### **RSTMH Annual Meeting 2025**



### **Draft Programme**

## Day 1 - Thursday 25 October:

Time Item (BST)

08:30	Registration and morning	refreshments
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09:00 **Welcome – Tamar Ghosh,** Chief Executive Officer, Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (RSTMH)

O9:15 Session 1: Keynote talks - Introducing AI in Global Health, concepts, applications, challenges and opportunities

Chaired by Tamar Ghosh, CEO, RSTMH

- Professor Rifat Atun, Professor of Global Health Systems, Harvard University (Recording)
- Professor Sanjay Kinra, Professor in Clinical Epidemiology, LSHTM

## 10:20 Morning break

### 10:50 **Session 2**

Chair: **Professor Margaret Gyapong**, Professor of Applied Health Social Science and Global Health and Joint President, RSTMH

# **Abstract presentations**

### Adaptive early warning systems for malaria outbreaks amid climate change

• **Michele Nguyen**, Assistant Professor, Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine and School of Physical & Mathematical Sciences, Singapore

Impact of SMS-based interventions on contraceptive uptake and family planning utilization in Sub-Saharan Africa: A systematic review and meta-analysis

 Victor Femi-Lawa, Medical Student and Global Health Researcher, University of Ibadan, Nigeria

### **Panel: Ethics and Regulations**

- Rohit Malpani, Consultant on AI in health, AMR, and access to medicines, WHO
- Carleigh Krubiner, Bioethics Lead, Wellcome Trust
- Sian White, Director of Programmes, ELHRA
- Dr Peiling Yap, Chief Scientist, HealthAl

## 12:20 Lunch

### 13:00 Career drop-in sessions

#### 13:50

#### Session 3

Chair: **Sarah Rafferty**, International Stakeholder Engagement Lead, UK Office for National Statistics and RSTMH Vice President

## Panel: Impact of AI on universities and research groups

- Professor Liam Smeeth, Director of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) and Professor of Clinical Epidemiology
- Professor John O. Gyapong, Secretary General, African Research Universities Alliance (ARUA)
- Professor George M. Varghese, Professor and Head of Department of Infectious Diseases, CMC Vellore
- Dr Buddha Basnyat, Chairman of the Oxford University Clinical Research Unit in Nepal
- Professor Olaoluwa Pheabian Akinwale, Director of NTD Research/Deputy Director-General, Nigerian Institute for Medical Sciences

#### 15:00 Afternoon break

15:30 **Session 4** 

## Panel - The use of Al in research and development for Global Health

- **Dr Gita Khalili Moghaddam,** Principal Investigator, Department of Clinical Neurosciences, University of Cambridge.
- Dr William Wasswa, Biomedical Engineer and Senior Lecturer, Mbarara University
- Dr Craig Tipple, Medical Director, DNDi.
- Danielle Belgrave, Vice President of Al and Machine Learning, GSK
- 16:30 Medals and Awards Ceremony
- 17:00 Annual General Meeting for RSTMH members and Fellows only

Reception starts for non-members and Fellows

18:00 Networking and drinks reception (all)

#### Day 2 – 26 September:

Time Item

(BST)

## 08:30 Registration and morning refreshments

09:00 Welcome

Tamar Ghosh, CEO, RSTMH

09:10 **Session 1** 

Chair: **Professor Chris Parry**, Senior Clinical Lecturer at the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine

#### Announcement on the RSTMH Special Collection on AI in Global Health

- Professor Nick Day, Editor-in Chief, Transactions
- Rohit Malpani, Consultant on AI in health, AMR, and access to medicines, WHO
- Thomas Pinfield, Managing Editor, RSTMH

#### Impact of AI on Scientific Publishing

Julia McDonnell, Director of Journal Product, Oxford University Press

### **Abstract presentations**

- Halimat Olanivan
- Dr Ida Viktoria Kolte

#### 10:35 Morning break – refreshments and networking

#### 10:30 **Session 2**

Chair: **Professor Kathryn Maitland**, Professor of Paediatric Tropical Infectious Diseases at the Faculty of Medicine and Director of the ICARE Centre at the Global Centre of Health Innovation, Imperial College, London

- Panel: Implications of AI for healthcare delivery
- Olufemi O. Adewole, Professor/Consultant Physician and Pulmonologist, Obafemi Awolowo University
- Louise Thwaites, Associate Professor, clinical researcher and member of the Emerging Infections group at OUCRU and Associate Professor in the Centre for Tropical Medicine and Global Health at the University of Oxford
- Jen Perkins, Programme Manager, MSF AI Accelerator
- Professor Sanjay Kinra, Professor in Clinical Epidemiology, LSHTM
- 12:00 Short talk: How Al and Big Data can Improve Epidemiology

Luca Ferretti, Researcher, Oxford Big Data Institute

- 12:30 Lunch poster presentations, mentoring & career advice
- 13:00 Career drop-in sessions
- 14:00 **Session 3**

**Short talk: TBC** 

Short talk: Case Studies of Al being used in prevention and treatment programmes across the world

- Louise Thwaites, Associate Professor, clinical researcher and member of the Emerging Infections group at OUCRU and Associate Professor in the Centre for Tropical Medicine and Global Health at the University of Oxford
- Dr Charles Cleland, Ophthalmologist and clinical research fellow, International Centre for Eye Health, LSHTM
- Dr Bhargavi Rao, Strategic Lead for Research, Médecins Sans Frontières and Associate Professor in Humanitarian Health, LSHTM

#### 15:45 Afternoon break – refreshments and networking

16:15 **Session 4** 

Panel: RSTMH's role in Al for Global Health and its priorities

17:00 Close