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FRIDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2026

08:00 – 08:30	REGISTRATION & COFFEE/ TEA			
08:45 – 09:00	OPENING SESSION TROPICAL MEDICINE Conference Welcome & Acknowledgement to Country • Dr Steve Muhi, <i>The University of Melbourne, Victoria, Chair, SCTMC Scientific Program Committee</i> • Prof Richard Franklin, <i>James Cook University, Queensland & ACTM President</i>			
09:00 – 10:30	PLENARY: GLOBAL THREATS TO GLOBAL CONNECTIONS Chairs: Dr Steve Muhi , <i>The University of Melbourne, Victoria</i> & A/Prof Luis Furuya Kanamori , <i>The University of Queensland, Queensland</i>			
09:00 – 09:30	2026 Les Ashdown Oration Zoonoses: An unwanted connection Prof Lucille Blumberg , <i>University of Pretoria, South Africa.</i>			
09:30 – 10:00	Climate change: a global threat to traveller and planetary health Prof Richard Franklin , <i>James Cook University, Queensland</i>			
10:00 – 10:30	Buzz off! The global expansion of vector-borne diseases A/Prof Cameron Webb , <i>The University of Sydney, New South Wales</i>			
10:30 – 11:00	MORNING TEA & POSTER VIEWING			
11:00 – 12:30	SYMPOSIUM 1: 'ONE HEALTH' FROM A PARASITE'S PERSPECTIVE Chairs: Prof Darren Gray , <i>QIMR Berghofer, Queensland</i> & Prof Lucille Blumberg , <i>University of Pretoria, South Africa</i>	10:45-12:15	WORKSHOP 1: TRAVEL CLINICS: COMMON PROBLEMS WITH PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS Facilitator: Caroline Nash RN , <i>Co-chair, Committee for Travel Health Nurses of Australia and New Zealand</i>	WORKSHOP 2: DESIGNING SURVEILLANCE TO SUPPORT NTD ELIMINATION Facilitator: Dr Helen Mayfield , <i>The University of Queensland, Queensland</i> & Dr Harriet Lawford , <i>The University of Queensland, Queensland</i>
11:00 – 11:30	Anton Breinl Memorial Lecture A 'One Health' case study of fascioliasis A/Prof Miguel Cabada , <i>University of Texas Medical Branch, United States of America</i>	11:00-11:30	Speakers: Tonia Buzzolini , Registered Nurse Danielle Peel , Nurse Practitioner Lisa Scotland , Registered Nurse Catherine Keil , Nurse Practitioner	Disease elimination is often considered the destination for many neglected tropical disease (NTD) programs, but effective surveillance is crucial to map out how to get, and stay, there. Using lymphatic filariasis in the Pacific as a case study, this interactive session will explore surveillance challenges at different points in the elimination journey, from identifying the last remaining infections to designing sustainable post-elimination surveillance systems. Through practical scenarios and discussion, participants will explore how combining data from human and mosquito surveys with novel sampling designs and new technologies can support countries to achieve their long-term elimination goals.
11:30 – 12:00	Schistosomiasis in our region: Epidemiology update and control Prof Darren Gray , <i>QIMRB Berghofer, Queensland</i>	11:30-12:00	This interactive workshop explores common challenges encountered in travel clinic practice, with a focus on practical approaches to managing diverse traveller populations. Emphasis is placed on clinical decision-making, risk prioritisation and effective communication in real-world settings.	
12:00 – 12:30	Is <i>Strongyloides stercoralis</i> a One Health problem? A/Prof Richard Bradbury , <i>James Cook University, Queensland</i>	12:00-12:30		

