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Global One Health effects of Low-Level Radiation on human health

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PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

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It is estimated that 60% of recently emerging human diseases, including HIV-1 and pandemic influenza, originate from animals [1–4]. The increasing pressures of zoonoses, which are infectious diseases of animals that can be naturally transmitted to humans, have their roots in many causes. MacCready has estimated that since the dawn of human agriculture, the terrestrial vertebrate biomass has shifted from humans and their domesticated species accounting for ~0.1% 10,000 years ago to 98% today [5].

These approximations demonstrate the exponential growth of opportunities for pathogens to spread with increasing ease from the animals upon which we depend to us. Besides growth of human and animal populations, many other factors drive zoonoses. These include habitat destruction and the resultant increased contact between humans and wildlife; bushmeat consumption, which was linked to HIV-1 infections in humans [2], and climate change, which influences the geographic range of many disease vectors. Range expansion into areas heavily populated by humans and human encroachment into the habitats of animal reservoirs also increase the risk of human infection [6]. The global economy has enabled the rapid spread of people, animals, plants, and agricultural products across the world. This mobility has contributed to more frequent outbreaks of zoonotic diseases and infections of naive populations [7]. To address these diverse challenges, innovative ways of thinking about health from an integrated perspective that countenances human, animal, and environmental factors must be developed.

Since ancient times, our understanding of human medicine has been informed by the study of animals. In fact, until the early 20th century, the studies of human and animal medicine were closely intertwined [8]. However, with the drive for specialization that accompanied the Industrial Revolution, linkages between the practice of human and animal medicine decreased. Veterinary and human medicine became distinct disciplines with separate training, compliance, funding, and professional societies, and interactions between professionals with training in these disciplines declined. Recently, there has been a renewed interest in re-bridging these now disparate fields, as well as incorporating the environmental sciences, under the heading of “One Health,” which is defined as a cross-disciplinary initiative to consider diverse data and interdependencies in managing human, animal, and environmental well-being [9,10]. Several features of this definition of One Health are notable. The definition is broad and encompasses both conceptual and operational aspects. Conceptually, the definition demands that analyses conducted under the auspices of the “One Health” moniker include a consideration of environmental factors. Operationally, One Health encompasses a worldwide strategy for expanding interdisciplinary collaboration and communication in germane aspects of human, animal, and environmental health.

The Institute for Global Health (IGH)
Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine

The Institute for Global Health (IGH)-previously known as the Institute for International Health (IIH)- was established at Michigan State University (MSU) in January 1987 to marshal university resources for addressing global health issues by:

- Promoting faculty and student research in international health, through scholarly activities such as seminars, conferences, workshops, forums, summer non-international health endeavors of faculty and students;
- Serving as a focal, coordinating point at MSU for visiting international health scientists and students;
- Securing external funding for collaborative international health projects between MSU and institutions in overseas countries;
- Serving as a center for information gathering, exchange and dissemination on world health problems.

IGH first funded projects (1987-1992)

- Prevention and treatment of cardiovascular diseases in Bulgaria
- Molecular methodology for vaccine development against Schistosomiasis in Egypt
- Workshop on Tropical Diseases
- Training in Medical Informatics in Sub-Saharan African Countries
- Environmental Sciences in Japan
- Kellogg International Fellowship Program in Health, (29 fellows in 18 countries)
- Medical Trainer College Course Japan

The hallmark of these initial IGH projects was the multidisciplinary approach; typically, no less than four colleges and seven faculty from these colleges were involved in each project. Multidisciplinary research on global health issues and effective outreach to communities abroad and in Michigan were central to the mission of the IGH.

Currently, IGH supports 12 health-related study abroad programs globally. Students, faculty and researchers from MSU’s health care colleges (COM, CHM, CON, CVM, CSS) participate in these programs, as well as seven other participating Colleges at the University.

IGH has funded research projects in ten countries on four continents.
IGH hosts faculty and students from many countries to deliver continuing health education seminars. Students and faculty from Egypt, South Korea, China, Peru, Japan, Dominican Republic, Cuba, Guatemala and other countries are frequent enrollees in these courses.

There is a global need to educate the next generation of faculty and researchers utilizing the One Health discipline that incorporates human, animal, ecology and environmental factors in addressing the world’s health. In 2020, IGH accepted the first students in the Master of Science in Global Health (MSGH). The One Health discipline is integrated into all of the courses in the MSGH.

With the concept of preparing the institute to be a center for information and promote attention to world health problems at MSU, the Education and Research consortium of the Americas (ERCA), was established in 2019. Six institutions from Latin America and South America, whom IGH has been partnering with for the past decade, joined this consortium in a collaborative effort to develop global education, research and capacity building. The results of the annual research conference were the establishment of four online Virtual Institutes for continuing to partner in education and research. Research partners decided upon the four Virtual Institutes: Psychosocial Determinants of Health, Tropical Medicine/Infectious Diseases, Water Quality/Waste Management and Ecology and Human Well-Being.

