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## SEMINAR REPORT

OMI VIETNAM  
GLOBAL HEALTH:  
VECTOR-BORNE  
DISEASES

November 12-16, 2023



# F A C T S



**30** fellows  
from **8** countries



**3** conferences on dengue,  
vaccine development, and  
emergences prediction of  
vector-borne diseases (VBD)



**8** faculty members  
from Cambodia,  
France, Laos, and  
Vietnam



**14** didactic lectures



**4** round tables on Asia as  
a hotspot of VBD  
emergences, vaccination,  
vector control, and  
community engagement,  
VBD emergences  
prediction, and the impact of  
climate change and human  
activities on VBD




# GROUP PHOTOS









<div>  <div> <b>OMI Vietnam Institut Pasteur Seminar in Global Health: Vector-Borne Diseases</b>  <b>Sunday, November 12 – Thursday, November 16, 2023</b> </div> </div>							
		<b>Sunday</b> 12/11/2023	<b>Monday</b> 13/11/2023	<b>Tuesday</b> 14/11/2023	<b>Wednesday</b> 15/11/2023	<b>Thursday</b> 16/11/2023	
07:00	08:00		<b>BREAKFAST</b>	<b>BREAKFAST</b>	<b>BREAKFAST</b>	<b>BREAKFAST</b>	
08:00	09:00		<b>Introductions Pre-Seminar Test</b>	<b>Malaria Vectors and Transmission</b>  Nguyen Hoan Phu, MD, DTM&H, PhD	<b>Animal Reservoirs and Risk of Spillovers</b>  Khamsing Vongphayloth, MD	<b>Tick and Pathogen Transmission</b>  Khamsing Vongphayloth, MD	
09:00	10:00		<b>Vector-Borne Diseases in Asia</b>  Anna-Bella Failloux, PhD	<b>Anti-Malarial Treatments and Resistance</b>  Nguyen Hoan Phu, MD, DTM&H, PhD	<b>The One Health Approach</b>  Claude Flamand, PhD	<b>Tick Prevention and Control Methods</b>  Khamsing Vongphayloth, MD	
10:00	10:30		<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>	
10:30	11:30		<b>The Threat of Arboviral Diseases in Asia</b>  Anna-Bella Failloux, PhD	<b>Sand Flies: Bioecology and Transmission of Pathogens</b>  Khamsing Vongphayloth, MD	<b>Role of Social Sciences in Understanding VBD Transmission</b>  Xavier de Lamballerie, MD, PhD	<b>Resistance to Insecticides</b>  Huynh Thi Thuy Trang, PhD	
11:30	12:30		<b>The Fear of Yellow Fever</b>  Anna-Bella Failloux, PhD	<b>Japanese Encephalitis: An Asian Specificity?</b>  Dao Huy Manh, PhD	<b>Conference: Predicting Emergences of VBD</b>  Claude Flamand, PhD	<b>Interrupt Dengue Using Wolbachia and the Mosquito World Program</b>  Luong Chan Quang, MD, MSc	
12:30	14:00		<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	
14:00	15:00		<b>Conference: Dengue Remains the Most Important Arboviral Disease in Asia</b>  Luong Chan Quang, MD, MSc	<b>Conference: An Update on Vaccine Development Against VBD</b>  Xavier de Lamballerie, MD, PhD	<b>Round Table: How to Predict VBD Emergences</b>	<b>Round Table: Impact of Climate Change and Human Activities on VBD</b>	
15:00	16:00		<b>Round Table: Asia, a Hot Spot of VBD Emergence</b>	<b>Round Table: Vaccination, Vector Control, Community Engagement</b>		<b>Post-Seminar Test Evaluation &amp; Discussion</b>	
16:00	17:00			<b>How to Better Prevent and Control VBD?</b>		<b>GRADUATION CEREMONY</b> Certificates Awarded	
17:00	18:00						
18:00	19:00	<b>FACULTY MEETING TO REVIEW THE WEEK</b>					
19:00	20:00	<b>DINNER</b>	<b>DINNER</b>	<b>DINNER</b>	<b>DINNER</b>	<b>DEPARTURES</b>	



