks with Prof. Anne Willis (MRC Toxicology Unit, Univ. of Cambridge) to unpack the evidence on vaccine safety and effectiveness, in light of reports about cuts to US mRNA-vaccine funding. The episode also tours the UK's new Isambard-AI supercomputer and how it's being used for biomedical research.



Key takeaways:

- The show examines and explains the evidence base for vaccines (including mRNA), with Willis outlining efficacy against severe disease and the strong safety monitoring behind current platforms. In other words, the editorial thrust is pro-vaccination because it reflects mainstream scientific consensus.
- Segment highlights include clarifying common misconceptions (e.g., mRNA vaccines don't alter DNA; viral mutation rates aren't driven by vaccination) and why funding decisions matter for preparedness.

[Listen to Podcast](#)





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CLOSING NOTE

News of the Month – October

As the autumn months begin, we're still buoyed by the success of ECTMIH 2025—a heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed, presented, volunteered, and engaged. Your work made the meeting truly memorable.

We're delighted to continue supporting FESTMIH with the monthly News of the Month. We welcome your community contributions—events, funding calls, publications, and updates—and look forward to showcasing the breadth of activity across our network.

SHARE YOUR EVENTS & FEEDBACK

Do you have an upcoming event from within your institution, society, or network that you would like to see featured in the News of the Month?

We invite our cooperation partners to share relevant announcements with the FESTMIH Secretariat. Submissions received before the 10th of each month will be considered for inclusion in the following edition.

We also value your thoughts on the NOTM. You can provide feedback anytime by simply scanning the QR code included in this newsletter.

Your contributions and ideas help us keep the NOTM a vibrant and useful resource for the FESTMIH community.



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