

Note from the President

Jack Ross, MD, FACP, FIDSA, FSHEA

Members of the Connecticut Infectious Disease Society, and colleagues in the infectious diseases and public health community in Connecticut. Today, I provide an update of our Society's member activities as your departing President for 2020-2021, and I encourage you to attend our 38th Annual Conference on October 28th.



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PLEASE NOTE:

**The 38th Annual
Conference of the
Connecticut Infectious
Disease Society**
Thursday, October 28, 2021

The last twenty months, challenging times for the citizens of the State of Connecticut, the United States and the World, have been exhausting and at times, terrifying for you. Your practice demands, as infectious disease providers and public health practitioners in the time of COVID-19, exploded early in 2020 and have not abated to this day. You are on the forefront of the pandemic delivering direct patient care: formulating and implementing constantly changing care and institutional policies, collaborating and serving on State committees and supporting State infection control and vaccine programs, giving freely of your time to educate the citizens and healthcare providers of our state via the media and educational programs, seeking to refute the widespread misinformation and science denial during this current pandemic, and grieving silently. Infectious disease providers, infectious disease pharmacists and our State public health colleagues are the keystones to the COVID-19 responses of the Connecticut healthcare systems. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Despite this "once-in-a-century" pandemic, ongoing roles of our Society include mentoring and recruiting the brightest students, residents, and fellows to our specialty. One upside of the current pandemic is a renewed interest in infectious diseases and public health, and acknowledgement of the value we provide. We will have 9 abstracts from young investigators at our virtual 38th Annual Meeting on October 28th. The virtual poster hall and oral presentations of selected posters will be a first for us. Poster topics, among others, include adenoviral infections in normal hosts, neonatal sepsis in CT, the value of data mining and practice alerts for hepatitis C and HIV, HIV initiatives in Africa, the increasing candidemia threat in our facilities, and syndromic surveillance in CT. Thank you to all working with medical students, residents, fellows, and public health personnel fostering submissions in your nonexistent free time.

Once again, thank you to several people for their service to our Society and to Connecticut this past 20 months. Denise Tyrrell, our Administrative Director from the Connecticut State Medical Society, works tirelessly for your Society and is the force behind the annual conference. Mike Simms helped secure a new CME provider, Trinity Health. Sabina Zawadzka, Infectious Diseases Fellow at UConn Health, has graduated and will be replaced on the Board by a Yale Infectious Diseases Fellow. Your President-elect David Banach is one of the many members volunteering hundreds of hours providing guidance to the press during this pandemic- a thankless task. Past President Lydia Aoun-Barakat has fostered widespread HIV education during the pandemic via NEATC at Yale. I successfully testified at the legislature to remove religious/personal exemptions to vaccination, one of the very few physicians and an enlightening experience. Several members served on the three subcommittees of the State COVID-19 Vaccine Committee; Margaret Fikrig and Marjie Golden advocated for the Federal extension of telehealth. Our State Liaison Matt Cartter and his team including Rich Melchreit, Lynn Sosa, Meghan Mahoney, and Vivian Leung provided extraordinary support, guidance, policies, and weekly information sessions that have benefited schools, dialysis centers, nursing homes, hospitals, and many of you personally. Kevin Dieckhaus, along with Kimberly Hackett and Denise, were instrumental in developing and implementing our successful June mini conference, a model for future mini conferences by the Society.

Your Society depends on your dues and fees from the annual conference as well as the sponsors of that meeting. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic precluded our in-person meetings during May 2020 and May 2021 which has severely diminished our financial stability. The annual conferences encourage networking, provide important local public health updates, impart state of the art reviews of therapeutics, and offer thought provoking keynotes of global importance. Please attend the conference, interact with our sponsors, and collect 5 CME credits (including State required credits)!

Our 38th annual CIDS conference will take place VIRTUALLY on Thursday October 28th. It will be modeled on a successful two-hour virtual "Everything COVID-19" conference we offered in June with almost 50 participants. The Keynote speaker is Dr. James Shepard addressing "One Health- Climate Change and Infectious Diseases". Based on your input and feedback, other topics will be "What is Hot in HIV Treatment and Prevention" injectables and new oral agents for PrEP; "Antimicrobials- New Drugs and New Strategies" new antimicrobials and oral strategies for the big beasts; a new "Poster Presentations" as an oral session; and in a two-hour afternoon session COVID-19 variants, epidemiology, treatment, vaccines, and pediatrics "Once- in- a- Century Pandemic- COVID-19". Please use the virtual breakout rooms to interact with the poster presenters and especially the exhibitors, as we depend on their support to provide these important meetings for you. I look forward to seeing you all via Zoom!