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**Anna-Bella Failloux, PhD** is a professor of medical entomology and chief of the unit “Arboviruses and Insect Vectors” in the department of virology at the Institut Pasteur in Paris. Her work mainly focuses on arbovirus–mosquito interactions to decipher the factors leading to the viral emergence. She develops three complementary lines of research: (i) answering to emergence by replicating carefully the complex conditions encountered in nature (using biological material recently collected from the field, reproducing environmental conditions close to the field), (ii) deciphering molecular mechanisms underlying observations brought out from the multiple back-forth between the field and laboratory, and (iii) proposing selective control strategies to mitigate insecticide-based control measures. She did her first move in medical entomology at the Institut Louis Malardé in French Polynesia with a PhD in Ecology/Entomology from Orsay University (Paris XI) on the adaptation of the vector *Aedes polynesiensis* to local parasite populations of the filaria *Wuchereria bancrofti*. After graduating with her PhD in 1994, she secured a postdoctoral fellowship with the Institut Pasteur to develop studies on the genetic structure of the mosquito *Aedes aegypti*, which is the primary dengue vector worldwide, being the most important arboviral disease affecting humans. In 2011, she became the head of an independent group (tenured in 2014). She has extended expertise on vectors of alphaviruses, flaviviruses, and phleboviruses. Her team develops double expertise in both entomology and virology, serving as a focal point for studies on vector-borne diseases in collaboration with institutes of the Pasteur Network (33 institutes covering five continents). She also participates actively in teaching medical entomology as director of several courses (Institut Pasteur, Pasteur Network, OMI Institut Pasteur seminars in Global Health) and the MOOC “Medical Entomology”.



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**Dao Huy Manh, PhD** is currently working at the arbovirus laboratory of the Institut Pasteur in Ho Chi Minh City. He has more than 10 years of experience in research on arboviruses, especially dengue, Japanese encephalitis, chikungunya and zika in Vietnam. In 2014, he was awarded a Leading Program scholarship to participate in a biomedical doctorate training course at Nagasaki University, Japan. In 2018, he graduated with a doctorate in infection research. Since the COVID-19 burden in Vietnam, he led the SARS-CoV-2 whole genome sequencing team at the Institut Pasteur in Ho Chi Minh City. To date, this team using the Miseq Illumina and Nanopore system has sequenced more than 2000 samples of SARS-CoV-2. The NGS team also successfully sequenced the first identified MPV sample in Vietnam and dengue, zika, chikungunya samples. He has published 13 scientific papers in the last 5 years.





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**Xavier de Lamballerie, MD, PhD** is a professor of medicine at Marseille University, France, and head of Medical Virology department at the Marseille University Hospital. He is also a director of the UVE (Unité des Virus Émergents), a research unit dedicated to the study of emerging viral diseases. He created the European Virus Collection (EVA) and participated in over 20 research projects funded by the European Commission. His favourite field is arboviruses, in which he was trained by Prof. Ernest Gound at Oxford University. He created Arbo-France, a French multidisciplinary research network dedicated to human and veterinary arboviruses and is President of the European Society of Arbovirology. Dr. de Lamballerie has worked on various aspects of arbovirology, including genomics, evolution, natural history, epidemiology, diagnostics, and treatments. For decades, he championed a transdisciplinary approach that includes the human and environmental sciences, in addition to biological, epidemiological, and medical approaches. Passionate about public health, he is also a member of the French government's committee for the surveillance and anticipation of health risks.



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**Claude Flamand, PhD** is a research biostatistician and epidemiologist specializing in tropical and emerging infectious diseases. He has a strong academic background, holding a master's degree in biomathematics and biostatistics, as well as a PhD in epidemiology and public health from the University of Paris-Saclay. He initiated his career at the French Public Health Agency, where he served as the leader of the regional epidemiology unit for French Guiana. In this capacity, he managed infectious disease surveillance and played a critical role in responding to health emergencies in challenging tropical environments. In 2013, he joined the Pasteur Network as the head of the epidemiology unit at the Institut Pasteur in French Guiana. Since 2022, he has been the head of the epidemiology and public health unit at the Institut Pasteur du Cambodge. His primary research focus centers on unraveling the intricate dynamics of transmission in infectious and tropical diseases, with a notable emphasis on arboviruses and viral and bacterial zoonoses within communities. He has successfully led numerous projects, cementing his invaluable expertise and leadership across a diverse range of multidisciplinary fields, including epidemiology, surveillance, biostatistics, mathematical modeling, public health policy, and science outreach.





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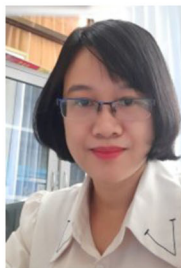
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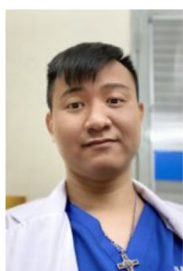
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# OMI VOICES

## Faculty Feedback

"After having led the teaching efforts in both Salzburg and Mexico City, the idea was to replicate the OMI course format in Southeast Asia. By bringing in the expertise of local faculty, the seminar turned out to be extremely beneficial to the attendees drawn from Cambodia, China, France, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, South Korea, and Vietnam."