12:30 – 13:30	LUNCH & POSTER VIEWING	POSTER TOUR 1: Topic TBC 12:45-13:30		
13:30 – 15:00	SYMPOSIUM 2: MALARIA ADVANCES....AND SETBACKS Chairs: Prof Joon Sup Yeom, Yonsei University College of Medicine, South Korea & Dr Josh Hanson, Menzies School of Research, Northern Territory	13:15-14:45	WORKSHOP 3: TRAVEL MEDICINE IN THE AGE OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND AMR Facilitator: Dr Andrea Farnham, University of Zurich, Switzerland	WORKSHOP 4: SNAKEBITE ENVENOMING and MARINE INJURIES Facilitator: Prof Julian White, Women & Children’s Hospital, South Australia
13:30 – 14:00	Epidemiology update: global changes in the malaria landscape Prof Lucille Blumberg, University of Pretoria, South Africa			
14:00 – 14:30	Antimalarial resistance: A threat to control A/Prof Bridget Barber, QIMR Berghofer, Queensland			
14:30 – 15:00	Malaria prevention: What’s practical? Is prophylaxis the priority? Dr Jenny Visser, University of Otago, New Zealand			
15:00 – 15:30	AFTERNOON TEA & POSTER VIEWING			
15:30 – 17:00	PANEL 1: DENGUE VACCINE ROLLOUT ACROSS OUR REGION A panel discussion with the Asia Pacific Travel Health Society Chair: Prof Priscilla Rupali, Christian Medical College, Vellore, India Panel Moderators: Dr Jenny Visser, University of Otago, New Zealand & Dr John Byron, Mornington Health Centre, New Zealand To Note: These talks will be pre-recorded and the speakers will join the panel discussion LIVE. This will be conducted through Zoom.	15:30 – 17:00	WORKSHOP 5: TROPICAL PUBLIC HEALTH Centre for Tropical Health and Emerging Diseases Public Health Facilitator: Prof Darren Gray, QIMR Berghofer, Queensland	
15:30 – 15:45	Dengue vaccine science: something old, something new. Prof Neelika Malavige, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka			
15:45 – 16:00	Dengue vaccine rollout in endemic countries – lessons learned. Prof Lulu Bravo, University of the Philippines		Further information coming soon.	
16:00 – 16:15	Dengue vaccine rollout among travellers – an Israeli perspective. Prof Eyal Leshem, Sheba Medical Center, Israel			
16:15-16:30	Can global guidelines of dengue vaccines guide local application? Dr Sarah McGuinness, Monash University, Victoria			
16:30 – 17:00	Panel Discussion			
17:00 – 18:00	CLOSING SESSION Chair: Dr Steve Muhi, University of Melbourne, Victoria			
17:00 – 17:30	2026 Prof Peter Leggat AM Oration The role of military medicine in promoting travel health. Prof Dennis Shanks, The University of Queensland, Brisbane			
17:30 – 18:00	Meet the Sponsors			
18:00 – 19:30	Welcome Drinks and Canapes (all delegates welcome)			

SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2026

08:00 – 08:50	REGISTRATION & COFFEE/ TEA			
08:50 – 09:00	OPENING SESSION TRAVEL MEDICINE Opening by Dean of FFTM: Dr Steve Muhi (on behalf of Dr Jenny Sisson)			
09:00 – 10:30	PANEL 2: THE ROLE OF COMMUNITY PHARMACISTS IN TRAVEL HEALTH Chairs: Ms Kay Knight, Queensland Health, Queensland & Dr Sarah Chu, The Butterfly Clinic, Queensland	09:00 –10:30	WORKSHOP 6: MILITARY MEDICINE Facilitator: Prof Dennis Shanks, ADF Malaria and Infectious Disease Institute, Queensland	FREE COMMUNICATIONS 1: STUDENT RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM – Global & planetary Health: surveillance and prevention Chair: A/Prof Luis Furuya Kanamori, University of Queensland, Queensland & Dr Beatris M. Martin, University of Queensland, Queensland
09:00 – 09:20	Pharmacist pre-travel risk assessment in practice: <i>Where have we come from and where are we now?</i> Assoc Prof Ian Heslop, University of Newcastle, New South Wales		Speakers: Dr Leonard Brennan, Department of Foreign Affairs, Australian Government. Dr Rebecca Suhr, ADF Malaria and infectious Disease Institute, Queensland	Meet the editor: Prof John Frean, Editor-in-Chief, Tropical Medicine and Infectious Disease Journal, South Africa
09:20 –09:30	What are the ' <i>pros and cons</i> ' of expanding pharmacists' scope to travel medicine? Dr Bhuvan KC, Queensland University of Technology, Queensland			Sustainable travel medicine: A "Planetary Health" approach to international travel, Georgia Suttie
09:30 – 09:45	How does policy actually inform practice? Mr Chris Campbell, General Manager Policy and Programs, Pharmaceutical Society of Australia.		Military members often fall into the category of high-risk travellers going to exotic destinations and living under field conditions which increases their exposure to infectious diseases. Dr Leonard Brennan is currently with the Department of Foreign Affairs and will discuss his experience immunizing official Australians particularly as it applies to dengue viruses. Dr Rebecca Suhr is a medical officer at the Australian Defence Force Malaria and Infectious Disease Institute and will discuss recent experience with infectious diseases in deployed soldiers with an emphasis on scrub typhus. Prof G. Dennis Shanks will take an historical approach to pandemics and discuss sentinel events of public health importance.	Climate-driven transmission suitability for chikungunya and dengue by Aedes albopictus in Mauritius, Mohabeer Teeluck
09:45 – 10:05	How can we improve communication, overcome hesitancy and boost vaccine uptake in travel health practice? Ms Anna Theophilos, Inaugural Vaccination Ambassador, Pharmaceutical Society of Australia <i>Presentation supported by Sanofi</i>			Multi-pathogen serosurveillance of vaccine-preventable and neglected tropical diseases to identify priority populations for targeted public health action in Samoa, Selina Ward
10:05 – 10:30	Panel discussion: Can we work together to improve traveller health?			Acceptability and feasibility of the school-based soil-transmitted helminth preventive chemotherapy program in urban slums and tea gardens in Northeastern Bangladesh, Mandira Mukitmoni Lessons for Immunisation Policy and Practice from the Deadly Measles Resurgence in Bangladesh, Md Masudul Haque
10:30 – 11:00	MORNING TEA & POSTER VIEWING			

