

Special Issue

The Impact of Parasitology on Public Health

Message from the Guest Editors

Parasitology is more and more neglected in the teaching of medical Schools, however parasites continue to represent a very important threat to human beings. Data from the 2013 Global Burden of Disease studies have highlighted how parasitic infections continue to be among the leading causes for the highest disabilities worldwide. Just to mention intestinal helminths they account for billions of infections worldwide with an important impact in terms of mortality and loss of disability adjusted life years on human health, particularly in the low income countries where they may worsen the malnutrition conditions, especially in childhood with important effects on psycho-physical growth. The aims of the present special issue are to give some examples of how the parasites may affect public health in different geographical areas. The special issue should consider three sections: i) vector-borne parasites; ii) water borne parasites; iii) foodborne parasites. All aspects of these parasites can be considered, but particular emphasis is prioritized on the impact on public health, in terms of quality of life and socio-economic relevance.

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