**Anna-Bella Failloux, PhD**

*Vector-Borne Diseases*





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## Faculty Feedback

"It is a great opportunity to gather experts and fellows to discuss vector-borne diseases. Now, we understand issues better and can find the appropriate solutions. I also expect the Vietnamese fellows to create a vector-borne program to train medical entomologists."

**Huynh Thi Thuy Trang, PhD**

*Vector-Borne Diseases*



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## Faculty Feedback

"The OMI seminar allows young professionals with different backgrounds to exchange their knowledge for a better understanding of vector-borne diseases that affect the global health, and to discuss ways to mitigate them in the future. I am very happy to be part of this unique educational program!"

**Khamxing Vongphayloth, MD**

*Vector-Borne Diseases*





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**“ I admire the OMI for bringing high-quality courses to Vietnam. As a junior professional, I am eager to expand my scientific and medical network, and this seminar was a valuable opportunity to meet and engage in discussions with top experts from the region and abroad. I genuinely hope that the OMI seminars will expand to more hospitals and research institutes in Southeast Asia.**

Minh Hang Duong  
OMI fellow from Vietnam



**“ Xavier de Lamballerie gave us an update on vaccine development against VBD, using dengue as an example. He has profound knowledge about various aspects of arbovirology and his presentation was filled with interesting interpretations and humorous examples, greatly facilitating my understanding about the development and validation of the dengue vaccine.**

Yunshi Liao  
OMI fellow from Hong Kong | China



**“ It's my first time to attend an international seminar, so I was bit nervous. However, the various topics turned out to be incredibly interesting, which allowed me to gain great knowledge. The experiences and the passion of the faculty and fellows were unforgettable, and it feels like another turning point in my career.**

Jinhee Yu  
OMI fellow from South Korea

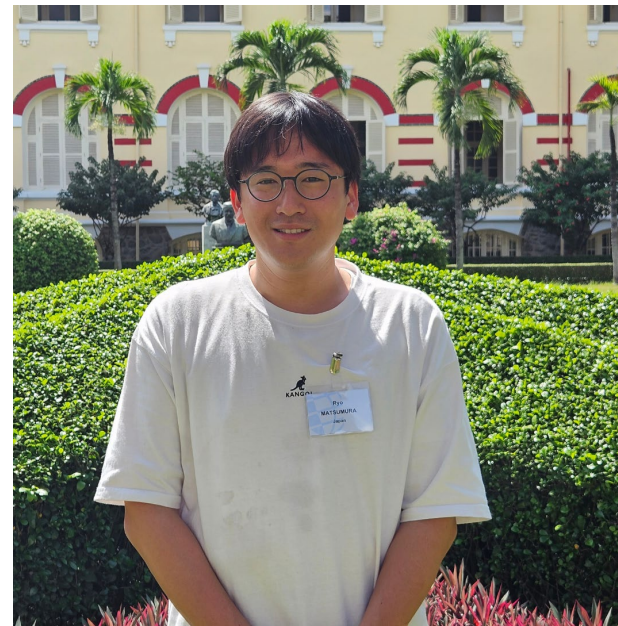






“ I was inspired by Nguyen Hoan Phu’s talk about malaria. He is a true expert in this field. He showed a great passion for the control of malaria in Vietnam and surrounding areas and put a lot of effort into the discovery and validation of effective and safe treatment of malaria. With the continuous work of Dr. Phu and his team, the number of malaria cases in Vietnam has been controlled well, which is very encouraging and admirable.

Atikah Fitria Muharromah  
OMI fellow from Indonesia



“ As I am doing research on tick-borne viral infections in Japan, I was particularly interested in the lectures of Khamsing Vongphayloth. They were truly remarkable. The finding that the spermatophores transferred to female genital operculum by males’ chelicerae was eye-opening. I had seen this phenomenon before but did not know what it was for.

Ryo Matsumura  
OMI fellow from Japan



“ Anna-Bella Failloux talked about vector-borne diseases and the threat of arboviral diseases in Asia. The lectures were truly impressive and insightful. She provided valuable information that allowed us to clearly understand the topics, and we could ask her questions anytime.

Somsanith Chonephetetsarath,  
OMI fellow from Laos



“ One of my favorite parts of the seminar were the round table sessions. This interactive format was completely new to me. We could freely ask questions and share our thoughts. I have never experienced this before.

Kimly Heng  
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