11:00 – 12:30	DESTINATION: PAPUA NEW GUINEA Chairs: Dr Steve Muhi, <i>The University of Melbourne, Victoria & TBC</i>	11:00 – 12:30	WORKSHOP 7: PUBLIC HEALTH & OUTBREAK RESPONSES Facilitator: Dr Nicolas Smoll, <i>Sunshine Coast Public Health Unit, Queensland</i>	FREE COMMUNICATIONS 2 NTD elimination: filariasis, onchocerciasis & trachoma-surveillance & diagnostics
11:00 – 11:30	Understanding the role of surveillance to estimate risk for travellers and local populations in Papua New Guinea. Dr Mikaela Seymour, <i>National Department of Health, Papua New Guinea and University of Newcastle, New South Wales</i>			The use of antifilarial antibodies to guide lymphatic filariasis post-validation surveillance in the Dominican Republic, Beatris Mario Martin
				Epidemiological investigation of lymphatic filariasis antibody-positive cases detected through post-validation surveillance in Niue, a lymphatic filariasis elimination setting, Adam Craig
11:30 – 12:00	The Kokoda Trail traveller Dr Sean Rothwell, <i>Queensland Health, Queensland</i>			Comparison of the Abbott SD Bioline Ov16 and novel Onchocerciasis Test Plus rapid diagnostic tests for onchocerciasis seroprevalence assessment in Angola, Claudia Chiovoloni
				Beyond validation: what's next for trachoma control in Australia?, Alison Jaworski
12:00 – 12:30	Multidrug resistant bacterial infection: The invisible threat on our doorstep Dr Joyce Lawrence, <i>Port Moresby General Hospital, Papua New Guinea</i>		Innovations and emerging technologies in outbreak response Dr Nicholas Smoll, <i>Sunshine Coast Public Health Unit</i>	Using serology to inform trachoma control: integrated surveillance findings from the Solomon Islands, Carleigh Cowling
				Epidemiological assessment of ongoing transmission and recrudescence of onchocerciasis in post- MDA settings of Kaduna State, Nigeria, Lumen Martins
12:30 – 13:30	LUNCH & POSTER VIEWING	POSTER TOUR 2: Topic TBC 12:45-13:30		
13:30 – 15:00	PANEL 3: AFRICAN SAFARI Chair: Prof John Frean & Dr James Knox	13:30 – 15:00	WORKSHOP 8: DIVING MEDICINE Facilitator: Dr Catherine Meehan, <i>General Practitioner, Cairns</i>	FREE COMMUNICATIONS 3 Tropical parasitology
13:30 – 13:50	Practical advice to prevent travel-related illness Prof Lucille Blumberg, <i>University of Pretoria, South Africa</i>		Dr John Lippman OAM. <i>Chairman and CEO of the Australasian Diving Safety Foundation (ADSF)</i>	Better Options for Lymphatic Filariasis Treatment for Fiji, Paisley Suggett
13:50 – 14:10	Febriell returned travellers from Africa – zebras or horses? Dr Steve Muhi, <i>The University of Melbourne, Victoria</i>		He will speak about the most common causes of diving fatalities in Australia	Development of an accurate CRISPR/Cas13 diagnostic system for <i>Wuchereria bancrofti</i> Baseline parasitological survey findings and initial MDA coverage from the EKAIO cluster-randomised trial of moxidectin

14:10 – 14:30				versus ivermectin in Angola, Hong You
	Vaccines in context: Why are many <i>routine, recommended, required</i> ? Dr Sarah McGuinness , <i>Monash University, Victoria</i>		Dr Ken Thistlethwaite GP Anaesthetist and until recently the Co-Director of the Diving and Hyperbaric Medicine Service at the Royal Brisbane and Women’s Hospital. He will discuss the pathophysiology of decompression illness and the use of the hyperbaric chamber in treating diving accidents.	Baseline parasitological survey findings and initial MDA coverage from the EKAIO cluster-randomised trial of moxidectin versus ivermectin in Angola, Marta Palmeirim Epidemiology of soil-transmitted helminth infections in urban slum and tea garden communities in Northeastern Bangladesh, Mandira Mukutmoni
14:30 – 15:00	Panel discussion: <i>What are the biggest threats to travellers on safari?</i>		Dr Catherine Meehan Cathy is a GP in Cairns with a special interest in Diving Medicine. She is also on the executive committee of South Pacific Underwater Medicine Society (SPUMS) She will coordinate the workshop and discuss what is required when doing a fitness to scuba dive assessment. She will discuss the current standards for diving medicals available in Australia at present and the role of the South Pacific Underwater Medicine Society's (SPUMS) in setting these.	Genomic surveillance of Plasmodium falciparum in Papua New Guinea identifies emerging artemisinin resistance and highlights gaps in Australian monitoring, Kirsty McCann
			Panel Question and Answers These presentations will be followed by a panel discussion to provide ample opportunities for Q and A.	Barriers to Post-Validation Surveillance for Lymphatic Filariasis: Insights from a Nominal Group Technique and Expert Elicitation conducted with the Pacific Islands Focal Points, Adam Craig
15:00 – 15:30	AFTERNOON TEA & POSTER VIEWING			
15:30 – 17:00	CASE STUDIES: SPECIAL TRAVELLER POPULATIONS Chair: Dr Sarah McGuinness , <i>Monash University, Victoria</i>	15:30 – 17:00	WORKSHOP 8: CASE STUDIES IN MELIOIDOSIS Facilitator: Dr Ella Meumann , <i>Menzies School of Health Research, Darwin</i>	FREE COMMUNICATIONS 4 Emerging, vector-borne & zoonotic diseases
15:30 – 16:00	The pregnant traveller Dr Sarah Chu , <i>The Butterfly Clinic, Queensland</i>		Melioidosis is caused by the soil bacterium <i>Burkholderia pseudomallei</i> , and is an important cause of sepsis. Most cases occur in northern Australia and in Asia, however the geographic boundaries are expanding due to improved laboratory detection, increasing rates of diabetes, environmental disturbance and climate change. This workshop will cover	Emergence of Melioidosis in Fiji: Case series and molecular characteristics of locally acquired infections, Yogeshni Chandra Human-to-human transmission of SFTS: rare but clinically significant risk across care settings, Xinyu Wang
16:00 – 16:30	Patients on novel biological therapies Prof Paul Griffin , <i>Mater Health Services, Queensland</i>			Proposed Diagnostic Testing and Clinical Management Protocol for Chagas Disease in Australia, Georgie