IGH continues to flourish as MSU’s focal point for global health by expanding the global footprint on MSU campus, study abroad programs, as well as collaborative partnerships on research and capacity building around the world.

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The Japan Society for the Promotion of Science

The Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS), or Gakushin for short, is an independent administrative institution, established by way of a national law for the purpose of contributing to the advancement of science in all fields of the natural and social sciences and the humanities. JSPS plays a pivotal role in the administration of a wide spectrum of Japan’s scientific and academic programs. While working within the broad framework of government policies established to promote scientific advancement, JSPS carries out its programs in a manner flexible to the needs of the participating scientists.

JSPS was founded in 1932 as a non-profit foundation through an endowment granted by Emperor Showa. JSPS became a quasi-governmental organization in 1967 under the auspices of the Ministry of Education, Science, Sports and Culture (Monbusho), and since 2001 under the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (Monbukagakusho). Over this 70-year period, JSPS has worked continuously to develop and implement a far-reaching array of domestic and international scientific programs. On October 1, 2003, JSPS entered a new phase with its conversion to an independent administrative institution, as which it will strive to optimize the effectiveness and efficiency of its management so as to improve the quality of the services it offers to individual researchers, universities, and research institutes.

JSPS’s operation is supported in large part by annual subsidies from the Japanese Government. Its main functions are:

• To foster young researchers,
• To promote international scientific cooperation,
• To award Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research,
• To support scientific cooperation between the academic community and industry, and
• To collect and distribute information on scientific research activities.

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This are two (2) local options serving East Lansing and Lansing area. We encourage you to make covid-19 test arrangements with any laboratory you would like to comply with the requirements of the airline and the country of residence where you will return.

*Sparrow Laboratories*
Drive-Thru Services (Formerly Sears Auto Center)
3131 E. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, MI 48912
Phone: 517- 364-1000   Website: https://www.sparrow.org/departments-conditions/all-departments/laboratories/covid-19-testing-locations
Hours: DAILY | 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**Pricing:**
- COVID-19 Diagnostic lab test (Nasal Swab): $70 (CPT/HCPCS 87635, U0002, U0003)
- COVID-19 Antibody reference lab test (Blood Draw): $50 (CPT 86769)

**Results:** 48 to 72 hours.

*Lansing Urgent Care Frandor*
505 N. Clippert St
Lansing, MI 48912
Phone: 5179992273  Website: https://www.lansingurgentcare.com/covidtesting

Rapid Antigen Test is designed to detect viral proteins present in the Covid-19 virus WHILE YOU WAIT (10-15 minutes). Walk ins allow.

**Hours:** DAILY | 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
**Pricing:** Medical visit $100 plus $50 for the test. Total $150
**Results:** test result is available in just 10-15 minutes during the medical visit.

**LOCAL TIME**
East Lansing and Lansing observe Eastern Standard Time (EST) and will adjust to Daylight Saving Time on November 07, 2021.

**PASSPORTS**
All foreign visitors to United States must possess a valid passport and check the VISA requirements to enter the United States.

**TAXIS**
There are limited taxi services but Uber and Lyft services work very well through the app. DD’s Downtown Taxi (517) 252-6698; L Town Cab (517) 706-7992.

**TELEPHONE**
The international access code for United States is +1.
SPEAKERS information

**DOUGLAS GAGE, PhD.**

Dr. Gage supports cross-campus, interdisciplinary research initiatives and manages the Internal Grant program in the Office of Research and Innovation. He is the primary coordinator for the MSU Global Impact Initiative, a campus-wide effort to hire more than 100 new faculty in disciplines including STEM and biomedical research. He also represents the Office of Research and Innovation on the oversight committees for other major research initiatives, including the Institute for Quantitative Health Sciences and Engineering (IQ), the Institute for Integrative Toxicology, the Drug Discovery Initiative, the Michigan Translational Research and Commercialization Hub, and the Spectrum Health-MSU Research Alliance.

Gage chairs the University’s Advisory Council for oversight of high-risk international projects, including the USAID-funded GRAIN agricultural development project in Afghanistan. His other responsibilities have included being the academic lead on two major research building projects on campus: the Molecular Plant Sciences Building (2012) and the Interdisciplinary Sciences and Technology Building (2019). Recently, he has been part of the team planning the reactivation of MSU research that was suspended following the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dr. Gage remains a professor in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology where his previous research focused on metabolic engineering of plant biochemical pathways. In 2002, he left MSU to take a position at Pfizer Global Research and Development in Ann Arbor, where he was a Senior Director leading the Discovery and Early Clinical Development biomarker effort. He returned to an administrative role at MSU in the fall of 2007. Gage earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in Biology from Florida State University and his Ph.D. in Botany from the University of Texas, Austin. He completed his post-doctoral training at the MSU-DOE Plant Research Laboratory and at the MSU NIH Mass Spectrometry Research Resource.

