

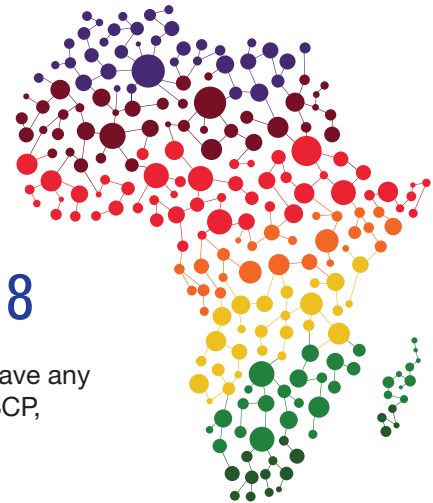


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## Winners of ASCP Global Health Ideation Challenge 2018

Below are highlights of the past month's achievements. If you have any questions, please contact Dan A. Milner, Jr., MD, MSc(Epi), FASCP, ASCP Chief Medical Officer, [dan.milner@ascp.org](mailto:dan.milner@ascp.org).



### Country Updates

- ASCP strives to support quality patient care through rapid, accurate, high quality test results for every test, every time, anywhere in the world. The ASCP Center for Global Health (CGH) is focused on finding solutions to pathology and laboratory medicine challenges around the world. In this spirit of creativity, the ASCP CGH held the inaugural ASCP Global Health Ideation Challenge during April through June of this year. We are pleased to announce the winners who submitted top solutions during the ASCP Global Health Ideation Challenge 2018 Round 2. These winners submitted solutions to questions developed from submissions during Round 1 of the challenge. Visit the Ideation Challenge [website](#) to learn more about the selected questions and solutions.

The focus of the 2018 challenge was solving global health challenges through leapfrogging, or using new technologies or approaches to circumvent traditional approaches and avoid incremental steps. The challenge comprised two rounds. In Round 1, participants submitted problems, challenges or questions that they thought need to be addressed using leapfrogging to make [ASCP's Partners for Cancer Diagnosis and Treatment in Africa initiative](#) or similar programs focused on laboratory and diagnostic access in Africa successful. Three questions were developed from Round 1 submissions, and in Round 2, participants were asked to submit a solution to one or more of these selected questions. Visit [www.ascp.org/ideationchallenge](http://www.ascp.org/ideationchallenge) to learn more.

- Whole slide imaging systems have been shipped to two sites in Tanzania and one site in Rwanda for set up and installation in early August. The Tanzanian sites are Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Center, in Moshi, and Muhimbili National Hospital, in Dar es Salaam. The site in Rwanda is Butaro District Hospital, in Butaro. All three hospitals will be receiving whole slide imagers this month in a co-deployment by Motic (scanner) and ASCP (server). Once installed and connected, the sites will have access to a 15-person, ASCP-member team of consultant pathologists led by Duke University.
- The ASCP Center for Global Health (CGH) has awarded travel grants to 12 pathologists and laboratory professionals from its Partners for Cancer Diagnosis and Treatment in Africa sites to attend the ASCP Annual Meeting,

Oct. 3-5, in Baltimore. The travel grants are provided by the ASCP Foundation. ASCP CGH reviewed abstracts submitted for presentation at the ASCP 2018 Annual Meeting by African participants who work directly with ASCP or work in hospitals which are part of the ASCP Partners initiative and identified 12 individuals (representing 12 countries) to receive travel grants. In addition, the ASCP Foundation was able to provide almost 60 international applicants with travel grants to attend the ASCP Annual Meeting. “The ASCP CGH is very excited to have such a strong international presence at our meeting in Baltimore this year and looks forward to working with and meeting our colleagues,” said Dan A. Milner, Jr., MD, MSc(Epi), FASCP, ASCP Chief Medical Officer.



### Public Relations

- Social media channels continue to promote the project to members.



### Volunteers

- ASCP is seeking members with fluency in Spanish to assist with translating some pathology documents.
- Mount Sinai Hospital, in cooperation with Pathologists Overseas/ASCP, is currently recruiting volunteer pathologists with cytology expertise to visit Liberia and assist with early stage epidemiological and diagnostic programs of training and service.
- The Partners for Cancer Diagnosis and Treatment in Africa project is looking for foreign language speakers in Spanish and Burmese initially, as well as members with experience in lab design and implementation to serve on the advisory committee for C/Can 2025: City Cancer Challenge.
- Opportunities are also emerging for ASCP members to lead country teams and assist with critical functions such as case assignment and team communications. If this is of interest, please contact ASCP Chief Medical Officer Dan A. Milner, Jr., MD, MSc(Epi), FASCP, at [dan.milner@ascp.org](mailto:dan.milner@ascp.org).



Dr. Dan A. Milner, Jr., with Robyn Ndikumana, MD, of the Health Sciences Center, St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada, at the CAP-ACP 2018 Annual Scientific Meeting, in Quebec City, Quebec, Canada from July 7-10. Dr. Ndikumana is the recipient of an ASCP Foundation Trainee Global Health Fellowship. The fellowships give pathology residents and fellows the opportunity to go beyond the material at their local institutions by expanding their experiences, knowledge, and exposure to pathology in a low- to middle-income country setting as part of the Partners for Cancer Diagnosis and Treatment in Africa initiative.



### Meetings

- Dan A. Milner, Jr., MD, MSc(Epi), FASCP, ASCP Chief Medical Officer, presented an update on the work of ASCP's Partners for Cancer Diagnosis and Treatment in Africa initiative at the CAP-ACP 2018 Annual Scientific Meeting, in Quebec City, Quebec, Canada, from July 7-10. He also presented a report to the CAP-ACP board on all ASCP activities, including NPQR, immuno-oncology, and the activities of the ASCP Center for Global Health. The board members were very excited to hear about the Center for Global Health activities in Africa and how they could get involved individually, and as an organization. Dr. Milner also gave a formal presentation at the conference as part of the funded Humanities lecture for CAP-ACP.