			environmental, clinical and public health aspects of melioidosis, from soil to sepsis – and beyond. The planned line-up is –	Paxton Interventional modelling of Regional TB in Ethiopia, Alec Henderson Seroprevalence of neglected tropical diseases, arboviruses, vaccine-preventable diseases, and enteric protozoa from a national multi-pathogen serosurvey in Niue, Harriet Lawford Snake envenomation and acute kidney injury: a systematic review and meta-analysis, Ibrahim Anyass
16:30 – 17:00	STIs in the returned traveller Dr Ken Koh , <i>General Practitioner, Queensland</i>		• Melioidosis 101 – Dr Josh Hanson • Diagnosis of melioidosis: how not to miss the great mimicker – Dr Ella Meumann • Treating melioidosis: trials and tribulations – Dr Simon Smith • Public health investigation & response – Dr Jacqueline Murdoch • Where the <i>Burk</i> lurks: <i>B. pseudomallei</i> in the environment – Dr Jeff Warner	
17:00 – 18:00	CLOSING SESSION			
17:00 – 17:30	TOP 10 papers in travel medicine Prof Colleen Lau , <i>The University of Queensland, Queensland</i>			
17:30 – 18:00	ACTM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (ACTM Members, In person and Zoom)			
From 19:00	NETWORKING DINNER FOR EARLY CAREER RESEARCHERS AND STUDENTS – Riverbar & Kitchen 			

08:30 – 09:00 REGISTRATION & COFFEE/ TEA

09:00 – 10:30	PANEL 4: NAVIGATING STUDENT AND VOLUNTEER TRAVELLER HEALTH Chairs: Prof Richard Franklin, <i>James Cook University, Queensland</i>	WORKSHOP 10: DESTINATION PERU Facilitator: A/Prof Luis Furaya Kanamori, <i>University of Queensland, Queensland</i>	FREE COMMUNICATIONS 5 Travel medicine, traveller health & surveillance
09:00 – 09:05	Session Introduction	High altitude travel to Peru A/Prof Miguel Cabada, <i>University of Texas Medical Branch, United States of America</i>	Initial Findings from South Korea's First Nationwide Travel Clinic Network: Imported Infections and Preventability Among Returning Travelers, Hong Sang Oh
09:05 – 09:25	2026 Robert Steffen Oration The student & volunteer experience: Risks, realities and misconceptions. Prof Nick Zwar, <i>Bond University, Queensland</i>		The syndromic spectrum of illness among international travellers: a systematic review and meta-analysis, Jiaxin Zhao
09:25 – 09:45	Prepared, protected, informed: accessing safe care overseas. Dr Jenny Visser, <i>University of Otago, New Zealand</i>	Approach to YF vaccination in Peru Dr Sarah McGuinness, <i>Monash University, Victoria</i>	Post-pandemic shifts in pre-travel consultation profiles: a marked rise in VFR travellers at a Swiss travel clinic, 2012–2024, Andrea Farnham
09:45 – 10:05	Safe and grounded: culture shock, mental health and the “saviour” complex Dr Deb Mills, <i>The Travel Doctor, Queensland</i>	A complex traveller to Peru: A case study. Dr Wasin Matsee	Coverage and missed opportunities for routine vaccination in adult travellers: a single-centre observational study, Geetika Malhotra
10:05 – 10:30	Panel discussion: What are the risks of performing outside the ‘scope of practice’ and the organisation’s obligations: screening, mental health support, insurance and debriefing, including the student’s perspective. Joined by students with recent lived experience.		A comprehensive overview of the clinical development program of TAK-003, Walid Kandeil
			Dengue@Home: Evaluation of a Hospital in the Home program for management of adults with dengue fever, Georgina Oakman

