

APMEN Surveillance & Response Working Group Annual Meeting 2021

Chairs' Profiles



Dr Rattanaxay Phetsouvanh

Director General, Department of Communicable Diseases Control, Lao PDR; Chair of APMEN Surveillance & Response Working Group

In addition to his current appointments, Dr Rattanaxay is also a visiting lecturer at the University of Health Science and Institute of French Speaking for Public Health and Tropical Medicine in Vientiane. He is the Vice-Chair of the RAI Regional Steering Committee, as well as the Co-Chair of EOC for Communicable Disease surveillance, and Head secretariat for malaria elimination in Lao PDR.

Dr Rattanaxay graduated from Leipzig University (Faculty of Medicine) in Germany in 1987 and obtained a Doctor of Medicine (Major in Clinical Parasitology) from the same university in 1990. He holds a Master of Science in Tropical Medicine from Mahidol University, Thailand in 1994.



Dr Abdul Majeed

Advisor Malaria (Policy & Strategy), Project Management Unit, Directorate of Malaria Control, Pakistan

Dr Majeed is working as Advisor Malaria (Policy & Strategy) with the Directorate of Malaria Control (DOMC) M/O of National Health Services Regulation and Coordination (NHSR&C), Government of Pakistan. He is a medical graduate with a Master's Degree in Public Health with more than 15 years of experience in the field of public health and 7-year experience in the field of malaria control.



Dr Sovannaroth Siv

Chief of Technical Bureau; Malaria Program Manager of the National Center for Parasitology, Entomology & Malaria Control, Cambodia

Dr Siv has been managing malaria, dengue and helminth program as Chief of Technical Bureau of CNM and Malaria Program Manager. He is also PIP manager for malaria GFATM grant and WHO Potential Member of the Guideline Development Group for Malaria Elimination Strategies.

He graduated on Medical Assistance from University of Health Science, Cambodia, and Master of Science on Biology and Control of Parasites and Diseases Vectors from Liverpool School for Tropical Medicine, United Kingdom as well as Diploma in Applied Parasitology and Entomology (DAP&E) from Institute for Malaria Research, Malaysia.



Dr Luciano Tuseo

Mekong Malaria Elimination Coordinator, WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific, Philippines and WHO Cambodia

Dr. Tuseo is a medical doctor and holds two Master's degrees in health service management and business administration.

He has been working at the WHO for nearly 20 years. Currently based in Cambodia, Dr. Tuseo leads the MME program which is an initiative to support malaria elimination across the six countries of the Greater Mekong subregion: Cambodia, China (Yunnan Province), the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Myanmar, Thailand, and Viet Nam.

Speakers' Profiles



Amita Chebbi

Senior Director, APLMA and APMEN

Amita has over 20 years of experience in the public and private sectors, across strategy, partnerships and business development. Her global health experience spans disease areas of HIV, TB and nutrition, working on country programs, access to medicines and resource mobilization. Through previous roles at The Power of Nutrition and Clinton Health Access Initiative, Amita was responsible for evaluating new opportunities, setting up partnerships, fundraising and managing country operations. She is also experienced in decision-making for investments and grants, having led the South Asia office of the Children's Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF) in Delhi. Previously, she worked in the commercial banking and credit rating industry. She is a graduate of the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad.



Prof Richard Maude

Head of the Epidemiology Department at MORU; Co-Chair of APMEN Surveillance & Response Working Group

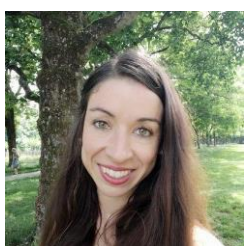
Prof Maude is Head of the Epidemiology Department at Mahidol-Oxford Tropical Medicine Research Unit, Bangkok, Thailand and Associate Professor in Tropical Medicine at the University of Oxford, UK, Honorary Consultant Physician at the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford and a Visiting Scientist at Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health, Harvard University, Boston, USA. He has worked at Mahidol-Oxford Tropical Medicine Research Unit since 2007 where he leads a portfolio of epidemiological research on malaria, dengue and COVID-19.



Dr Laura Fay Anderson

Technical Officer, Global Malaria Programme, WHO

Dr Laura's background includes her work as a TB Epidemiologist at the WHO and membership of the steering committee for Global Task Force on TB Impact Measurement until 2019, and have also worked as a Senior Scientist at Public Health England. She holds a PhD in Malaria, Molecular biology, Vaccine research, Bioinformatics and Generics from the University of Edinburgh, and two MSc degrees in public health research and trypanosomiasis research.