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**WILLIAM CUNNINGHAM, DO, MHA**

Dr. William Cunningham is the Associate Dean for Global Health for the College of Osteopathic Medicine and the Director of the Institute for Global Health at Michigan State University. Dr. Cunningham was Chief Resident in the Akron General Emergency Medicine program and practiced emergency medicine for over twenty years. He has been active in medical education for his entire professional career serving as an Associate Director in an Emergency Medicine Residency and as Director of Medical Education at Metro Health/University of Michigan Hospitals in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

At Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine, he was appointed to the Curriculum Committee Revision Task Force and served in that capacity for three years until the completion of the project. He has served for 4 years on the Admission Committee for College of Osteopathic Medicine.

As Director of the Institute for Global Health he has expanded the footprint of research, education
and capacity building to fourteen countries on four continents. He co-founded the Global/One Health committee at MSU five years ago. He initiated the development of an on-line Masters in Global Health which started in January 2020. Dr. Cunningham’s passion is to continuously build relationships that will create programs and good will to bring hope and health to our communities and the world.

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MELINDA WILKINS DVM, MPH, PhD.

An alumna of the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Epidemic Intelligence Service, Wilkins earned her DVM at MSU, her MPH from the University of Illinois Springfield, and then returned to earn her PhD from the MSU Department Large Animal Clinical Sciences with a focus in epidemiology. Her areas of expertise include disease surveillance (animal and human), surveillance system evaluation, zoonotic disease, epidemiology, and outbreak investigation. She was an assistant professor, instructor, and advisor in the Program in Public Health (PPH). Prior to joining the PPH in 2011, Wilkins was with the Michigan Department of Community Health, Bureau of Epidemiology, Division of Communicable Disease for 12 years, serving as the division director from 2004 to 2011. She began her career with the US Department of Agriculture Veterinary Services and has extensive experience consulting and teaching in international settings. Dr. Wilkins’ experience with governmental agencies and industry, as well as in research and university environments, brings a set of skills that makes her uniquely her actual role at MSU. She is passionate about mentoring professionals and offering educational opportunities to those individuals who are already on the front lines, working to make and keep our food supply safe.

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PHAM DUC PHUC MD, MSc, PhD.

Dr. Phuc holds a Medical Degree from Hanoi Medical University (1995) and a Master’s degree in International Health from the University of Copenhagen (2003). He also attained a PhD degree (December 2011) from the University of Basel, Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute. His PhD focused on wastewater and excreta use in agriculture in Vietnam and its health risks and environmental impacts. He has been involved in many research projects on health risks related to water and sanitation, especially at the interface between environment and health, using an interdisciplinary approach (One Health, Ecohealth). He has been developing and participating in different initiatives with national and international partners to generate funding for research and training focusing on infectious and zoonotic diseases, antimicrobial resistance, and food safety.

• Coordinator, Vietnam One Health University Network (VOHUN); Deputy Director,
Dr. Kristy Murray is the Vice-Chair for Research for the Department of Pediatrics and a Professor of Pediatrics in the section of Pediatric Tropical Medicine at Baylor College of Medicine. She also serves as the Assistant Dean for Faculty and Academic Development for the National School of Tropical Medicine, and the is the Director of the Center for Human Immunobiology at Texas Children’s Hospital.

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JAMES TROSKO, PhD.

After receiving a Ph.D. in radiation genetics, Dr. Trosko did a postdoctoral fellowship at Oak Ridge National Laboratory (1963-66) under Drs. Ernest Chu, Sheldon Wolf and Richard B. Set low in DNA damage/repair and in vitro mutagenesis. He published the first paper showing that normal human cells could repair their UV-damaged DNA [1]. He went to Michigan State University (1966) to work on the xeroderma pigmentosum (which he & Dr. James E. Cleaver first showed that cells from these patients did not repair their UV-damaged DNA [2]), Cockaynes [3] and Blooms [4] syndromes (human genetic, sun-sensitive syndromes, predisposed to either cancer or premature aging) and to work on anti-cancer drug, cisplatin, with the late Dr. Barnett Rosenberg [5]. Later, after receiving a NCI-Career Development award, he went to work at the McArdle Laboratory for Cancer Research-University of Wisconsin on chemical carcinogenesis under the late Dr. Van R. Potter, where he discovered that the tumor promoter, TPA, was not genotoxic but inhibited gap junctional intercellular communication (GJIC) [6]. After returning to MSU, Trosko’s lab developed 4 new in vitro assays to detect non-genotoxic chemicals that had teratogenic, tumor promoting, immuno-modulatory, neuro-, cardiovascular -and reproductive- toxic effects [7-10]. He was featured on the cover of Cancer Research as one of the investigators who linked gap junctions to the carcinogenesis process. He coined the term, “epigenetic toxicology”. In 1990-92, Dr. Trosko was Chief of Research at the Radiation Effects Research Foundation (RERF) in Hiroshima, Japan. He has been recognized as a model teacher [one specific example is his first graduate student’s achievement, Dr. Stephen Warren, discover of the cloned Fragile X gene] and a internationally-recognized basic science cancer researcher, in the fact that Dr. Trosko has given over 700 lectures around the world .and research mentor by awards such as the MSU-Teacher Scholar; MSU Distinguished Professor; NCI- Career Development Awardee; Sigma Xi Senior Research Scholar; Japan Society for the Promotion of Science; Korean Ministry of Science & Technology’s “Brain Pool” Awardee; and Seoul National University “World Class University Invited Professorship”.