10:30 – 11:00 MORNING TEA

11:00 – 12:30 **The “WISEwords” Talks**
Chair: Prof Marc Shaw, WORLDWISE Geographic Medicine, Auckland, New Zealand

11:00 – 11:15 The older traveller
Prof Marc Shaw, WORLDWISE Geographic Medicine, Auckland, New Zealand

11:15 – 11:30 Opioids without borders: pharmaceutical challenges for travellers with pain.
Dr Bhuvan KC, Queensland University of Technology, Queensland

11:30 – 12:00 **Rabies Vaccination Update**
Dr Deb Mills, Dr Deb the Travel Doctor, Queensland
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12:00-12:15	Threats to traveller health in South Korea: changing epidemiology and emerging infectious diseases Prof Joon Sup Yeom , <i>Yonsei University College of Medicine, Seoul, South Korea</i>
12:15 – 12:25	Mortality in travellers to South America: Lessons to guide pre-travel advice. A/Prof Miguel Cabada , <i>University of Texas Medical Branch, United States of America</i>
12:25 – 12:35	LATE BREAKER: Hantavirus pulmonary syndrome outbreak response in returned travellers: South Africa, 2026. Prof Lucille Blumberg , <i>University of Pretoria, South Africa</i>
12:35 – 12:45	LATE BREAKER: Nipah virus: A re-emerging threat to traveller health Prof Priscilla Rupali , <i>Christian Medical College, Vellore, Tamil Nadu, India</i>
12:45 – 13:05	Travel and Tropical Medicine Quiz Hosts: Dr Steve Muhi , <i>University of Melbourne, Victoria</i>
13:05 – 13:15	Prizes for students and ECRs Dr Steve Muhi , <i>University of Melbourne, Victoria, Chair of Scientific Program Committee</i> Prof Julian White , <i>Women's and Children's Hospital, South Australia, ACTM President</i>
13:20	CLOSING REMARKS Dr Steve Muhi , <i>The University of Melbourne, Chair, SCTMC Scientific Program Committee</i> Prof Julian White , <i>Women's and Children's Hospital, South Australia and ACTM President</i>

Please Note: This is a draft program as speakers are confirmed it will be updated. Updated 10 July 2026

Poster Presentations

Poster display: All posters will be displayed during the whole conference.

	Tour leaders	Date and time	Meet at
1	TBC	Fri, 12:45-1:30pm	
2	TBC	Sat, 12:45-1:30pm	

Poster tours: Some posters have been selected for poster tours, which will be led by an international expert in the field. At each poster, there will be a 3-minute presentation followed by a 5-minute discussion. All welcome.

The Australasian College of Tropical Medicine's, Research Committee will judge the Poster Presentations with winners to be announced on Sunday.