If you have material or pictures about cutting edge programs, outreach efforts, or global endeavors that you would like to share with the CIDS membership or Connecticut ID community, please contact CIDS@csms.org or forward directly to Dr. Margaret Fikrig at Margaret.fikrig@yale.edu Lastly, please encourage students, residents, and colleagues to join CIDS.

Sincerely,

Jack Ross

CIDS President, 2019-2021

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Our Executive Board embraces Infectious Diseases specialists from around the state and represents a wide range of expertise.

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38th Annual Conference – Connecticut Infectious Disease Society

Virtual Conference – Thursday, October 28, 2021

Dr. Jack Ross and Dr. David Banach designed this course addressing knowledge and performance gaps of Connecticut Infectious Disease Society (CIDS) members, infectious disease clinicians, medical students, pharmacists, and infection control practitioners. Updates will be provided on climate change and infectious diseases, HIV therapeutics and pre-exposure prophylaxis, novel antimicrobial agents and treatment strategies, and COVID-19 epidemiology, genomics, therapeutics, and prevention strategies.

COURSE DIRECTORS

Jack W. Ross, MD
CIDS President; Associate Professor of Medicine, UConn School of Medicine

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

James Shepherd, MD, PhD
Associate Professor of Internal Medicine, Infectious Diseases, Yale School of Medicine

SPEAKERS

Henry Anyimadu, MD
Assistant Professor, UConn School of Medicine; Hartford HealthCare Medical Group

Michael Virata, MD
Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine; Director, HIV Clinical Services, Internal Medicine; Assistant Clinical Professor; Yale School of Medicine

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Associate Dean for Medical Student Affairs, Associate Professor of Pediatrics, University of Connecticut School of Medicine

Onyema Ogbuagu, MBBCh
Associate Professor, Department of Internal Medicine, Section of Infectious Diseases, AIDS Program, Clinician Educator Track

AGENDA

7:00 am Conference Open – Poster Viewing and Visit with Exhibitors

8:00 am Welcome / Introduction

8:15 am **Keynote Lecture – One Health: Climate Change & Infectious Diseases**
James Shepherd, MD

9:15 am **What is Hot in HIV Treatment and Prevention**
Moderator: Lisa Chirch, MD
Speakers: Henry Anyimadu, MD; Michael Virata, MD

10:15 am **Break with Exhibitors and Poster Viewing**

10:30 am **Antimicrobials - New Drugs and New Strategies**
Moderator: Marjorie Golden, MD
Speakers: Asha Shah, MD; Casey Dempsey, PharmD

11:30 am **CT Infectious Disease Society Update**
Jack W. Ross, MD, President

12:00 pm **Poster Presentations, Poster Viewing and Visit with Exhibitors**

1:30 pm **Once-in-a-Century Pandemic – COVID-19 (Part 1)**
Moderator: David Banach, MD
Speakers: Nathan Grubaugh, PhD; Onyema Ogbuagu, MBBCh; Matthew Davis, PharmD; Melissa Held, MD

2:20 pm **Break with Exhibitors**

2:40 pm **Once-in-a-Century Pandemic – COVID-19 (Part 2)**

3:30 pm **Poster Award Winners**


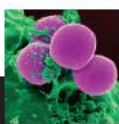
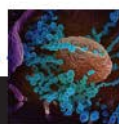

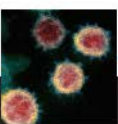
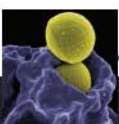
4:00 pm **Closing Remarks**

Register online at ctidsociety.org

CIDS Members (who have paid 2021 dues).....	\$40.00
Physicians.....	\$125.00
Nurses, PAs, Allied Health Professionals.....	\$25.00
CT State DPH Employees	Complimentary, registration required
Residents/Fellows/Students	

All cancellations must be received in writing (or via email) at least one week prior to the start of the conference to receive a refund. Any request for refunds received after this date of by telephone will not be honored.

If you have any questions, please contact CIDS at cids@csms.org or (203) 865-0587 ext 111.



Become a Member of CIDS

We encourage you to become a member of CIDS. Being a member will provide you several advantages, including but not limited to: voting privileges, continuing medical education and state and federal advocacy. Our ability to host the annual conference relies on your generous support through your annual membership fee, so please join or renew soon.

CIDS Membership Fee \$75

Please do not hesitate to contact us for feedback, questions, or comments at cids@csms.org – we like to hear from you.

Sincerely,

Margaret Fikrig, MD
CIDS Newsletter Editor

Jack Ross, MD
CIDS President

Our Mission

CIDS is a local state organization that represents physicians, scientists, and other health care professionals in the discipline of Infectious Disease. The CIDS mission is to enhance the care of the CT community, promote knowledge and clinical expertise, advocate for scientific sound human public policy, and advance collaboration with other services and professional colleagues.