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THOMAS GLASMACHER, PhD.

As FRIB Laboratory Director, Thomas Glasmacher is the responsible administrator for the 630-employee FRIB Laboratory, which is equivalent to a college within Michigan State University. He also has full responsibility and authority to execute the FRIB Project. This includes overall line management responsibility, the design, construction, and transition to operations of FRIB, the management of all contractors, and ensuring the full project scope is delivered in a safe, cost-efficient, and environmentally responsible manner.
Thomas joined the National Superconducting Cyclotron Laboratory at MSU in 1992 as an NSCL Fellow and performed research in intermediate energy nuclear physics. In 1995 he joined the MSU faculty in the Department of Physics and Astronomy and NSCL, where he is now a University Distinguished Professor. His research resulted in more than 200 publications and focused on exploring the structure of rare isotopes with new experimental techniques involving gamma-rays. This work was recognized in 2006 with the Sackler Prize in the Physical Sciences.

From 2003-2009, Thomas was the associate director for operations at NSCL. In 2008 he led the team that prepared the winning FRIB proposal. He became the FRIB Project Director when the Cooperative Agreement between the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and MSU was signed in June 2009. He built the FRIB Project team and successfully led the team through conceptual design and alternative selection (Critical Decision 1), preliminary design and baselining (Critical Decision 2), final design, and into construction (Critical Decision 3a and 3b). FRIB is baselined at a total project cost of $730 million and set for completion in June 2022. FRIB Project completion date (Critical Decision 4) is June 2022, managing to early completion in December 2021 and start of user operation in early 2022.

Thomas was a member of the Nuclear Science Advisory Committee from 2004-2007, is a Fellow of the American Physical Society, a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and is a Stanford Certified Project Manager.

Thomas earned MS (1990) and PhD (1992) degrees in low-energy experimental nuclear physics from Florida State University.}

KEIJI SUZUKI, PhD.

Dr. Keiji Suzuki is a radiation biologist, who is interested in studying molecular and cellular mechanisms of radiation-carcinogenesis using human thyroid follicular cells as well as animal models. In particular, he identifies tissue response against radiation exposure as a key event leading to the radiation late effects including cancer induction. His recent research also demonstrates that cell competition is a critical mechanism to suppress propagation of the initiated cells caused by radiation exposure. He is a board member of the Japanese Radiation Research Society and the Japanese Cancer Association.

Career highlight:
July 1987: Yokohama City University School of Medicine, Research Associate
Dec 1993: Columbia University Center for Radiological Research, Research Scientist
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CARMEL MOTHERSILL, PhD.

Dr. Carmel Mothersill trained as a zoologist in University College Dublin in Ireland and obtained her PhD in 1976 in muscle biochemistry before joining the Physics Department at the Dublin Institute of Technology (DIT), now the Technological University of Dublin, as a radiobiologist. She worked as a post doctoral fellow in St Luke’s hospital in Dublin, then the only radiotherapy center in Ireland under a joint agreement. Later she developed and ran the Radiation and Environmental Science Centre at DIT until moving to McMaster University in Hamilton Ontario in 2003 to take up a Canada Research Chair in Radiobiology. Her research interests include the non-targeted effects of radiation and in particular, how bystander effect and genomic instability modify the radiation dose response curve. She is also interested in the mechanisms underlying non-targeted effects of radiation which might be exploitable in the treatment of cancer. More recently she has become interested in the contribution of non-targeted effects to persistent environmental radiation damage and in developing new approaches to radiation protection of humans and the environment. She has over 300 peer-reviewed publications and is a contributor to many books concerning cancer therapy, radiation protection and radiobiology. She has trained more than 60 students to PhD level. In addition she has successfully run Irish, European Union and Canadian research programmes, and run major European and International conferences and workshops. Carmel is married to fellow radiobiologist Dr. Colin Seymour and has 3 daughters (who left 3 cats when they left home), and a dog called Beanie!

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