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Common Problems with Practical Solutions



Snakebite
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Travel Medicine in the Age of Climate Change and AMR



Designing surveillance to support NTD elimination



Tropical Public Health



Military Medicine



Public Health and Outbreak Responses



Diving Medicine



Melioidosis: From Soil to Sepsis



Destination: Peru

Category	Poster ID	Presenter	Title	Poster Tour #
Climate and Environment Determinants of Health	CE1	Jin Cao	Anthropogenic environment and the burden of infectious gastrointestinal diseases in preschool children in Pacific Island Countries, Territories and States: A narrative review	
Climate and Environment Determinants of Health	CE2	Teanibuaka Tabunga	Climate-sensitive maternal and child health outcomes: A scoping review and policy implications for Kiribati	
Climate and Environment Determinants of Health	CE3	Dancun Muchira	Application of Digital Sequence Information in Climate-Resilient Food Systems for Improved Human Health Outcomes	
Disease Surveillance, Epidemiology and Control	DS1	Sakarn Charoensakulchai	Ten years post-validation of lymphatic filariasis in Thailand: A scoping review of surveillance, case reports, and current status	
Disease Surveillance, Epidemiology and Control	DS2	Patricia Graves	Evaluation of the Wuchereria bancrofti Tandem DNA Repeat Real-Time PCR for the Detection of Lymphatic Filariasis in Blood Samples, Samoa, 2023	
Disease Surveillance, Epidemiology and Control	DS3	Ezzara Dela Cruz	The role of passive surveillance in assessing trends, evaluating impact, and guiding scabies control in Vanuatu	
Disease Surveillance, Epidemiology and Control	DS4	Manasvin Onwan	Factors associated with in-hospital mortality among patients with covid-19, respiratory syncytial virus, and seasonal influenza in the post-covid-19 pandemic era: a cross-sectional study	
Disease Surveillance, Epidemiology and Control	DS5	Arun Abayasingam	SARS-CoV-2 surveillance in Vanuatu at the onset of the pandemic and following introduction of prevention measures	
Disease Surveillance, Epidemiology and Control	DS6	Pedro Trigo	Under-use of Structured Diagnostic Coding in Primary Care: A 13-Year Experience at Family Medical Practice in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam	
Disease Surveillance, Epidemiology and Control	DS7	Katherine Gass	Elevating public health decisions with target survey profiles	
Disease Surveillance, Epidemiology and Control	DS8	Nima Kianfar	Methods for measuring spatial accessibility to healthcare for infectious diseases: A scoping review	
Disease Surveillance, Epidemiology and Control	DS9	Fan Yu	National epidemiology and spatial-temporal patterns of rotavirus infection in Australia's vaccine era: A retrospective analysis of national notifiable data, 2010–2024	
Disease Surveillance, Epidemiology and Control	DS10	Minh Ngoc Nguyen	Integrating evidence for vector interventions of dengue and lymphatic filariasis in Samoa	
Disease Surveillance, Epidemiology and Control	DS11	Kim Dianne Ligue	Predicting suitable areas for African swine fever transmission in the Philippines	
Emerging, Vector-borne, and Zoonotic Diseases	EV1	Rebecca Wardell	Re-emergence of respiratory diphtheria in Central Australia: An early case series and discussion of complexities in case management	
Emerging, Vector-borne, and Zoonotic Diseases	EV2	Waqas Ahmad	The influence of TLR7 deficiency on central nervous system pathology and TLR8 expression in Japanese Encephalitis Virus (JEV) infection	