Dr Lucía Fernández Montoya

Technical Officer, Vector Control and Insecticide Resistance, Global Malaria Programme, WHO

Dr Lucia is currently responsible for monitoring the global status of insecticide resistance in malaria vectors, improving guidelines for conducting vector surveillance and of developing and supporting implementation of digital tools to help countries collect and use entomological and vector control intervention data for decision making. Lucia was previously at the WHO Climate Change and Health unit supporting countries to adapt infectious disease control programs to the impacts of climate change on disease transmission. Prior to that, she was coordinating the surveillance of vectors and monitoring of vector control interventions during a Malaria elimination pilot project implemented in southern Mozambique.



Mwalenga Nghipumbwa

Technical Officer, Global Malaria Programme, WHO

Ms Mwalenga has worked in Monitoring & Evaluation/ Surveillance with the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare in Namibia. She is currently the WHO focal person coordinating the collaboration with the Clinton Health Access Initiative to connect developers working with the WHO to develop Digital Solutions for Malaria Elimination (DSME) tools.



Rebecca Potter

Technical Lead, Global Health Content, University of Oslo

Rebecca Potter is the Team Lead for Global Health Content at the University of Oslo. She coordinates the development of DHIS2-based products and tools to support the dissemination of WHO health information systems standards and guidance to countries at scale. Prior to joining UiO, she specialized in standing up national and regional disease surveillance systems for malaria elimination in Southeast Asia as Senior Technical Advisor for Surveillance & Monitoring at PSI. She also supported the establishment of a Public Health Emergency Operations Center at the MOH in Lao PDR. She holds an MPH from the University of South Florida.



Dr Prasad Ranaweera

Acting Director, Anti Malaria Campaign, Sri Lanka

Dr Prasad is a medical doctor with MSc in Community Medicine, MSc (GIS), MD (Community Medicine) and Consultant Community Physician. He has been working as the Director of the Anti-Malaria Campaign of the Ministry of Health in Sri Lanka since 2019. He is a Post-Doctoral Fellow at Monash University in Australia. His expertise lies in GIS mapping and health system development for malaria surveillance for prevention of re-establishment of Malaria in Sri Lanka. He was instrumental in developing cost revision strategies involving anti-malaria drugs distribution in Sri Lanka which led to a 75% reduction in the annual drugs cost.



Dr Pengby Ngor

Data Manager & GIS Specialist in the Epidemiology and Mathematical and Economic Modelling Departments, Cambodia

Pengby has worked in database management and mapping in Cambodia and he has consulted for the Mekong River Commission, the Fisheries Administration of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Cambodia, the Malaria Consortium, and World Health Organization. He is the team leader for developing Malaria Information System (MIS) for the Cambodian Malaria National Center and worked to develop and introduce mHealth App to health centers and village malaria workers. He earned his Bachelor's degree in Information Technology from the Build Bright University, Cambodia, and is pursuing a Postgraduate fellowship in Informatics for Integrated Malaria Elimination Strategy in Cambodia from MORU.



Dr Arantxa Roca-Feltrer

Head of Surveillance, Monitoring and Evaluation, Malaria Consortium

Dr Arantxa Roca-Feltrer is a malaria epidemiologist with MSc and PhD from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM). She did her postdoctoral fellowship at the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine. She has over 20 years' experience in Africa and Asia on malaria control elimination countries. She has supported malaria programmes by providing strategic technical input, technical oversight and quality assurance. She supported malaria elimination efforts in the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS), as well as M&E and impact evaluation components of large programmes. Her current position is Head of Surveillance, Monitoring and Evaluation at Malaria Consortium. She has previously supported the WHO as a member of the SME technical experts' group and is currently a member of the MPAG. She was until recently a co-chair of the RBM-MERG.



Ann-Sophie Stratil

Epidemiologist, M&E focal (Asia), Malaria Consortium

Ann-Sophie Stratil, M. Sc. Epidemiology, is a public health professional with expertise in epidemiology, data analysis, and monitoring and evaluation systems. She has a background in research and health technology assessments and has worked for the malaria unit of the WHO Regional Office for South-East Asia. At Malaria Consortium, she supports projects on all monitoring and evaluation related aspects from design to evaluation. She is currently the Malaria Consortium M&E focal point for Asia, and in this role supports the country program on surveillance, and M&E strategies for malaria in an elimination context.



Massaya Sirimatayanant

Program Coordinator, APMEN Surveillance & Response Working Group

Massaya is a young professional trained in public policy research, with a strong interest in the analysis of economic development policies. Recently she has delved into the public health sector after joining the Mahidol-Oxford Tropical Medicine Research Unit, but her professional portfolio also includes over three years of coordinating and supporting programme activities at national and inter-governmental organizations. Massaya received a Master's in Public Administration, specializing in economics and governance, from Leiden University in the Netherlands.