Emerging, Vector-borne, and Zoonotic Diseases	EV3	Kazi Rahman	Japanese Encephalitis in Northern New South Wales of Australia: rapid exploratory research on medical practitioners' perceptions and practices	
Emerging, Vector-borne, and Zoonotic Diseases	EV4	Carolyn Stephanie Dinjer	Fatal Dengue in Travellers from Non-Endemic Countries: A Targeted Review of Reported Deaths (1995–2025)	
Emerging, Vector-borne, and Zoonotic Diseases	EV5	Sohail Fazal Amin	Japanese Encephalitis Emerging Public Health and Travel Risks in Australia	
Health Systems, Interdisciplinary Practice, and Non-Communicable Diseases	HS1	Hannah Evans	Telemedicine in Antarctica - Reaching the Unreachable	
Health Systems, Interdisciplinary Practice, and Non-Communicable Diseases	HS2	Indah Amelia	Health System Readiness for Implementing Serological Surveillance Using Residual Blood Samples in Indonesia: A Narrative Review and Gap Analysis	
Travel Medicine and Traveller Health	TM1	James Knox	Tracking Resistant Typhoid in Victorian Travellers	
Travel Medicine and Traveller Health	TM2	Sebastian Vernal	Arboviral Risk at Sports Mass Gatherings: A Scoping Review to Inform 2032 Brisbane Olympics	
Travel Medicine and Traveller Health	TM3	Irene Lai	Country Medical Risk Ratings: a tool to support international traveller preparation	
Travel Medicine and Traveller Health	TM4	Siobhan Carroll	Medical events in insured overseas tourists from Australia before and after COVID-19 travel restrictions; a retrospective observational study of insurance policy data.	
Travel Medicine and Traveller Health	TM5	Xinyu Wang	Rethinking travel risk in China: an itinerary-based framework in the absence of traveler-specific data	
Travel Medicine and Traveller Health	TM6	Scott Kitchener	Tafenoquine for short-term chemoprophylaxis against malaria	
Tropical Medicine and Neglected Tropical Diseases	NTD1	Helen Mayfield	Progression of lymphatic filariasis biomarkers in Samoa one and two years after triple-drug therapy	
Tropical Medicine and Neglected Tropical Diseases	NTD2	Fasil Wagnew	Body mass index trajectories among patients with drug-susceptible and drug-resistant tuberculosis in Northwest Ethiopia	
Tropical Medicine and Neglected Tropical Diseases	NTD3	Emmanuel John Tabilin	Development and field-testing of point-of-care diagnostics for schistosomiasis elimination in the Philippines	
Tropical Medicine and Neglected Tropical Diseases	NTD4	Lumen Martins	High Onchocerca volvulus infectivity and cytotoxic characterisation of Simulium vectors in Bié Province, Angola	
Tropical Medicine and Neglected Tropical Diseases	NTD5	Muhammad Halwani	The “Protected” Child in a Yemeni Cholera Cluster: Behavioral Determinants of Exposure in a Household Outbreak	
Tropical Medicine and Neglected Tropical Diseases	NTD6	Callum Lowe	The association between WASH, play behaviour, and biomarkers of environmental enteric dysfunction with early child development amongst infants in rural Central Java, Indonesia	
Tropical Medicine and Neglected Tropical Diseases	NTD7	Waqas Ahmad	One Health Approach to Pilot a Passive Surveillance System of Dog-Mediated Human Rabies in District Narowal, Pakistan	

Vaccines and Vaccine-Preventable Diseases	VPD1	Holly Whitfield	SCIIP: Strengthening Childhood Immunisation Access	
Vaccines and Vaccine-Preventable Diseases	VPD2	Kamin Seehamongkon	Inequity in Expanded Program on Immunization Coverage and Determinants of Incomplete Immunization among Migrant and Ethnic Children in Thailand (2016-2026): A Systematic Review	
Vaccines and Vaccine-Preventable Diseases	VPD3	Fan Yu	Rotavirus vaccine effectiveness by vaccine type, age-group, and region: systematic review and meta-analysis	
Vaccines and Vaccine-Preventable Diseases	VPD4	Madisen Roser	Vaccine effectiveness of COVID-19 XBB.1.5 and JN.1 variant-adapted vaccines against hospitalisation in older Australians	
Vaccines and Vaccine-Preventable Diseases	VPD5	Eldho Thomas	Pre-Pandemic Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) Case Hospitalisation Rates in Infants Aged ≤ 1 Year: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis	
Vaccines and Vaccine-Preventable Diseases	VPD6	Chika Zumuk	Combating Schistosomiasis japonica using mRNA transmission-blocking vaccines	